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John the Baptist was a prophet. He was written about in the Old Testament hundreds of years before he was born. Jesus referred to him by saying, "This is the one about whom it is written: 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you' (Luke 7:27). Jesus was informing people that John the Baptist was included in God's plan for the Miracle of salvation. John the Baptist's ministry was to prepare the way for the Messiah to enter the world.

John the Baptist was in the plan of God, in the mind of God and written in the Word of God. Jesus said something very interesting about John the Baptist. He said, "I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John." Then Jesus added this shocking statement, "yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

How can this be? Even the least in the kingdom is greater than John the Baptist? Jesus could have been talking about you or me. Any one of us could be the least in the kingdom of God. How can we even be mentioned in the same breath as someone as prophetically great as John the Baptist? In the book of Romans Paul will explain it all under the inspiration of God himself. This is gospel.

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**Romans 8:1-4**

v. 1 No condemnation in Christ

John 3:16-18

v. 2 Spirit of life vs. sin and death

Romans 3:23-26

v. 3 Son of God vs. sinful humanity

Hebrews 10:11-18

v. 4 Holy Spirit vs. sinful nature

Luke 7:24-28

Romans 12:1-2