

John the Baptist

1. Prophesied (Isa 40:3-4; Mal 3:1; 4:5)
2. Elijah who was to come (Mt 11:14, cf. Jn 1:21)
3. Priestly family (Lk 1:5)
4. Miraculous conception (Mt 1; Lk 1)
5. Jesus' relative and elder of 6 months (Lk 1:36)
6. Nazarite (Lk 1:15)
7. Grew up in the desert (Lk 1:80)
8. Prophet, beginning about 29 CE (Lk 3:1)
9. Attracted large crowds (Mt 3:5), near Bethany across the Jordan (Jn 1:28)
10. Preached (a) Kingdom of God and (b) a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mk 1:4)
11. Never performed a miracle (Jn 10:41)
12. Greatest person who ever lived (Mt 11:11)
13. Humbled himself before Jesus (Jn 1:27; 3:30)
14. Died because of Herodias and Herod (Mt 14:1-12)
He was compared to Jesus (Mt 16:14)