

# John the Baptist

John 1:19-40

PART ONE: vv19-28

## Introduction

John 1:15

Mark 1:4-6

## 3 Crucial Days in the life and ministry of John the Baptist: vv19-40

Day One: The *Investigation* of the Messenger who was the Forerunner; vv19-28

Day Two: The *Identification* of the Messiah sent by the Father; vv29-34

Day Three: The *Inclination* of the Men who became His Followers; vv35-40

## Day One: The *Investigation* of the Messenger who was the Forerunner; vv19-28

v19

“*the Jews*”

“*priests and Levites*”

“*Who are you?*”

v20

“*the Christ*”

John 3:28

There was a widespread expectation and anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Luke 3:15

v21

“*Are you Elijah?*”

Mark 9:11-13

Matthew 11:13-14

Luke 1:16-17

***“Are you the Prophet?”***

Acts 3:22; cp 7:37

**v22**

***“Who are you?”***

**v23**

***“crying”***

***“wilderness”***

***‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’***

**v24 v25**

***“the Pharisees”*** Literally, ‘separate ones.’

***“Then why are you baptizing?”***

Baptism was not new to Judaistic *eschatology* or *proselytizing*.

**v26**

***“I baptize with water”***

***“among you stands one you do not know”***

**v27 v28**

In his characteristic way, John speaks of his own personal unworthiness compared to the Messiah.

**Next Week:**

**Day Two: The *Identification* of the Messiah sent by the Father; vv29-34**