THE LAST OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET
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I. HIS LIFE.

A. His birth and early life.
   1. His birth was miraculous.
   2. Both parents were Levites and descendants of Aaron.
   3. His name means “God is gracious”.
   4. He was 6 months older than Jesus.
   5. He was a second cousin of Jesus. His mother was Jesus’ mother’s aunt due to her age.
   6. He lived in the desert as a young man.

B. His ministry.
   1. He was the forerunner of the Messiah—Mal. 3:1 and Matt. 11:10.
   2. He called the people to repent of their sins and be baptized as a sign of their repentance—Matt. 3:1-2, 5-6.
   4. John denied being Elijah (the reincarnation of him) or the Messiah—John 1:19-23.
   5. He identified Jesus as the Messiah—John 1:29-34.
   8. His ministry lasted less than a year.

C. John’s reputation among other religious groups today.
   1. Mormons believe he appeared to Joseph Smith on May 15, 1829 and ordained him as a priest of the tribe of Aaron.
   2. Muslims believe Muhammed met John when he was on his way to heaven.

D. His death—Matt. 14:3-12.
II. HIS LESSONS

1. It takes **courage** to take a stand for Jesus—Matt. 3:7.

2. **Humility** is a desirable trait in Christians—John 3:30.

3. Realized that there must be **evidence** that someone is saved—Matt. 3:8 and 10.

4. Understood that **faith** not family leads to salvation—Matt. 3:9.

5. **Holiness** is important—Mark 6:20.

6. **Doubt** is not a sin, unbelief is though—Matt. 11:1-11.