

WILL YOU SERVE A GOD YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND

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Born in the hill country of Judea, John the Baptist was the son of elderly parents. The reason for his birth was to be the forerunner of the Messiah.

John chose to live in the desert, a place of silence and solitude so that he could give himself completely to preparation for the work for which he had been born.

As John approached the age of thirty, he was already both a mystery and a legend. No one had ever known a man like John who had so completely given himself to God. He knew no family life, lived without entertainment and without friends or companionship.

Multitudes came to hear John preach, but his messages were not flowery words of man's wisdom. His message was a message of repentance.

In fact, it was his preaching that caused him to be thrown into prison. While in prison, John began to have doubts about the promised Messiah. Was it really Jesus? If so, why had God allowed John to be thrown into prison for just preaching the truth?

John sent some of his disciples to Jesus to ask him if he was the promised one. Jesus answered by saying, "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me."

The question of John, and the question of all men, the question of why, remains unanswered in God's dealings with men. That's God's way.

We all get to know God by faith or else we don't get to know Him. We must have faith in God. Faith in Him. Not faith in His ways because His ways are above our ways and His thoughts past finding out.

Many people ask questions like, "Why is God allowing this? What is God doing? Does He even know or care about me and what I'm going through? Why, why, why?"

The real question that needs to be asked is the title of my message. "Will you serve a God you don't understand?"

Will you serve a God who doesn't live up to your expectations?

If so, then you're going to have to do it, without being offended in Him.