

John 1:26~ John answered them, saying; I baptize¹ in water. In the midst of you one is standing whom you do not know.

Footnote: Or, I immerse; I dip Greek, *ba-pti'zo*

1· John then bore witness to them, that while he came baptizing them with water, that there was another who was already standing among them, for this one had already been born, yet the people of Israel had not yet come to know him, as the Christ, as yet.

[Question] What then, did John the Baptist bear witness to, as he went baptizing?

[Question] Where was this one then, and why had he not yet been made manifest to others?

2· Neither will people be saying; See here! Or; There! For, look! The kingdom of God is in your midst. (Luke 17:21)

[Question] What did Jesus state, about his later presence among the people of the earth?

3· And he will come up like a twig before one, and like a root out of waterless land. No stately form does he have, nor any splendor. When we shall see him, there is not the appearance, so that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:2)

[Question] What would the Messiah come up like, within Israel, and would he be perceived as being desirable, as Israel's king?