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WILL YOU BE A VOICE?

Matthew 3:1-17

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Guest Speaker





TRUTH CLAIM

“God has sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in disciples of Christ, to empower us to be an incarnated voice to the culture.”

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John the Baptist Our Example

John the Baptist is a Biblical example of how we as a people of God can embody Christ within the culture without compromise.

 **The Man**

 **The Message**

 **The Ministry**



The Man

Represent Christ

“...what John represents here is faithfulness to God in his personal life and this is why he can go public with his ministry.”

Embody Christ

“God called us to embody Christlike character as a radical element of kingdom transformation...”

Identity in Christ

“The only way to embody this kind of godly life is by an identity shaped by Scripture and a life led by the Holy Spirit.”

The Message

The Location

God's prophetic voice is crying out in the wilderness to draw out those who truly want allegiance to God.."

The Content

"John says, the comprehensive rule of God through the grace and Lordship of the Messiah is looming, but there is a divine prerequisite to enter into it."

The Challenge

"Johns prepared the people to enter into the grace and Lordship of the Messiah through repentance, but on the other hand he challenged and rebuked the religious status quo"

The Ministry

The Mantle

“John’s ministry was the passing and receiving of the prophetic mantle of Elijah.”

The Mission

“John’s ministry consisted of the prophetic word, confession of sin and repentance, water baptism and Spirit-filled living”

The Power from the Messiah

“...the Messiah has come and he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire.”

Conclusion

“There is still a need for someone to proclaim that the Messiah has come, and he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire.”

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