

Lesson Guide 7 – The Life of Jesus (John the Baptist/Baptism of Jesus)

Matt. 3:1-17, Luke 3:1-23, Mark 1:1-11, John 1:19-36

Pre-class Activity – Starter Worksheet (Brainercise Answer: Echo, Who Am I: Pharisee)

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Prayer Requests

Praise
Thanksgiving
Concern
Grow up to be like Jesus

2

John the Baptist

- John preaches a message of repentance
- John is dressed in camel's hair and eats locusts and wild honey
- John baptizes in the Jordan River
- Importance of repentance (Luke 3:10-14)
 - 10** "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.
 - 11** John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."
 - 12** Even tax collectors 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** 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."

3-10

- Someone more important is coming! (JESUS)
- Jesus comes to John to be baptized (Matthew 3:13-15)
 - 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.
- The Spirit of God descends on Jesus

Discussion Questions

Question 1: How can we encourage each other to go out into the world to proclaim the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ and make disciples just as John the Baptist did?

Question 2: Why do you think God gave baptism to us? What does it do for us?

Question 3: How does the baptism of Jesus confirm to all people that He is the Son of God?