

John the Baptist

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

John the Baptist was what we today would call “counter-cultural.” Might he have been advised to change his style?

Might John’s lifestyle have been considered by some to be a “publicity stunt”?

Did Old Testament prophets also do unusual things to get people’s attention? (Isaiah 1)

Naturally, John’s message would be opposed by his enemies, but can people who may agree with our cause sometimes give bad advice?

Is there an easy way to determine the difference between discretion and cowardice?

Did John the Baptist ever have any doubt about what he was doing for God? (Luke 7:20)

Do we sometimes wonder if we are doing the right thing? Should we?

Does John’s imprisonment and execution prove that he was out of the will of God?

Is “don’t rock the boat” sometimes a reasonable strategy for accomplishing God’s will?

Might there be honest disagreement between believers on how to accomplish a task?

Is breaking the law sometimes God’s will?

What is the effect on unbelievers of seeing a Christian defying authority and taking the consequences?

Is that happening in today’s world?

Have you faced challenges regarding your response to the culture?

Matthew 3, 11, 14, Mark 1, 6, Luke 1, 3, 7, 9, John 1, 3, 5