

# **How was John greater than all others born among men? Matt. 11:7-15 (Luke 1:15-16)**

- I. Greatness was in the purpose that God had for him to fulfill – Isa. 40:3, Mal. 3:1, Luke 1:15; Luke 3:2-3; John 1**
  
- II. Greatness was in the subject he was to preach to the people-Repentance from sin – Luke 1:17; Luke 3:3-17; Luke 3:18-20**
  
- III. Greatness was in the character that was manifested while John fulfilled his purpose – John 3:30; Luke 3; Matt. 14**

# How is it that the “least” in the kingdom is greater than John? Matt. 11:11

- I. Because “they” would be a part of the kingdom of God, whereas John would die a faithful servant of the OT
  - A. He died in faith, not receiving the promises, but saw them afar off – [Heb. 11:13](#)
  - B. We find the “greatness” of being added to the church ([Acts 2:47](#)), kingdom ([Col. 1:13](#))
  - C. Re-emphasizes the importance of being in the kingdom – [Heb. 2:3](#); [John 3:5](#)

# How can we use John's example to help us?

## I. Let us always:

A. Seek to fulfill the purpose that God has given us as His people – **I Pet. 3:15**

B. Seek to ensure that people are taught God's word regarding salvation, making clear the consequences – **II Cor. 5:9-11**

C. Seek to manifest a Christ-like character as we fulfill our purpose – **Matt. 5:16**