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### Week 6 Lecture Summary:

This week Dr. Garcia starts with explaining languages and how they evolve they change and shift. We go into the article of John the Baptist and the thoughts on it. We know from the beginning of this read that the connection of John the Baptist and Qumran have been discussed before the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. When the Scrolls are found it awakens the conversation, this then becomes an interesting point. Most times scholars are pulling from the book of Mark to identify John the Baptist. One popular theory is based on the Book of Mark is the oldest, Matthew and Luke use Mark.

Dr. Garcia believes it maybe a incorrect approach to a complex situation. If Mark is the oldest and the first, then you can say Mark has the best material, historic even. If Luke and Matthew borrow from Mark, then we would say their material is based on different levels of information. The theory is usually called the second source sphere. However, Luke and Matthew have material they agree on. There are a handful of individuals who are fine with Mark, so the Qumran is not necessary.

There is a New Testament Scholar from Duke University who speaks on Mark. Mark is argued to be unnecessary. This all depends on how you read the Gospels in general. Some of the stories do not match. I personally found this to be interesting and have had my own doubts about

the similarities between the scriptures, were they intended to be compared or were they to give us a different meaning. As we move forward, I look forward to learning more about this topic.