

7. **An Avid Description** In (Mt 3:1-12) we learn much about John. He lived in the mountainous area between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. (V4) “*And the same John had his _____ of camel’s _____, and a _____ girdle about his loins; and his meat was _____ and _____ honey.*” It has been surmised that the locusts were mixed with honey making sweet cakes. He led a simple life of self-denial reminiscent of _____ (2 Ki 1:8; Lk 1:8) and was like him in many ways.
8. **His Mission** As indicated by prophecy (Isa 40:3) he would, “*Prepare ye the _____ of the Lord.*” This means that he would preach (Mt 3:2), “*Repent ye: for the _____ of _____ is at _____.*” The splintered and dilapidated condition of the Jewish people was such that only a proclaimer as powerful as John could elicit response.
9. **He Featured Jesus** John never failed to emphasize (Mt 3:11) that “*he that _____ me is _____ than I.*” He said of Jesus, “*whose _____ I am not _____ to _____.*” John knew (Rom 7:4) that the impending church (Rom 7:4) “*should be _____ to another, even to him who _____ from the _____.*”
10. **Jesus Would Have The Bride** He said: (Jn 3:28-30) “*I am _____ the Christ, but that I am sent _____ him.*” Next he makes a powerful point: “*He that hath the _____ is the _____.*” John shows here (Rev 21:9) that “*the Lamb’s _____*” belonged to Jesus whom he called (Jn 1:29) “*the _____ of _____.*” John pictured himself as “*the friend of the _____,*” or best man. He avows: (3:30) “*He must _____, but _____ must _____.*”
11. **Names And Titles** John was his name; “*the Baptist*” his title – because he immersed. Jesus is his name (Mt 1:21); “*the Christ*” his title – because he was *the* anointed one. Some take John’s title and call themselves Baptists. We prefer Christ’s title and call ourselves *saints* or *Christians*. Our scripture: (Acts 11:26) “*The _____ were called _____ first in Antioch.*” Think about this: Does the bride wear her husband’s name, or that of the best man?
12. **How Jesus Regarded John** These are Jesus’ words: (Mt 11:11) “*Among them that are _____ of _____ there hath not risen a _____ than _____ the Baptist.*” This shows the tremendous respect Jesus had for his six-months-older cousin. He then added: “*Notwithstanding he that is _____ in the _____ of heaven is _____ than he.*” What did he mean? John was executed by Herod (Mt 14:10) before the NT Church (ie: kingdom of heaven, an expression peculiar to Matthew) existed – so he was never in the “*kingdom of heaven.*”
13. **The Timing And Duration** John was about six months older than Jesus. He died before Jesus died. Like Jesus, he died in the prime of life. He likewise preached during the last days of Judaism and died while the Law of Moses was still in force. He commanded the Scribes and Pharisees (Lk 3:8), “*Bring forth therefore _____ worthy of _____.*”
14. **His Reception And Baptism** (Mt 3:5-6) “*Then went out to him _____, and _____ Judaea, and all the _____ round about _____.*” He was preparing the way for Jesus and drawing excellent audiences. Many of these Jews (V6) “*were _____ of him in Jordan, _____ their _____.*” First point: Baptism is a transliterated ENG word from the GK that means *immersion*. John, properly put, was John the Immerser. Those who adapt his title to name themselves would be, more accurately, *Immersers* instead of *Baptists*. Second point: The popular doctrine that one is first “saved” then baptized is backwards if you use John for an example. The people who came to John requesting baptism confessed that they *still* had their sins.

Read All Choices And Circle The Best Answer

15. John was? **Ephraimite** **Stoic** **Nazarite** **German**
16. His birth was? **unfortunate** **near Labor Day** **miraculous** **stupendous**
17. His title was? **the Baptist** **John** **son of Zacharias** **sent from heaven**