



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 4, Episode 13

John The Baptist As The New Elijah

Today, we'll examine the unique comparisons between John the Baptist and Elijah the Prophet.

Introduction

Recap: Last week on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we concluded our conversation about John the Baptist's possible connections to the Essenes.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

Discussion

Dependence on God

Have someone read aloud John 1:28 and 1 Kings 17:5-7.

1. How should we model the way Elijah and John the Baptist carried out their ministries in our lives today?

Decrease

Have someone read aloud John 3:23-24 and John 3:30.

2. Why is it difficult to hand over something you have worked so hard for to someone else?
3. What can happen if we fall into the temptation of holding onto something longer than we should?
4. What does it look like in your life for you to decrease and for God to increase?

Departure

Have someone read aloud 1 Kings 19:20-21 and Luke 9:61-62.



5. How do we see the ministry handoff of Elijah and Elisha mirror that of John the Baptist and Jesus? How are these ministry handoffs different from one another?
6. How are you leaving a legacy that matters and will outlast you?

Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

1. Do you have a strong enough handle on the Old Testament that you can start to make connections as you read the New Testament when it references or quotes the Old Testament? What could you start doing to strengthen your Old Testament knowledge?

Pray

Share prayer requests and pray as a group at the end of your conversation. Here is a prompt:

1. Pray the Lord will help us steward the individual ministries (family, jobs, etc.) he has entrusted us with and how we steward those ministries would glorify Him.

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Resources

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[How are the Gospels so similar to each other?](#)

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast - Season 2, Episode 14

To learn more about Quelle's theory or "Q," listen to Season 2, Episode 14, linked above.

[The Forgotten Jesus Book](#)

Through the years, our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences, and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life in Jewish men and women.

