

## **I. JOHN THE BAPTIZER**

- A. RELATED TO JESUS: ELIZABETH & MARY** (Lk.1:36)
- B. FORERUNNER: ANNOUNCEMENT, PROPHECY, BIRTH, MINISTRY, ARREST, DEATH** (Lk.1:19&26; 1:17(Mal.3:1; 4:5f)&1:32(2Sam.7:12f); 1:57f&2:1f; 3:1f&3:21f; 3:19f&22:54; 9:9&23:33f; see Lk.1:17,76 w/Jn.1:27)
- C. SAME MESSAGE: KINGDOM, REPENTANCE, FAITH** (Mt.3:2; 4:17; 10:7; see Mk.1:15)
- D. SEQUENTIAL MINISTRIES: FLEE FROM WRATH & COME TO PEACE** (Mt.3:7 & 11:28)
- E. CATAPULT: COME AFTER, GO BEYOND** (Jn.1:27; 3:30)
- F. HE DENIED HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH** (Jn.1:20)
- G. HE PROCLAIMED JESUS AS THE MESSIAH** (Lk.1:44; Jn.1:30(14,15; Col.1:15f); 29-34; Lk.3:22)

## **II. JOHN'S QUESTION**

- A. JOHN'S FAITH: THE DEEDS OF THE CHRIST** (Mt.11:2; see Jn.1:29-34, etc. I above)
- B. JOHN'S SUFFERING: HEROD'S CRUEL TREACHERY** (Mt.11:2; 14:1-13; see Ps.73:2f)
- C. JOHN'S DOUBT: THE WRATH TO COME** (Lk.3:7f; see Ps.2:9f; 110:1f; Is.41:8f,15f; Mal.3:1f; Rev.6:16; 19:11f; see Ps.73:2f; Jonah; 2Pt.3:1f)
- D. JOHN'S INQUIRY: TAKING A DEPOSITION** (Lk.7:19; see Dt.19:15; Mt.18:16)
- E. JOHN'S QUESTION: THE COMING ONE** (Mt.11:3; Lk.7:19,20; see Jn.1:15,27; 3:31; 11:27; 12:13; see Lk.1:35(Gen.3:15); Gal.3:16(Gen.22:18); Lk.1:32(2Sam.7:12); Lk.20:41f(Ps.110); Mt.12:17f(Is.42:1f); 2Cor.5:21(Is.53:4f); see Acts 3:22(Dt.18:15f); Heb.5:6f(Gen.14:18f); Lk.1:32(2Sam.7:12f); Heb.9:1f(Lev.16:1f))
- F. JOHN'S TEMPTATION: FALL AWAY** (Mt.11:6; Lk.7:23; see Mt.13:21,57; 24:10; Jn.6:61,66; 1Pt.2:8; Heb.10:35f; 12:3)

## **III. JESUS'S ANSWER**

- A. CONCLUSIVE TESTIMONY: WORKS & WORDS** (Lk.7:18,21,22; see 7:19 w/Dt.19:15)
- B. NOT ADDRESS DOUBT BUT BUILDS FAITH** (Mt.11:2,4f /Ps146:8; Is.29:18f; 35:5f; 61:1f(Lk4:18f; 3:22))

## **IV. HOW TO DEAL WITH DOUBT**

- A. UNDERSTAND THAT ALL BELIEVERS DOUBT** (Mt.11:2f; Lk.7:18f; see Mt.6:30(8:26; 14:31; 16:8); Mk.9:24; Ps.73:2f; Jude 1:22; Heb.12:2)
- B. ASK YOUR QUESTIONS** (Mt.11:3; Lk.7:19,20; see Lk.11:9-13; see Mt.13:36; Lk.2:46; 3:10f; Jn.16:19f)
- C. ACCEPT GOOD ANSWERS** (Lk.7:19,21f; Dt.19:15; Acts 17:11; see Lk.24:45; 1Cor.2:14f)
- D. STRENGTHEN WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO BE TRUE** (Lk.7:18-23 w/Is.61:1,etc.; see Lk.24:38f; 2Tm.3:14f; Ps.73:17; 2Pt.3:3f)
- E. DON'T BELIEVE YOUR DOUBTS** (Mt.11:6; Lk7:23 /Mt.13:21,57; 24:10; Jn6:61,66; 1Pt2:8; Hb10:35f; 12:3)