

JOHN THE WILD IN THE STORY (the Baptist)

MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
KING COMES	SERVANT SACRIFICED	MAN SUFFERS	GOD REVEALED
Jews	Greeks	Romans	World

The Gospels!



Notice that the book of Malachi (chapter 4) indicates that God will send Elijah back before the coming of the Day of the Lord (remember - he never died).

Also note Isaiah 40 where someone is going to come before the Messiah to prepare a path (John baptized people for repentance).

SO - 400 silent years go by and John the Wild breaks the silence, inviting people to turn away from their sin and toward their Savior.

Jesus came in the “fullness of times.” John the Baptist was appointed to make the path ready - and ready it was - thousands of people received John’s baptism for repentance. And many of them embraced their Messiah (promised deliverer). John knew it was Jesus because he knew that the world needed a Lamb to die for our sins.