

“The Greatest Man Who Has Ever Lived”

(Father’s Day Sunday Morning June 21st, 2026)

Passage: Matthew 11:7-17

Heb 1:3 “...He (Jesus) is the radiance of His (God’s) glory and the exact representation of His nature, and (He) upholds all things by the word of His power”

One thing I want to say about John the Baptist, by way of introduction, is that John the Baptist was not a c_____.

Prov 25:26 “Like a trampled spring and a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked”

I. John the Baptist Was a C_____Man

John 1:6 “There came a man sent from God, whose name was John”

Luke 1:15-17 “15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb. 16 ‘And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. 17 ‘It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah,...”

The w_____ s_____ never had any claim whatsoever upon John the Baptist; he had never experienced it; and therefore, he never desired it.

Jesus was saying, in essence, “You certainly didn’t have to go all the way out into the wilderness to find a vacillating person; those types of people are e_____!”

Matt 21:25-26 “‘25 The baptism of John was from what source, from heaven or from men?’ And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, ‘If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ 26 ‘But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the people (The Common People); for they all regard John as a prophet’”

The common people loved John the Baptist, because they knew that when push came to shove, John couldn’t be b_____.

II. John the Baptist Was a C_____Man

1) He Was S_____

Luke 1:15 “(The Angel of the Lord Said) For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb.”

2 Tim 1:7 “(Paul Said to Timothy) For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.”

This is very true; the Holy Spirit is not timid; He is b_____, and the Holy Spirit will empower us to be b_____ in our witness.

Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.”

2) He Was R_____

