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**Matt 11:9** But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. **10** For this is he of whom it is written:

“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’ **11** “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. **12** And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. **13** For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

**Luke 16:16** “The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.



1. In the Old Covenant, kings, priests, & prophets were spokesmen for God: in the New Covenant, every Christian is a voice for God!
2. Old Testament saints were anointed by the Spirit of God, we're filled with Him!
3. Under the Old Covenant, Israel was favored by God: in the New Covenant, every nation & person is favored by God!
4. Under the Old Covenant, man offered sacrifices to God: In the New, God offered a sacrifice to man (Jesus)!
5. Under the Old Covenant, God's anointing came upon people, in the New Covenant, He's anointed us from within!

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6. Like John the Baptist, we're messengers & servants of Jesus!
7. John called people to repentance, we call them into union with God!
8. Jesus lived & walked among John, He lives in & through us!
9. John worked no miracles or healings, we do!
10. John wasn't Born-again, we are!
11. John was a prophet of God, we are kings & priests!
12. John was a servant of God, we're children of God!
13. John later doubted Jesus' ministry, we don't!
14. John was related to Jesus by their mother's, we're related to Jesus by divine-nature!
15. John called people out of their sin, tell people their sin is washed away!
16. John ministered under the Law of Moses, we function in the Dispensation of Grace!
17. John's ministry for Jesus was short-term: ours is to continue for another thousand years!
18. John pointed people to Jesus & ministered FOR Him: we reveal Jesus by ministering IN Him!

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