

# JESUS' COUSIN

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John, the son of Elisabeth and Zacharias, was “2<sup>nd</sup> cousin to Jesus” on his mother’s side (**Luke 1:36**). It is interesting to note that we have quite a bit of information about this man who is sometimes referred to as John the Baptist (**cf. Luke 7:33, et al**).

A careful reading of said information gives us the character portrait of someone who “got it.”

Let’s note the following reasons why:

- ⊕ John knew who he was (**John 1:22-23**).
- ⊕ John knew who he was not (**John 1:19-21**).
- ⊕ John was humble, although he was a great preacher (**John 1:25-27**).
- ⊕ John knew who Jesus was (**John 1:29, 34**).
- ⊕ John knew when it was time to step aside (**John 3:25-30**).
- ⊕ John was holy (**Mark 6:20**).
- ⊕ John was just; i.e. upright (**Mark 6:20**).
- ⊕ John was not materialistic (**Matthew 3:4**).
- ⊕ John was not partial (**Mark 6:17-18**).
- ⊕ John cared enough about souls not to “dummy down” the message (**Luke 3:7-14**).
- ⊕ John took joy in the right things (**John 3:29**).
- ⊕ John was willing to stand up and be counted (**Luke 7:24-28**).
- ⊕ John was willing to suffer and die for the message he preached (**Matthew 14:1-11**).