

## Baptism – Matthew 3

1. In those days \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, “\_\_\_\_\_ , for the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ is at \_\_\_\_\_ .” John had been spoken about by the prophet \_\_\_\_\_ :  
“The \_\_\_\_\_ of one crying in the wilderness, Make ready the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ , Make His \_\_\_\_\_ straight.”
2. People went out to him from \_\_\_\_\_ and all \_\_\_\_\_ , and all the district around the Jordan and were \_\_\_\_\_ by him in the \_\_\_\_\_ River, as they confessed their \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. But when the Pharisees and Sadducees came, he said, “You brood of \_\_\_\_\_ , who warned you to flee from the \_\_\_\_\_ to come. Therefore bear \_\_\_\_\_ in keeping with repentance. He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His \_\_\_\_\_ ; He shall baptize you with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .”
4. Then Jesus arrived from \_\_\_\_\_ at the Jordan to be \_\_\_\_\_ by John. But John tried to prevent him, saying, “I have \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized by \_\_\_\_\_ , and do You come to \_\_\_\_\_ ?” Jesus replied, “Permit it at this \_\_\_\_\_ ; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all \_\_\_\_\_ .”
5. Jesus, baptized, came up from the \_\_\_\_\_ , and the \_\_\_\_\_ were opened, and He saw the \_\_\_\_\_ of God descending as a \_\_\_\_\_ and lighting on Him, and a \_\_\_\_\_ out of the heavens said, “This is My \_\_\_\_\_ , in whom I am well- \_\_\_\_\_ .”
6. Event between chap. 2 and 3: \_\_\_\_\_
7. John’s Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ of the tribe of: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Locate v. 3 in the O.T.: \_\_\_\_\_ Other O. T. ref. to John: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who were the Pharisees and Sadducees? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Age of Jesus at baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Cp. John’s age: \_\_\_\_\_
11. John’s ministry: a) authority for: \_\_\_\_\_  
b) purpose of: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Meaning of “preaching” (v. 1): \_\_\_\_\_ “brood” (v. 7): \_\_\_\_\_  
“kingdom of heaven”: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Explain v. 8: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Meaning of “baptize with the Holy Spirit”: \_\_\_\_\_  
“baptize with fire”: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Meaning of “righteousness”: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Memory Verse – 3:15

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### I. Beginning of John's Ministry – 3:1-6

- 3:1 "John the Baptist" – Read Lk. 1; 3:1-18,21,22; Mk. 1:1-11; Jn. 1:6-8,15-51. "came" – Cf. 2:1 note. After the event of Lk. 2:41-52. See Lk. 3:23; 1:26. "preaching" (kerusso): proclaim as a herald – Cf. 4:17,23; 9:35; 10:7,27; 11:1. "wilderness (eremos) of Judea" – See Josh. 15:20,61; Judg. 1:16; Lk. 1:80; 3:2.
- 3:2 "Repent" (metanoeo): have a change of mind – The verb and noun in v. 8,11; 4:17; 9:13; 11:20,21; 12:41 in Matt; Mk. 1:4,15; 2:17; 6:12. Cp. Acts 2:38. "kingdom of heaven" – In Matt. Only; Mk. 1:4,15; 2:17; 6:12. Cp. Acts 2:38. "is at hand" (eggizo): draw near – 4:17; 10:7; 21:1,34; 26:45,46 in Matt.
- 3:3 "Isaiah" – Cf. Isa. 40:3 (1-11). See Isa. 58:12; 59:8. Cf. Lk. 3:4-6. "way (hodos) of the Lord" – Cf. 11:10; 21:32; 22:16; Lk. 1:76-79; Acts 18:24-26. "paths" (tribos): worn track, highway – In Mk. 1:3; Lk. 3:4. Cp. Prov. 16:17. "straight" (euthus): direct, right – Cp. v. 16; Acts 8:21; 9:11; 13:10; 2 Pet. 2:15.
- 3:4 "leather belt" (zone) – Cf. 2 Kngs. 1:8. "locusts and wild honey" – Cf. Lev. 11:22; Prov. 24:13.
- 3:5 "Jordan" – In v. 6,13; 4:15,25; 19:1 in Matt. See Gen. 13:10; 32:10.
- 3:6 "were being baptized" (baptizo) – See 21:25; Mk. 1:4-9; 11:30; Lk. 3:3-21; 7:28-30; Jn. 1:24-34; 3:22-4:2; Acts 1:5, 22; 10:37; 11:16; 13:24; 18:24-19:5. "confessed" (exomologeoo): acknowledge fully – In 11:25 ("praise" – Lk. 10:21); Mk. 1:5; Lk. 22:6 ("consented"); Acts 19:18; Rom. 14:11; 15:9; Philp. 2:11; Jam. 5:16.

### II. John and the Pharisees and Sadducees – 3:7-12

- 3:7 "Pharisees . . . Sadducees" – Cf. Jn. 1:24 (19-28); Lk. 4:30; Acts 23:1-9. See Matt. 5:20; 9:10-15,32-34; 12:2-14,22-42; 15:1-20; 16:1-12; 21:45,46; 22:15-46; 23:1-36. "brood" (gennema): produce – Cp. Lk. 12:18; 2 Cor. 9:10. "vipers" (achidna) – In 12:34; 23:33; Lk. 3:7; Acts 28:3. See Ps. 58:3-5. "warned" (hupodeiknumi): show – In Lk. 3:7; 6:47; 12:5; Acts 9:16; 20:35. "wrath (orge) to come" – Cf. Lk. 21:23 (20-24); 1 Thess. 1:10; 2:14-16. Cp. Mal. 4:1.
- 3:8 "fruit" (karpos) – In v. 20; 7:16-20; 12:33; 13:33; 21:19,33-43 in Matt. "in keeping" (axios): worthy – 10:10,11,13, 37,38; 22:8 in Matt. Cp. Jn. 1:27.
- 3:9 "suppose" (dokeo): presume, suppose – Cf. 6:7; 17:25; 18:12; 21:28; 22:17,42. "We have Abraham" – See Jn. 8:31-44; Rom. 4:1-5; 9:6-8; Gal. 3:7; Isa. 51:1,2.
- 3:10 "root" (rhiza) – Study 13:6; Mk. 11:14,20; Job. 14:7-10; Ezk. 17:9. "cut down" (ekkopto) – Cp. 7:19; Lk. 13:7,9; Rom. 11:22. "fire" (pur) – In v. 11,12; 5:22; 7:19; 13:40,42,58; 18:8,9; 25:41 in Matt. See 2 Pet. 3:7-12; Rev. 19:20; 20:14,15. Note – before v. 11 read Lk. 3:10-15.
- 3:11 "with water . . . with the Holy Spirit" (en hudati . . . en pneumatico hagio) – Cf. "in" (v. 6). "He who is coming" (ho erchomenos) – Cf. 11:3; 21:9; 23:39; Jn. 1:15,27; 3:31,31; 6:14; 11:27; 12:13; Heb. 10:37; Rev. 1:4,8; 4:8; 11:17. See Ps. 118:26. "mightier" (ischuros) – Cf. 1 Cor. 1:25,27; Rev. 18:8. Cp. Ps. 80:15,27; Isa. 40:26. "fit" (hikanos): Adequate – 8:8; 28:12 in Matt. Cf. 1 Cor. 15:9; 2 Cor. 3:5. "baptize . . . with Holy Spirit" (baptize en pneumatico hagio) – Cf. v. 11a note; 1:18. Study Acts 1:5 (2:1-4); 11:15,16; 1 Cor. 12:13. "fire" – Cf. v. 10 note; Rev. 21:8.
- 3:12 "clear His threshing floor" – See Isa. 5:24; Jer. 15:7; Amos 9:8-11. "burn up . . . unquenchable fire" (katakaio . . . asbestos) – See v. 10b note; Mk. 9:43-48.

### III. Jesus Baptized by John – 3:13-17

- 3:14 "prevent" (diakoluo): restrain – Only here – Cp. "koluo" in 19:14; Acts 8:36; 11:27. "need" (chreia): use, necessity – 6:8; 9:12; 14:16; 21:3; 26:65 in Matt.
- 3:15 "Permit" (aphiemi): let go – Cp. 4:11; 6:12; 13:30,36. "at this time" – Cf. 2:5 note. "it is fitting" (prepo): be fitting, proper – Cp. Heb. 2:10; 7:26. "righteousness" (dikaiosune): just requirements of the law – Washing was required before clothing and anointing (Ex. 40:12,13) – See 5:17-20; Heb. 7:2,3.
- 3:16 "heavens were opened" – Cp. Jn. 1:51; Acts 7:56; 10:11; Rev. 19:11; Ezk. 1:1. "Spirit of God" (pneuma theou) – See 4:1; 12:28; Jn. 14:16-18,26; 16:7-15. "as" (hosei): as if – Lk. 3:22; Acts 2:3. Cp. Acts 6:15; 9:18. "lighting" (erchomenon): coming – And "remaining" – Cf. Jn. 1:33 (19-34). Study Lk. 4:16-21 (Isa. 61:1,2); Acts 4:27; 10:38; Heb. 1:8,9 (Ps. 45:6,7).
- 3:17 "a voice" (phone) – Two voices (Mk. 1:11). "My beloved Son" – Cp. 17:5 (2 Pet. 1:17,18); 12:17,18; Acts 13:33; Heb. 15. "well-pleased" (eudokeo): delight – See 2 Sam. 22:20; Ps. 22:8; Isa. 42:1