

SKIT: JOHN THE BAPTIST QUESTIONED

Characters:

- Narrator
 - John the Baptist
 - Priest
 - Levite
 - Crowd
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Narrator:

Many people in Israel were waiting for the Messiah – the Savior God had promised to send.

At that time, a man named John was preaching in the wilderness and baptizing people in the Jordan River. Large crowds were coming to hear him.

The religious leaders in Jerusalem were curious about John, so they sent priests and Levites to ask him some questions.

Priest:

John, we have been sent from Jerusalem by the leaders of the people.

Everyone is talking about you. Crowds are coming to see you and hear you preach.

Tell us plainly... who are you?

John the Baptist:

I will answer honestly. I am not the Messiah.

Levite:

If you are not the Messiah, then who are you?

Are you Elijah, the prophet who was supposed to come?

John the Baptist:

No, I am not Elijah.

Priest:

Then maybe you are the Prophet Moses talked about.

Are you the one we have been waiting for?

John the Baptist:

No.

Priest:

We must give an answer to the leaders who sent us.

So tell us about yourself. Who are you?

John the Baptist:

I am what the prophet Isaiah spoke about long ago. I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness: "Make straight the way for the Lord."

Crowd:

What does that mean?

John the Baptist:

It means I am here to prepare the people. The Messiah is coming soon, and people need to be ready. They must repent and turn their hearts back to God.

Levite:

So you are not the Messiah... You are the one preparing the way for Him?

John the Baptist:

Yes. Someone much greater than me is coming. I am not even worthy to untie His sandals.

Narrator:

John's job was not to bring attention to himself. His job was to point people to Jesus, the Savior who was about to appear. And soon, everyone would see who the Messiah truly was.