

The Witness of John the Baptist: Revealing The Triune God for our Salvation

- A. John's Message: Repent Matt. 3:1
In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
Matt. 3:2
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- B. Prophecy of Isaiah 40:3 Matt. 3:3
This is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"
- C. John's Asceticism Matt. 3:4
Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist,
and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- D. Israel's Baptism by John Matt. 3:5
Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the entire region about the Jordan were going out to him,
Matt. 3:6
and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
- E. Warning of Judgment Matt. 3:7
But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them,
"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"
- F. Bear Good Fruit Matt. 3:8
Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.
Matt. 3:9
And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,'
for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.
- G. Physical Children
G' Spiritual Children
F' Bear Good Fruit Matt. 3:10
Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees.
Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- E' Warning of Judgment Matt. 3:11
"I baptize you with water for repentance,
but he who is coming after me is mightier than I,
whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Matt. 3:12
His winnowing fork is in his hand,
and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn,
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."
- D' Jesus' Baptism by John
1. The Son of God Matt. 3:13
Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.
Matt. 3:14
John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"
Matt. 3:15
But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."
Then he permitted him.
Matt. 3:16
2. The Spirit of God
And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he rose up from the water, and behold, the heavens were
opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending, like a dove, and coming to rest on him;
Matt. 3:17
3. God the Father
and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
- C' Jesus' Asceticism & Testing Matt. 4:1
Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
Matt. 4:2-11
and after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry...(text omitted)
- B' Prophecy of Isaiah 9:1-2 Matt. 4:12
Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.
Matt. 4:13
And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,
Matt. 4:14
so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
Matt. 4:15
"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
Matt. 4:16
the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."
- A' Jesus' Message: Repent Matt. 4:17
From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."