

## John the Baptizer

Would you have gone out into the wilderness to see him? His name was John bar-Zechariah (son of Zechariah).

People from all over Judea and Jerusalem did. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him. They came to confess and be baptized. But the question of the hour was this: who are you?

“I am not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet,” he would tell them. So they asked, “Who are you? We need to give an answer...” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’”



John came to point — to point sinners to their need for righteousness, to point to the One who was born to purchase that righteousness, and to point seekers to the Messiah standing among them.

We can be pointers today. In this time in which so many people are searching for spiritual things people need to be pointed to He who came for them — Jesus, the Messiah. Will you point them to Jesus? As you ponder these points be sure to look at our second *Pilgrim Passage* — 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 — for our “pointer” calling. ✠



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“Make straight the way of the Lord ”

John 1:23b (ESV)