

Jesus said

“I tell you among those born to women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

Luke 7 v 28

# Special Beginnings

- Zechariah and Elizabeth, parents with a priestly ancestry
- They were old and childless
- An Angel promises the birth of John Luke 1 v 11-22
- John would be filled with the Holy Spirit from birth
- The angel told Zechariah his name would be John
- Zechariah's prophecy Luke 1 v 67-80

# A Life Set Apart

- A life dedicated to God
- Not influenced by society and religious traditions
- His appearance and possessions

# Signposts to Jesus

- John challenged the authorities and their values  
Matt 3 v 7-10
- It cost him his life
- John called for repentance in readiness for the  
Messiah
- John proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God - John 1  
v 29-34

# Doubts

- John started to doubt if Jesus was the messiah -  
Matt 11 v 2
- John looked to Jesus for reassurance
  
- Isaiah 35 v 4-6
- Hold on to God's Promises in His Word

# Lessons from John the Baptist

Our lives need to be:

- Set apart for God
- Signposts to Jesus
- Firmly anchored in God's word