

“Radical Life”

Mark 1:4-11

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We don't always think about it, but Christianity always has been, and always will be, a dramatically radical lifestyle. It's not for the faint of heart.

John the Baptist was truly an amazing person. Before Jesus began his ministry, John the Baptist preached in the Judean desert, challenging people to repent of their sins and to be baptized. John wasn't preaching to Gentiles, he was preaching to Jews, and telling them to be baptized. He was saying, in effect, “Being Jewish isn't enough.”

In John we see a prototype of the person God wants us to be. Today we're going to take a closer look at John the Baptist, and we will see how we can imitate, even today, his radical lifestyle.

1. Recognize the _____

2. Hold to a _____

3. Submit to a _____