



4 – Believe because He produces a devoted life *John 3:22-36*

1. Devoted followers serve Jesus _____ v.22

The land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. v.22

2. Devoted followers minister despite _____ v.23

And John also was baptizing in AEnon near to Salim... v.23

Mark 1:4-5; (Cf. Mt 3:4-6; Lu 7:29; Mt 14:5; Mr 11:32)

3. Devoted followers are faithful in _____ v.24

John was not yet cast into prison. v.24

Matthew 17:12-13; (Cf. Mt 3:7-12; 14:3-12; Mr 6:17-29; Lu 3:7-20, 30; 9:7-9); 2 Timothy 3:12

4. Devoted followers aren't in _____ with each other. v.25-27

A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. v.27

Luke 9:49-50; Philippians 1:15-18 (Cf. 1Co 3:1-9)

5. Devoted followers _____ Jesus above themselves. v.28-31

He must increase, but I must decrease. v.30

John 1:20, 23 (Cf. Mt 3:3; Mr 1:3; Lu 1:17, 76; 3:4-5; Ac 19:4; Jo 1:6-8)

6. Devoted followers _____ God's words v.32-36

- The _____ of true belief

And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth... v.32

For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God... v.34

- The _____ of true belief

Hath set to his seal that God is true. v.33

- The _____ of true belief

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life

Romans 6:23; John 20:31

A comparison of Elijah and John the Baptist...

The OT prophets foretold of a prophet that would precede the Messiah, preparing the way for Him (Mal 3:1; Is 40:3) and identified this forerunner as Elijah (Mal 4:5-6). Gabriel announcing John the Baptist's conception and John's father referred to those prophecies (Luke 1:17, 76). The gospel writers and John the Baptist, himself, align those OT prophesies with John the Baptist (Mr 1:2-4, Jo 1:23). Jesus says that John would have been Elijah if the people would have received it (Mt 11:13-14; 17:10-13). Consider the following parallels between Elijah & John the Baptist:

Consider these similarities	Elijah	John the Baptist
Both wore a leather girdle	2 Kings 1:8	Luke 1:80; Matt 3:4
Both called Israel to turn back to God	1 Kings 18:21	Matthew 3:1-2
Both condemned sinful kings	1 Kings 17:1; 18:17-18 2 Kings 1:2-4	Mark 6:18
Both were hated and targeted by wicked women	1 Kings 19:1-3	Mark 6:19
Both became discouraged	1 Kings 19:4	Matthew 11:2-3
Both were comforted by Christ	1 Kings 19:5-7	Luke 7:21-22
Both were widely acknowledged men of God	1 Kings 17:17-18	Mark 6:20
Bodily present to introduce Christ's coming	Second Coming: Malachi 4:5-6; Revelation 11	First Coming: John 1:6; Matt 3:1-3

The account of King Herod & Herodias persecuting John the Baptist mirrors the account of King Ahab & Jezebel persecuting Elijah (1 Kings 18-21).