

John 3 (part 2)

John the Baptist

Forerunner in the spirit of Elijah (Jn 1:23/Isa 40:3, Mt 11:14)

Forerunners: point to Jesus (Jn 1:29)

Prophets: alignment with God - not just repentance from, but to Him

Friend of the Bridegroom

John 3:22-26

22-24 Judea: Jesus/disciples & John/disciples baptizing nearby (not Jesus Jn 4:2)

25 John's disciples & Jews dispute Purification (ritual miqveh)

miqveh: hope (eagerly/expectantly wait for)

reservoir (flowing water) (Gen 1:10)

(Je 17:13-14) ¹³O LORD, the hope (miqveh) of Israel, all who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters." ¹⁴Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.

Spotless Lamb (Jn 1:29), Hope of Israel, Fountain of Living Waters baptized

(Mt 3:13-17) ¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. ¹⁶When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Father uses miqveh to identify Son who baptizes with Holy Spirit (Jn 1:33-34)

baptism (miqveh) would soon be into Him

26 John's disciples missed point (offended at people changing church - our ministry)

27 **all Ownership is in Heaven** (Ps 24:1, I Cor 4:7)

28 1) Forerunner Ministry (not baptism): point to Jesus - **Humility**

29 2) Friend of the Bridegroom

He gets the bride - "still not Him though" story (connect to Him)

- Bobby Conner: danger of prophetic (R&J pic)

Joy in hearing His voice (Mt 17:5, Jn 10:27) - **Service** (Jn 5:19)

30 order (Gal 5:16, Heb 12:1-2, 2 Cor 3:18) - **Jesus focused**

31-33 One from Heaven (Jn 1:14, Isa 55:8-9, 1 Cor 2:14) - **Heavens Perspective** (apostolic)

34 (Jn 1:33-34, Gal 4:6, Jn 3:3-8, Rom 8:14) - **unmeasured reliance on His Spirit**

35 **Preeminence of Jesus** because the Father loves the Son (Col 1:13-20)

36 **Christ alone gospel** - only begotten Son (4x Jn 1:14, 18, 3:16-21)

Last Days Church - Spirit of Elijah (Mal 4:5-6)/John the Baptist (Mt 17:11-13)

review Forerunner/Friend of the Bridegroom characteristics (bold)