

# “The (Second) Greatest Person Ever Born”

Mark 1:2-11

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “To be great is to be misunderstood.” John the Baptist was certainly that! This unusual figure dominates the first part of Mark’s gospel account. Let’s discover what made him so great and why his role was so important to the ministry of Jesus.

## I. John Was Anticipated by Scripture (vv. 2-3)

## II. John Was an Unusual Character (v. 6)

## III. John Was Preparing the Future (vv. 4-5, 7)

## IV. John Was Introducing the Savior (vv. 7-8)

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## Think on These Things

“He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, but he who refuses correction goes astray” (Proverbs 10:17).

Are you receiving instruction? Is there someone—or a community—pouring into your life and helping you grow? In our walk with Jesus, we need godly mentors and trusted voices who can speak truth with love. Where is your growth coming from—social media, or Scripture and faithful people around you? Proverbs urges us to seek wisdom and welcome counsel. So ask yourself: Are you still teachable and growing, or quietly beginning to drift?



Pastor  
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