



John the Baptist was a prophet! He lived in the desert and ate bugs and honey.  
Matthew 3



**2019 Bible Reading Plan: The New Testament!!!**  
**WEEK 2 (1/6) - John 6-10**

“Come back to the Bible. Begin to read it. Study it & God will speak to you and change you.” Billy Graham

## Renew Together: Committed Like John

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