

**John 1:6~** There arose a man, that was sent forth as a representative of God. His name was John.<sup>1</sup>

**Footnote:** See (Matthew 3:1) Footnote John

**1·** John now relates about the ministry of John the Baptist, for this is where the story of Jesus' earthly ministry also begins.

**[Question]** Whose ministry does John now relate to us, and what part of the story of Jesus Christ does this begin?

**2·** In the days of chief priest Annas and of Caiaphas, God's declaration came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. (Luke 3:2)

**[Question]** Whose declaration came to John the Baptist, and where?

**3·** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea. (Matthew 3:1)

**[Question]** Where then, did John the Baptist come preaching?

**4·** However, the angel said to him; Have no fear, Zechariah, because your supplication has been favorably heard, and your wife Elizabeth will become mother to a son to you, and you are to call his name John. (Luke 1:13)

**[Question]** What did the angel tell to Zechariah the priest and the coming birth of his son?

**5·** 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 state about this messenger John the Baptist, and who would he clear a way for?