

## Food for thought from the Gospel of John “John the Baptist”

### # 3 John the Baptist

**Read Isaiah 40:1-5 and John 1:1-8.** Even as the coming of the Messiah was prophesied of old by Isaiah and Malachi, so was a special messenger mentioned in the prophecies – an announcer: one who would prepare people for the Christ and His kingdom. See also Mark 1:1-4 cp. Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-4.

**John 1:6-8** – John the Baptist / Baptizer came to be a witness to the truth of that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Light of the world. See John 5:30-39; 10:41.

- John the Baptist was carefully prepared to be one who would point people to Jesus.
- John told the truth about who Jesus is and called people to repent of their sin and believe on Jesus, the Son of God.
- John called for commitment and a public confession of their faith by baptizing those who repented and believed.
- John emphasized, not only Christ’s work of being our Savior and taking away our sin, but he also emphasized that Christ was our Lord, who came to establish His kingdom.

### Where do we fit in with this message”

- Have you repented of your sin and believed on the only begotten Son of God?
- Do you trust what Christ did on the cross, to pay for your sins and satisfy the righteous demands of the Father.
- Have you also surrendered to His authority and kingdom? Are you following Christ and serving in His kingdom?
- Have you confessed your faith in Christ to others? Have you followed the Lord’s example and His ordinance of baptism, to show your faith to others?
- Are you reaching out to others, calling them to repentance from sin and faith in Christ, as John did?