

Would I Have Believed Them?



Matthew 13:53-58; 23:29-31

John The Baptist?



Matthew 3:1-7

John The Baptist?

Probably Not, If Worship
Is An Inconvenience

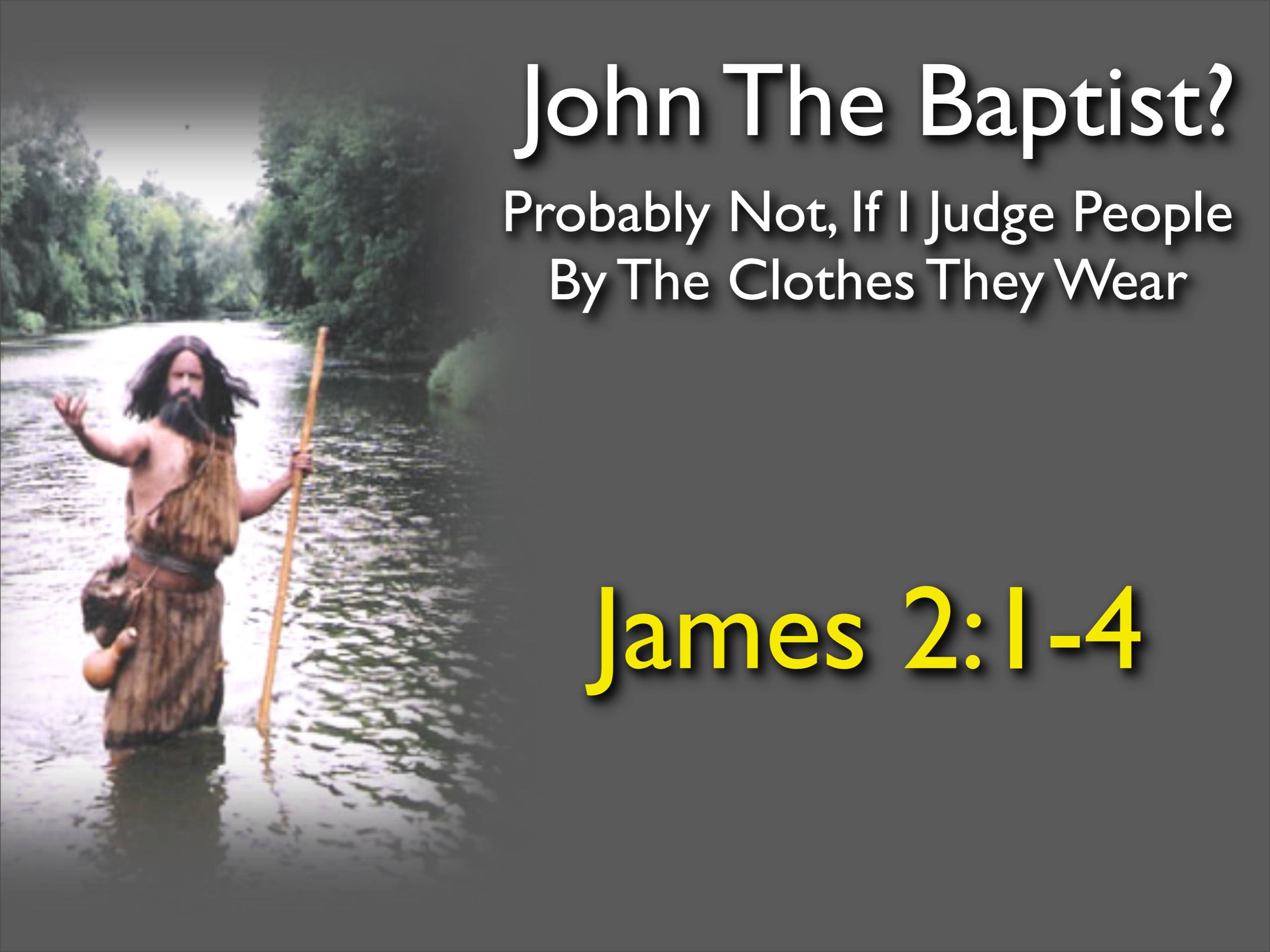
Matthew 12:42

The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.



John The Baptist?

Probably Not, If I Judge People
By The Clothes They Wear



James 2:1-4

John The Baptist?

Probably Not, If I Get Upset
At Strong Preaching

Matthew 23:13-15





Peter?

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Peter?

Matthew 26:69-75





Peter?

Galatians 2:11-13

¹¹Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; ¹²for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. ¹³And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.



Peter?

Probably Not, If I Expect
A Formal Education

I Corinthians 1:18-29



Peter?

Probably Not, If I Am Unwilling
To Give Another Chance

Matthew 18:21-22

²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”



Peter?

Probably Not, If I Am Unwilling
To Give Another Chance

Luke 17:3-4

³Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, "I repent," you shall forgive him.

Paul?

1 Timothy 1:13

although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.



Paul?

1 Corinthians 2:3-4

³I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power



Paul?

2 Corinthians 10:10

“For his letters,” they say, “are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.”





Paul?

Probably Not, If I Hold
Someone's Pre-Christian Life
Against Them

I Corinthians 6:9-11

Paul?

Probably Not, If I Want
“Polished” Sermons

Romans 16:17-18

¹⁷Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.



Paul?

Probably Not, If I Judge
By Appearance

1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel,
“Do not look at his appearance
or at his physical stature,
because I have refused him. For
the Lord does not see as man
sees; for man looks at the
outward appearance, but the
Lord looks at the heart.”



Have You
Obeyed
Them Today?

