<sup>John 1:31~</sup> Even I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing in water, was that he might be made manifest to Israel.

**1**• John the Baptist then bore witness, that he did not previously know just who it was, but the very reason he had come baptizing, was so that this one might become manifest to all Israel.

[Question] What did John the Baptist himself bear witness to, though he knew Jesus as a man before that?

[Question] Why had John the Baptist, come baptizing in the first place?

2. Listen! Someone is calling out in the wilderness; Clear up the way of Yehowah, you people! Make the highway for our God through the desert plain straight. (Isaiah 40:3)

[Question] How was the commission of John the Baptist set out in prophecy through Isaiah?

3. Look! I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. And suddenly there will come to His temple the true Lord, whom you people are seeking, and the messenger of the covenant in whom you are delighting. Look! He will certainly come, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 3:1)

[Question] What did Malachi have to say about the work of John the Baptist prophetically?

4 But as for you, young child, you will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go in advance before Yehowah to make his ways ready. (Luke 1:76)

[Question] What was said about John the Baptist at his birth, and what work he would do?

5. Paul said; John, baptized with the baptism, in symbol of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 19:4)

[Question] Who did John the Baptist say, for the people to put their faith in?