

Matthew 3 The Baptism of Jesus

The book of Matthew is proving that Jesus is King and Messiah.

- His Genealogy proves He is Messiah (1)
- Magi and Herod think He is Messiah (2)
- Today John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit and God the Father prove He is Messiah (3)
- Messiah has authority of over Satan (4)

Matthew 3:1-3. The preaching of John the Baptist.

- Two words for “preaching” in the NT. One: to announce “good news”. Two: proclaim an event with authority, formality, gravity and urgency. John is using the latter.
- Repent does not mean to be sorry. It means to have a change of attitude towards God. It involves a turning to God which usually makes a person sorry for one’s sins but that sorrow is a bi-product and not the repentance itself.
- Kingdom is “at hand” means that they could reach out and take hold of it.
- Isaiah 40:3. In context Isaiah was talking about God bringing the Israelites back from dispersion. King Jesus is offering to take the Jews back to YHWH.
- Michael Jackson and Elvis

Matthew 3:1-6. John is an odd campaign manager.

- Odd clothes, odd diet, odd neighborhood, and odd message (Remember he has lineage)
- Is God calling you to be abnormal today?
- Note that the people respond favorably towards John and Jesus ... at first.

Matthew 3:7-10. Enter the Pharisees and Sadducees.

- Peculiar way to start a conversation. Repent – Wrath – Bear Fruit – “Don’t even start”
- Why would you commit your life to make sure no one needs to repent?

Matthew 3:11-12. This is difficult.

- John baptizes with water for repentance (I do not believe in infant baptism)
- Jesus baptizes with HS and fire. What does that mean? HS and Fire Baptism occur at Pentecost but in context, fire clearly refers to judgment for some in the audience.

Matthew 3:13-17. The Baptism of Jesus. Why does Jesus need to get baptized?

- “To fulfill all righteousness” Jesus is baptized for us just like he died for us.
- Jesus was on trial for us
- The descending Spirit is proof to John from God that Jesus is Messiah.
- “My beloved Son”

Next Immersion Baptism: Sunday, March 7, 12:30 p.m. To sign up, contact Joe Peeler at jpeeler@whatisgrace.org or 281-646-1903 x.117 or sign up at the bottom of your perforated sheet.