

'BUT WHAT WENT YE OUT TO SEE? A PROPHET?'

THE VALOR OF JOHN

'YES, I SAY UNTO YOU, AND MORE THAN A PROPHET!'—SAID JESUS (IN MATT 11:9)

WHO WILL PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE YOU, JESUS

What manner of Man would it take to be the Forerunner of **JESUS, THE CHRIST OF GOD?** It would have to be The Man, John the Baptist!

What dedication John had to his **Christ.** He gave his all to Prepare for HIS Coming. He spent his life out in the Solitary wastelands, preparing for His Mission of heralding the nearness of Jesus Christ's Coming.

He was no ordinary man, and he wore a outer robe of rough Camel Hair. He wore a waist band of animal hide. His rations- eating Locust's and Wild honey for survival.

Can you even imagine the scorpions and vipers, the baking heat of the Sun, the constant need for water?

Let's look at his manner of life and what JESUS CHRIST Himself Said about This John: JESUS Began to Speak to the people concerning John,

"what did you go out to that Lonesome Wasteland to see? A slender reed shaken, and wavering beneath the wind? (read Luke 7:24-28).

What Manner of Man did you go out to Consider? A man enrobed in soft, effeminate and expensive dress?

Behold, they which are gorgeously, splendidly, gloriously appareled, and live delicately, live in kings Palaces.

But what did you really go out to Understand? A Prophet? Yes I say unto you, and much more superabundant, than a Prophet.

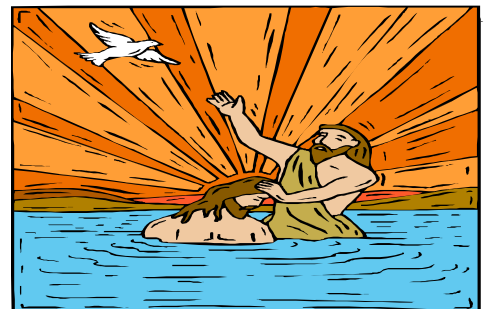
Yes, this is he of whom it is Written, Behold I set apart My messenger to send before Thy Appearance., he shall Prepare thoroughly Thy Way in front of Thee.



PREPARE A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD, MAKE READY A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD.

Because I Say unto you that of those born of women (by the seed of man), There is not a Greater

Prophet than John." Still he that is the smallest in the Kingdom Of GOD is Greater Than John The Baptist.



Only about 7 Months after John Baptized JESUS, the Baptist was be-headed (30 A.D.) By Herod Antipas because he saw John as a threat to his reign, in that John denounced his incestuous marriage to Herodias, the Wife of his own brother Philip. Herod's step-daughter Salome after promptings by her mother, asked for John's head on a platter as her reward from her stepfather, who asked her what he could give to her, for she danced so beautifully before him.

John The Baptist came in the Spirit and Power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the Wisdom of the Just. (Luke 1:17).