

CHRIST'S AFFIRMATION
OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
Matthew 11:7-15

I. The Crowd's Confusion – vs. 7a

Mark 1:4-5

Luke 3:7a

Matthew 3:5-7a

Matthew 14:4-5

Mark 6:20

Matthew 21:25-26

Luke 3:15

II. John's Earthly Greatness – vs. 11a

A) He Was No Reed, He Did Not Waver – vs. 7b

Matthew 3:7-10

Mark 6:17-19

James 1:8

Ephesians 4:14

B) He Denied Himself Much – vs. 8

Matthew 3:4

1. His Nazarite Vow

Luke 1:15

Judges 13:7; 16:17

1 Samuel 1:11

C) He Was A Prophet - vs. 9a

Matthew 14:5

Matthew 21:26

Malachi 3:1

D) His Fleshly Greatness Is Inferior To Salvation – vs. 11b

Ephesians 2:8-9

III. John Is The Fulfillment Of Prophecy – Elijah – vs. 9, 12-14

Malachi 4:5-6

Luke 1:17

John 1:21-23

Isaiah 40:3

Matthew 17:11-13

IV. He Who Has Ears To Hear, Let Him Hear! – vs. 15

Luke 8:8-10

Romans 11:1-8

Closing Thought: Jesus affirmed who John The Baptist is to remove doubts about who He is. John's greatness was unmatched by any man to that point. However, the greatness of being God's adopted children surpasses John's earthly greatness. John's life and message affirm that Jesus is The Messiah! Do you have ears to hear?