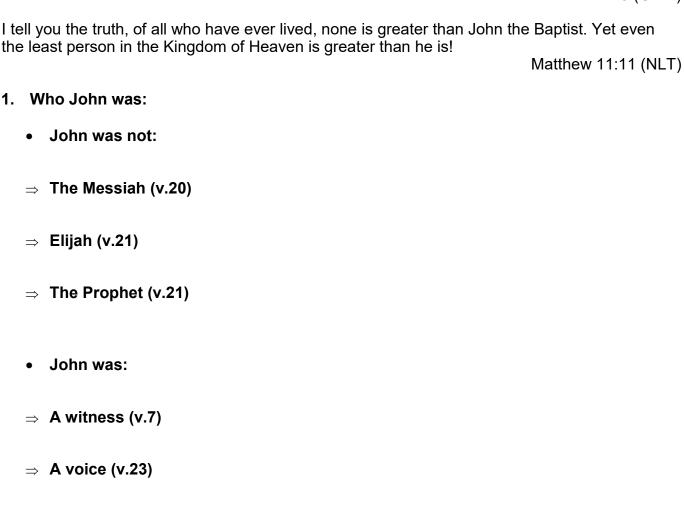
WHO IS JESUS? A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 2: THE MESSIAH'S SUPPORT TEAM—JOHN 1:19-51 **JIM HINTON**

JOHN THE BAPTIZER PREPARES THE WAY—1:19-35

John the Baptizer was in the desert telling people about a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. John was dressed in clothes made from camel's hair. He wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. Mark 1:4-6 (GWT)

I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even



2. What John did:

Prepare the way for the Messiah (v.23)

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3.	Jesus uses ordinary people like me (v.40-43)	
4.	Jesus forgives my ignorance (v.45-46)	
5.	Jesus knows everything about me (v.47-51)	
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