

**Turning Points – Part Nine: Insignificantly Significant  
Selected Scriptures  
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1. John the Baptist was commissioned by God before birth to be a prophet (Luke 1:11-17 cf. Malachi 4:5-6)
2. John the Baptist baptized those who repented and turned to God (Luke 1:2-8)
3. John the Baptist was the fulfillment of prophecies regarding one who would prepare the way for Messiah's appearance.
  - He fulfilled Malachi 3:1 (Luke 7:26-27)
  - He fulfilled Isaiah 40:3-5 (Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:2-3; Luke 3:3-6; John 1:19-23)
4. John the Baptist was insignificantly significant.
  - He knew he was unimportant (John 1:24-27; 3:25-30)
  - Jesus said he was exceptional (Matthew 3:2-11)
5. John the Baptist identified Jesus as the promised Messiah and Savior.
  - He introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God (John 1:29)
  - He baptized Jesus, and the Father affirmed Him as His Son (Matthew 3:13-17)