

**Sermon Title:** “Why Elijah?”

**Sermon Texts:** Malachi 4:5-6 and Matthew 3:1-6

**I. Historical Context of Malachi**

- a. 586 BC – Jerusalem is \_\_\_\_\_
- b. 539 BC – Cyrus allows \_\_\_\_\_ to be rebuilt
- c. 516 BC – Temple is \_\_\_\_\_
- d. 500-450 BC – the prophet \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Malachi 4:5-6**

- a. Day of judgment is coming for the \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Day of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is coming for those who fear God
- c. Elijah will come \_\_\_\_\_ this day

**III. Elijah and the New Testament**

- a. Luke 1:11-17 – John the Baptist will go before the Lord in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Elijah
- b. Matthew 11:7-15 – John the Baptist \_\_\_\_\_ the Elijah to come
- c. Matthew 3:1-6 – John’s clothes \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah’s clothes (2 Kings 1:8)

**Prophecy:** When Elijah comes, the Messiah will bring \_\_\_\_\_

**Fulfillment:** John \_\_\_\_\_, preparing hearts for Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ to come and bring \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_