

JOHN'S MINISTRY BEGAN

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1



The word of God came to a man named John who lived in the wilderness. He preached a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People came from all over Judea to hear what John had to say and to be baptized.

The prophet Isaiah had spoken about John many years before.

Some of the leaders of the Jewish people called Pharisees and Sadducees came to see what John was saying and doing. When John saw them, he said, “Your lives don’t show you’ve turned away from your sin.”

John knew that he was God’s messenger who was sent to prepare the way for the Messiah.

John said, “I baptize you with water as a sign that you want to turn away from your sin. But the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I am. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Christ Connection: John prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repent of their sins. If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, we will be saved.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Circle the clothes that John the Baptist wore and the food that he ate.

business suit

bathrobe

hamburger

bananas

locusts

camel-hair garment

shorts

t-shirt

wild honey

» What does this story teach us about God?

» What was John's role?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Before we are saved, our sin separates us from God, but God wants to have a right relationship with us. If we confess that we are sinners, repent of our sins, and believe in His death and resurrection in our place, we will be saved.



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

» What is repentance? What does the Bible say about repentance?

» Can you repent of a sin but continue sinning?

» What does the Bible say about being in God's family?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find John 1:14 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His forgiveness and love.

READ THE WORD

Think about God's invitation to repent. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Acts 3:19

Matthew 4:17

2 Peter 3:9

1 John 1:9

Luke 5:32

Luke 15:10