

John The Baptist: A Life That Points To Christ
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John 3:30, “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

A Life That Points To Christ:

• **UNDERSTANDS** That Christ Is:

➤ **The PROMISED SAVIOR**

John 1:29, *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”*

➤ **JUDGE**

Matthew 3:12, *“His winnowing shovel is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn. But the chaff He will burn with fire that never goes out.”*

➤ **WORTHY**

Mark 1:7, *He proclaimed, “One who is more powerful than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of His sandals.”*

• **PREACHES** Christ

Matthew 3:1, *In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea...*

John The Baptist Does This By:

➤ **Embracing His CALLING**

Luke 1:17, *“And he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the disobedient to the understanding of the*

righteous, to make ready for the Lord a prepared people.”

➤ **Urging People To REPENT**

Mark 1:4, *John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.*

➤ **Teaching UNALTERED TRUTH**

Matthew 3:7, *When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance. ⁹And don’t presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”*

➤ **Offering Biblical WISDOM**

Luke 3:10, *“What then should we do?” the crowds were asking him. ¹¹He replied to them, “The one who has two shirts must share with someone who has none, and the one who has food must do the same.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He told them, “Don’t collect any more than what you have been authorized.” ¹⁴Some soldiers also questioned him, “What should we do?” He said to them, “Don’t take money from anyone by force or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”*

• **Seeks CLARITY** From Christ

Luke 7:20, *When the men reached Him, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to ask You, ‘Are You the One who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’”*

- **HUMBLY FOLLOWS Christ**

John 3:29, *He who has the bride is the groom. But the groom’s friend, who stands by and listens for him, rejoices greatly at the groom’s voice. So this joy of mine is complete.
³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease.”*