

JESUS CHRIST SON OF MAN MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

1. Time and Call of John

- a. **Luke 3:1-2** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene-- ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert.
 - i. John will be the last and greatest prophet of the written Word.
 - (1) **Matthew 11:11** *I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*
 - ii. His call not unlike the others.
 - (1) **Genesis 15:1** After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."
 - (2) **1 Samuel 15:10** Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel:
 - (3) **2 Samuel 7:4** That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:
 - (4) **1 Kings 6:11** The word of the LORD came to Solomon:

2. Purpose of John's Ministry

- a. **Luke 3:3-6** He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶And all mankind will see God's salvation.' "
- i. Spiritual meaning is that there is a need for a leveling out in the lives of the Believers. When this takes place in the life of the church then all mankind will see God's salvation.
- ii. In the natural world, the world is about to see "God's Salvation" that is God's Son Jesus.

3. John's message to the people

- a. **Luke 3: 7-11** John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. ¹¹John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."

- b. He preached 30 doctrinal truths.

1. Repentance	Matthew 3:2-8 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' " ⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. Mark 1:4 And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
2. Kingdom Heaven is at hand	Matthew 3:2

3. Prophecy	<p>Matthew 3:3-8, Matthew 3:9-12 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.</p> <p>¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." John 1:15-34 John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' " ¹⁶From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. ¹⁹Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ." ²¹They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.' " ²⁴Now some Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."</p>
4. Water baptism	Matthew 3:11, John 1:31
5. Restitution	Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8
6. Godliness	Matthew 3:3-10, 14:4
7. Wrath to come	Matthew 3:7, Luke
8. Against pride	Matthew 3:9, Luke 3:7
9. Miracles	Matthew 3:9, Luke 3:8
10. Heaven and hell	Matthew 3:10, Luke
11. Spirit baptism	Matthew 3:11, John 1:33
12. First advent	Matthew 3:11, John 1:29
13. Second advent	Matthew 3:12, Luke 3:17
14. Judgement on sin	Matthew 3:10, Luke 3
15. Salvation	Luke 3:6, John 1:29
16. Love to others	Luke 3:11
17. Honesty in business	Luke 3:13
18. Absolute justice	Luke 3:14
19. Jesus is God's Lamb	John 1:29
20. Jesus is the Spirit Baptizer	Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Luke 3:16, John 1:33

21. Jesus God's Son	John 1:34
22. Jesus the sin beater	John 1:29
23. Unworthiness of man	John 1:27
24. Jesus the bridegroom	John 3:29
25. Greatness of Jesus	John 3:30
26. Jesus from heaven	John 3:31-34 John 1:35-36 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"
27. Rejection of Jesus	John 3:32
28. Jesus the truth	John 3:30-36
29. Jesus the Anointed	John 3:34
30. Jesus God's heir	John 3:35

- ii. You see the message of John, it is divided between four books. You will see again, Jesus the King- Matthew, Jesus the servant- Mark, Jesus the man-Luke, Jesus the God-John. John the Baptist the greatest of the prophets.
4. John's message to publicans and soldiers
 - a. **Luke 3:** ¹²⁻¹⁴ Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" ¹³"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. ¹⁴ And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them. Do violence to no man, neither accuse and falsely: and be content with your wages.
 - i. This message to all men, not just the believer. This is the type of word that the Judgement of Nations will be based on.
5. John speaks of Jesus
 - a. **Luke 3:15-18** The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.
 - i. Many other words
 - (1) see above
6. John imprisoned by Herod
 - a. **Luke 3:** ¹⁹⁻²⁰ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.
 - i. John will be treated as the prophets before him.

FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR JESUS AND HIS MINISTRY

1. Water Baptism
 - a. **Luke 3:** ²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened
 - i. Requirement of all men.

2. Spirit Baptism

- a. Luke 3: ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
 - i. Why was this required? The WORD, GOD, when He came to earth emptied Himself of the Power of the Word. The same reason that he grew in knowledge and wisdom. The Word retained His divine nature, but limited Himself to human attributes and powers during the days of His flesh, so that he could be a true example of a sinless human being overcoming sin and being anointed with the Spirit to defeat Satan.
 - ii. Here we see the Trinity; three separate and distinct persons:
 - (1) The Father Spoke from heaven
 - (2) The Son was on earth praying to the Father in heaven
 - (3) The Holy Spirit descended from the Father out of heaven to anoint and endue with power the Son upon the earth.
 - iii. Again something for every son of God.

GENEALOGY OF MARY

1. Jesus to David

- a. ²³Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, ²⁴the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, ²⁵the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, ²⁶the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, ²⁷the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, ²⁸the son of Melki, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, ²⁹the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, ³⁰the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, ³¹the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,
 - i. Jesus is the Son of God
 - ii. By Law Jesus is the son of Joseph
 - iii. Now see what this lineage does.
 - (1) Joseph is the natural son of Jacob
 - (a) **Matthew 1:16** And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.
 - (i) Key word is "BEGAT"
 - iv. Joseph was the legal son or son-in-law of Heli, having married Mary the daughter of Heli. It does not say that Joseph was begotten by Heli.
 - v. Again - Here you see the lineage of a man. It starts with him and goes backwards.
 - vi. In Matthew it is the lineage of a KING. It starts with the Ruler and comes forward to the descendant.

2. David to Abraham

- a. ³²the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, ³³the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, ³⁴the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of

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3. Abraham to Adam

- a. Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, ³⁵the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, ³⁶the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Kenan, ³⁸the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.