

“John the Baptizer”

Matthew 3:1-6

January 7, 2024

1. John’s Setting – 1

2. John’s Message – 2

3. John’s Purpose – 3

4. John’s Appearance – 4

5. John’s Results – 5-6

Next week: 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What about Jesus does Matthew emphasize in his gospel?
3. When John appeared on the scene, what had Israel not heard for 400 years?
4. What is repentance?
5. Why was John's call to repentance a shock to most Jewish people?
6. What are the 3 elements of repentance?
7. When a herald "prepared the way" for an earthly king, he was preparing the road that the king would travel. In Jesus' case, preparing a way isn't about a road but about a person's _____.
8. What did John's baptism signify?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord.

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Have you repented of our sin?
3. Which of the 3 elements of repentance has been true in your life?
4. Since you've become a Christian, have you continued to have a heart attitude of repentance?
5. Are you included in the Kingdom of Heaven?
6. 1 John 3:2-3 says, "We know that when He (Christ) appears we shall be like Him...and everyone who has this hope purifies himself". Are you purifying yourself by seeking to be like Him now? How?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?