

**That You May Believe
Living A Great Life
John 1:19-34; 3:22-30**

“Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” (Matthew 11:11)

Four Marks of John’s Greatness

1. He Knew Who He _____ (19-21)

- Not the _____
- Not _____ (See Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6)

“and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.” (Luke 1:17)

*“But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.”
(Matthew 17:12–13)*

- Not the _____

*“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—”
(Deuteronomy 18:15)*

2. He Knew Who He _____ (6-8,22-26)

- A _____ sent by God (6)

He was unique not just to be different, but to be obedient!

- A _____ to the light (7-8)
- A _____ (23)

“A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.”
 (Isaiah 40:3-4)

- A _____ (24-26)

John’s baptism was a public demonstration and identification of a person’s repentance

3. He Knew Who _____ (26-34)

- Jesus’ _____ (26)
- Jesus’ _____ (27)
- Jesus’ _____ (29)
- Jesus’ _____ (30-33)

4. He Knew The _____ Of Fulfilling His God Given Role And Assignments (3:22-30)

- The _____ of God’s Sovereignty (27)
- The _____ of His Humanity (28)
- The _____ of being part of God’s purposes (29-30)

As The Forerunner His Role Was To:

- _____ the way
- _____ the way

Want To Have A Great Life?

1. _____ the highway of your heart to receive Jesus Christ The King
2. Ask God for _____ to know who you are not
3. Ask God for _____ to know who you are
4. Passionately _____ your God-given roles and assignments
5. _____ on pointing others to Jesus

“That man is most successful who attaches the affection of his followers more to Christ than to himself.”

Oswald Sanders

“People will figure out what we believe when they see how we live.” Bob Goff

Making It Personal:

- What understanding of “greatness” are you pursuing in your life?
- What adjustments do you need to make in your life to follow Jesus’ understanding of greatness modeled in the life of John the Baptist?
- Who can you share these truths with?