

Matthew
Chapter 3
Student

Contents: Ministry of John the Baptist and baptism of **JESUS**.

Characters: **GOD**, **JESUS**, John.

Conclusion: To follow **JESUS** in the waters of baptism is to publicly acknowledge our separation from sin, determination to bring forth fruit unto **GOD**, and consecration to **HIS** service.

Key Word: Baptism, 6, 13.

Strong Verses: 8, 16, 17.

Striking Facts: When John announced (verse 2) the “kingdom of the heavens at hand,” he announced that the Christian dispensation was the next thing to come. He presented **JESUS** not as **KING** who would at that time set up **HIS** earthly throne, but as “the Lamb of **GOD** that taketh away the sins of the world” (the true prophetic order). By Israel’s rejection of **HIM** as such they have been nationally set aside until the “fullness of the Gentiles be come in,” after which **JESUS** as **KING** will return to earth in glory to rule. (Matthew 24:29; 25:46; Luke 19:12-19; Acts 15:14-17.)

Questions:

1. How did John address the Pharisees and Sadduces who came to him?
2. What was John’s diet?
3. What was John’s message?
4. What Old Testament Scripture predicted John’s ministry?
5. What did John say to the Pharisees and Sadduces?
6. From which city did **JESUS** come from?
7. What happened after **JESUS** was baptised?
8. What was John’s reaction to **JESUS**’ desire to be baptized?

Discussion Question: Why did **JESUS get baptised?**