Announcer: Bible Network News now takes you to correspondent Edwin Edwards in Jerusalem where priests and Levites are gathered for a special press conference with John the Baptist.

Edwin: Thank you Steve. As you probably all know, a holy man has come to Jerusalem. He is known as John the Baptist, because he has been baptising people in the Jordan river for the forgiveness of sins. Who is this John the Baptist? Why is he really here? Rumors are flying. Could this be the Christ? A panel of priests have assembled to get down to the bottom of this.

*John the Baptist enters and approaches microphone*

Crowd: John! John! John the Baptist!

John: *blows into microphone* Is this thing on?

Crowd: John! John! John!

Priest 1: John! Who are you really? Are you the Christ?

John: Whoah! Okay, let me tell you right now. I am not the Christ. There IS a Christ, a savior. I’m not that guy.

Priest 2: Are you Elijah?
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Priest 3  You’re not Elijah?  You’re not the prophet?  You’re not the messiah?

John  No.

Priest 1  If you’re not the Christ, not Elijah, not the messiah, who are you?

John  Let’s just say I’m the voice of him that cries in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord!”

Crowd  mutters together  Huh?  What is that supposed to mean?  I don’t get it.

John  You know who the Lord is, right?  He made the whole world.  All life comes from him.  All light comes from him.

Priest 3  And the fishies!

John  That’s right, the fishies too.

Priest 1  And the trees and the mountains!

John  Everything!  Everything was made through the word of God!  God says light, and there’s light.  God says trees and fishies and mountains, and there’s trees and fishies and mountains!  God says a word and BAM!  Word becomes flesh!
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Edwin And the fluffy bunnies?

John YES!

Priest 2 All right, so we all know who God is. What gives YOU the right to go around baptising people for forgiveness if you’re not Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?

John I’m baptising people with water, like you brush your teeth with. There’s no magic to it. It’s all about getting ready for the guy who’s coming AFTER me. He’s the real enchilada and he’s already with you. You just don’t know it yet. I’m not worthy to pick the knots out of his sneakers. This guy, this Christ IS the Son of God. He IS the promised messiah. He’s coming to baptize people with the Holy Spirit. He’s the guy who is going to set you right so that God, the Holy Spirit can live inside you. Be ready for it, Baby!

Edwin In me?

John In you!

All Priests And us?

John If you believe and are baptised, yes, you, too!

Priest 3 And all them? indicates children in the audience

John Yup! Them, too!