

JESUS CHRIST  
JEHOVAH'S KING  
PRE MINISTERIAL EVENTS

1. THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

- A. Matthew 3:1-17 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea [2] 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.' "

I. IN THOSE DAYS

(1) EVENTS THAT ARE ABOUT TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

(2) THE DAYS OF THE LORDS FIRST APPEARANCE

II. JOHN THE BAPTIZER

III. HE WAS A PREACHER.

IV. DEAL WITH HIS MESSAGE LATER

V. SPOKEN OF THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

(1) NOTE THE WORDS. THE PEOPLE KNOW THAT ISAIAH SPOKE OF THIS, BUT IT IS NOT WRITTEN ANYWHERE.

2. HIS SIMPLE LIFE

- A. MATTHEW 3:[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.

I. HE WAS FROM THE POOR.

(1) HIS CLOTHES MAKE THIS STATEMENT.

(A) BUT HIS FATHER WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF. THIS SAYS THAT JOHN HAS CHOSEN THIS LIFE OR BEEN CALLED TO IT.

(2) LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY THE DIET OF THE VERY POOR.

3. HIS SUCCESS

- A. MATTHEW 3:[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.

I. IT IS NOT THE LOOKS OF JOHN THAT IS DRAWING THE PEOPLE. IT IS HIS MESSAGE.

II. HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.

III. THE PEOPLE RESPOND.

4. THE MESSAGE OF JOHN

- A. MATTHEW 3:[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. [9] 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. [10] The 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. [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. [12] His 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."

I. A CLOSE LOOK AT WHAT JOHN HAS TO SAVE.

II.

REPENTANCE	MATTHEW 3:2-8. Mark 1:4 And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND	MATTHEW 3:2
PROPHECY	MATTHEW 3:11, 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.' " [16] From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. [17] For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. . . . [23] John 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.' " [24] Now some Pharisees who had been sent [25] questioned 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. [27] He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." . . . [34] I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."
WATER BAPTISM	MATTHEW 3:11, JOHN 1:31I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."
RESTITUTION	MATTHEW 3:8, Luke 3:8 Produce 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.
GODLINESS	MATTHEW 3:3-10, Matthew 14:4 for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her."

WRATH TO COME	MATTHEW 3:7, LUKE 3 <sup>RD</sup> CHAPTER
AGAINST PRIDE	MATTHEW 3:9, Luke 3:7 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?"
MIRACLES	MATTHEW 3:9, LUKE 3:8
HEAVEN AND HELL	MATTHEW 3:10-12, LUKE 3 <sup>RD</sup> CHAPTER
SPIRIT BAPTISM	MATTHEW 3:11, JOHN 1:31
FIRST ADVENT	MATTHEW 3:11, John 1:33 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.'
SECOND ADVENT	MATTHEW 3:12, LUKE 3:17
JUDGMENT OF SIN	MATTHEW 3:10, LUKE 3 <sup>RD</sup> CHAPTER
SALVATION	LUKE 3:6, JOHN 1:29
LOVE TO OTHERS	Luke 3:11 John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."
HONESTY IN BUSINESS	Luke 3:13 "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.
ABSOLUTE JUSTICE	Luke 3:14 Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely--be content with your pay."
JESUS GOD'S LAMB	JOHN 1:29
JESUS GOD'S SON	JOHN 1:34
JESUS THE SIN BEARER	JOHN 1:29
UNWORTHINESS OF MAN	JOHN 1:27
JESUS THE BRIDEGROOM	JOHN 3:29
GREATNESS OF JESUS	JOHN 3:30
JESUS FROM HEAVEN	JOHN 3:31-36
REJECTION OF JESUS	JOHN 3:32

JESUS THE TRUTH	JOHN 3:30-36
JESUS THE ANOINTED	JOHN 3:34
JESUS GOD'S HEIR	JOHN 3:35

## 5. THE PREPARATION OF JESUS FOR HIS MINISTRY - WATER BAPTISM

A. MATTHEW 3:[13] Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

[14] But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15] Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

I. JESUS CAME TO BE BAPTIZED BY JOHN

II. JOHN SAYS, "I NEED TO BE BAPTIZED BY YOU"

(1) JOHN DESIRED TO BE BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM JESUS CAME TO GIVE. JOHN 1:31

(2) JOHN WAS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT BUT NEVER BAPTIZED BY THE SPIRIT. LUKE 1:15

(3) THIS WAS NOT GIVEN UNTIL JESUS WAS GLORIFIED.

(A) John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. [38] Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." [39] By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

(B) Acts 1:4-8 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. [5] For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." [6] So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

## 6. THE PREPARATION OF JESUS FOR HIS MINISTRY - SPIRIT BAPTISM

a. Matthew 3:[16] As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. [17] And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

I. THE THREE (SON) IN THE WATER.

II. THE (SPIRIT) DESCENDING

III. THE (FATHER) IN HEAVEN.

(1) JESUS IS THE KING OF KINGS.