



Highway of Hope!

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Text: John 1:19-28

Passage Summary: As the Apostle John transitions in his gospel to the _____ ministry of Christ, he begins with a series of snapshots of the life and ministry of another John, known more formally as John the _____!

Getting to know John the Baptist...

He was the son of a _____ by the name of Zechariah! (Luke 1:5)

His mother was named Elizabeth, and she was _____ into her old age! (Luke 1:6-7)

He was _____ with the _____ from birth! (Luke 1:14-15)

He had an Elijah like _____ and _____! (Luke 1:16-17)

He was the _____ of _____! (Luke 1:36-37)

He had the powerful and privileged role in _____ the _____ for the arrival of the Christ! (Luke 1:16-17)

“Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:16-17

180 Degree Truth #1: See that in getting to know John the Baptist, a very clear and unapologetic _____ begins to _____! (1:19-28)

“And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.”

Luke 1:80

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the testimony of John the Baptist, he declared clearly and unapologetically he is...

- _____ the _____, nor Elijah or the Prophet! (v.19-21)

“He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, ‘I am not the Christ.’”

John 1:20

Remember: When it comes to a John the Baptist like testimony in our time today, the key lies in knowing who we are in relation to _____; once we establish that as a non-negotiable, confusion and compromise begin to subside, and a vibrant _____ for Christ shines forth!

- The _____ of one calling out in the desert prophesied by _____! (v.22-28)

“John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

John 1:23

Remember: When it comes to a John the Baptist like testimony in our time today, _____ leading to _____ in Christ is the key that unlocks the glorious blessings of eternal life in the Kingdom of God!

“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins...”

Luke 1:76-77

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine to soar on eagle’s wings in these last days by standing on the foundation of God’s prophetic promises; to be sure, there will be some rough road ahead as we prepare the way for the return of Christ, but it is a _____ of _____ for those who have come to Christ in repentance and faith!

“...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31