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# THE MINISTRY AND ATTITUDE OF JOHN

## His Ministry

- In prophecy – Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6  
(cf. Luke 1:17)
- In fulfillment – Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:1-5; Luke 3:2-5;  
John 1:19-23 (cf. Matthew 11:10-15)

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## His Attitude

- Honesty – **John 1:19-20, 24-27**
- Contentment, joy, humility, understanding of his appointment – **John 3:22-30**

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## Doctrine

- God's way of saving man – **Romans 1:16;**  
**1 Corinthians 1:14-18, 21; 2 John 9; John 14:6**
- Those who teach contrary to this doctrine increase themselves, and decrease Christ – **Matthew 15:1-9;**  
**Galatians 1:6-7; 4:16-20; 6:12-15**

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## Discipleship

- Jesus' description of discipleship – **Luke 14:25-27, 33; Mark 8:34**
- False discipleship elevates one's own will – **Matthew 7:21-23**
- True discipleship increases Christ – **John 8:31-32; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 10:31 (cf. Col. 3:17)**

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