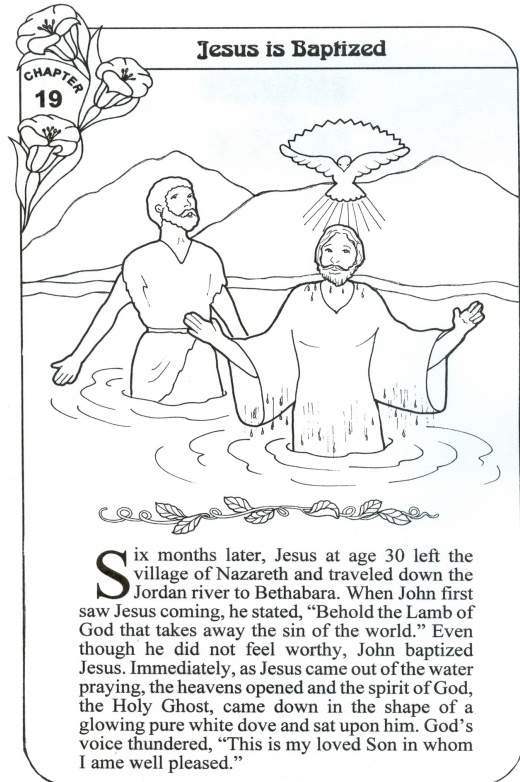


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2.

John Baptizes Jesus

"Bible Notes" – A Summary Study Guide

The ministry of Jesus began when He was about age thirty, as was customary (Numbers 4:3, 35, 39, 43, 47). According to the genealogy of Jesus detailed in the Gospel of Luke, as was supposed, He was the son of Joseph, the son of Heli. Joseph, born of the house of King David, could trace his lineage to Abraham and even to Adam, who was the son of God (Luke 3:23-38).

It was now the appointed time for the Christ to show Himself to the nation of Israel. Jesus left the village of Nazareth and traveled down the Jordan Valley, crossing over to Bethabara beyond the Jordan River. The gospel of John begins when the Jews first sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to debate John the Baptist's identity (see John 1:19-27). The day following John's encounter with the group from Jerusalem, he looked up from his baptismal service and saw Jesus of Nazareth coming. John stated "Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world. This is the man I spoke of who is preferred over me!" (John 1:29-30).



Feeling unworthy, John refused to baptize Jesus. But Jesus replied “Let it be so now. It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:14-15). Then John baptized Jesus.

As He straightened up out of the water, praying, the heavens opened. John saw the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, descending like a dove, glowing with pure white light, and it sat upon Him. Then God’s thunderous voice stated “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Mark 1:11).

As God had promised, John had personally witnessed the choosing of the Christ. Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God! The next day John stood with two disciples and saw Jesus walking away. He stated to them “Behold the Lamb of God!” (John 1:36).

As the two men followed Jesus, He turned, asking what they were looking for. They asked, “Rabbi (meaning Master), where are You staying?”

“Come and see,” Jesus answered.

They followed Him to the location and they remained with Jesus. It was four o’clock in the afternoon.

One of John’s disciples was Andrew. He found his brother Simon-Peter and said “We have found the Messiah (meaning Christ in Greek)!” So Andrew brought Simon to meet this man. When Jesus saw Simon, He stated to him “You are Simon, the son of Jonah. You will be called *Cephas*, meaning a stone.” Simon would have to mature into Peter, the Rock (John 1:42).

Sermon#19, Biblical Scripture:

Gospel of Matthew - Chapter 3.

13. Then came Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized of him. 14. But John refused him, saying, I have need to be baptized of you, and you come to me? 15. And Jesus answering said to him, Suffer it to be so now. For truly it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness. Then John suffered [and baptized] him. 16. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water, and look, the heavens were opened to him, and John saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, whose lighting [bright] presence remained upon Jesus. 17. And look a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Gospel of Mark - Chapter 1.

9. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. 10. And straightway coming up out of the water, John saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove

descending upon Jesus. 11. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Gospel of Luke - Chapter 3.

21. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened. 22. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Jesus, and a voice came from heaven, which said, “You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.” And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, 24. Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph, 25. Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge, 26. Which was the son of Maath, which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Semei, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Judah, 27. Which was

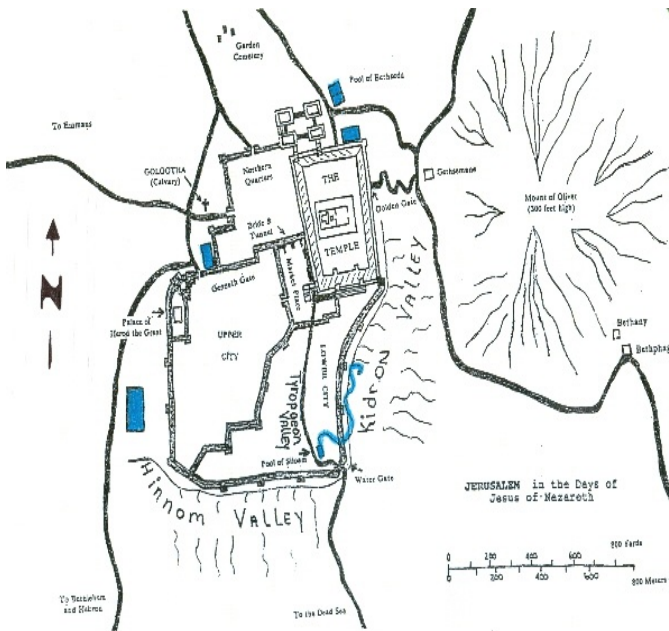
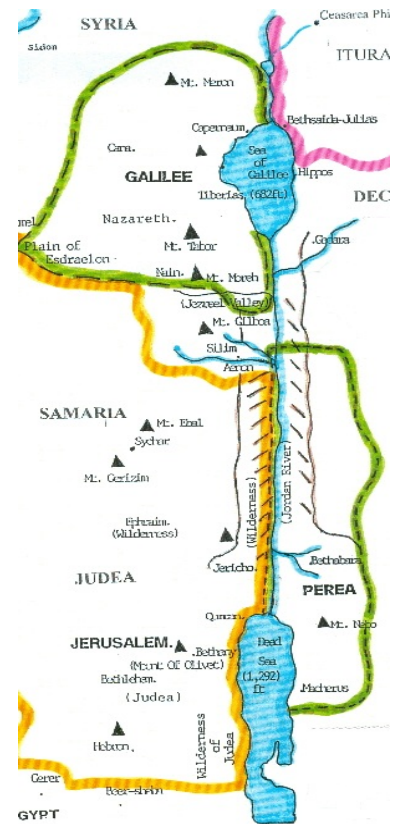
the son of Joanna, which was the son of Rhesa, which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri, 28. Which was the son Melchi, which was the son of Addi, which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er, 29. Which was the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezer, which was the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, 30. Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Judah, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim, 31. Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David [the King], 32. Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Booz [and Ruth], which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson, 33. Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Judah, 34. Which

was the son of Jacob [Israel], which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham [the patriarch], which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor, 35. Which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau, which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala, 36. Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech, 37. Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch [who walked away with God], which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, 38. Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

Gospel of John - Chapter 1.

29. The next day John seeing Jesus coming to him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world. 30. This is he of whom I said, After me comes a man which is preferred before me; for he was before me. 31. And I knew him not, but that he should be made manifest [shown] to Israel, therefore a I come baptizing with water. 32. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it rested upon him. 33. And I knew him not, but He [the Heavenly Father] that sent me to baptized with water, the same said to me, Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he [the Messiah] which baptizes with the Holy Ghost. 34. And I saw, and bore record that this is the Son of God. 35. Again, the next day after John stood, and with two of his disciples. 36. And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he said, Behold

the Lamb of God! 37. And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, What are you looking for? They said to him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where are you staying? 39. He said to them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and stayed with him that day, for it was about the ten hour [4:00pm]. 40. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed Jesus, was Andrew, Simon-Peter's brother. 41. He first finds his own brother Simon, and said to him, We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted, the Christ. 42. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus saw him, Jesus said, You are Simon the son of Jona. You shall be called Cephas, which means, A stone.



3.

John Baptizes Jesus (John's Gospel Begins)

“EMMANUEL” [Jesus, The Promised Messiah]

Meanwhile, at Joseph's carpenter shop in Nazareth, Jesus about 30 years old as was customary⁵⁵ ready himself for God's service (see Luke 3:23). Then Jesus received his Father's divine call to begin his famous teaching and miracle ministry. According to the genealogy of Jesus detailed in the Gospel of Luke, as was supposed, Jesus was the son of Joseph, the son of Heli. Joseph, born of the house of King David, could trace his lineage to Abraham through his son Jacob and grandson Judah, which continued even to Seth the third son of Adam, who was the son of God. Wanting to be baptized by his unknown cousin John, Jesus followed the Jordan River into the Ghor Valley. Opposite the city of Jericho, he crossed to the eastern side of the Jordan and continued some six miles to Bethabara.

Days later as a multitude of people stood along the banks of the river to be baptized Jesus of Nazareth arrived. It was the next day after John had encountered the Pharisees and Sadducees. John looked up from his baptismal ministry, and stated about the approaching stranger, "Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world."⁵⁶ This is the man I spoke of, who is preferred over me. For he was before me!" (**John 1:29-30**) John insisted this was the Christ who had been before creation (see John 17:5). Yet, John did not fully know the Messiah's identity, except he should be made known to Israel. This is why John came only baptizing with water.

Jesus made his way through the people and waded into the water of the Jordan. John marveled, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" John felt unworthy if Jesus was indeed the Son of God. But Jesus instructed, "Let it be so now. It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." (**Matthew 3:14,15**) His uneasiness calmed, John, the greatest man ever born of a woman (see Matthew 11:11), baptized Jesus in the Jordan River at Bethabara.

Immediately as Jesus came out of the water praying, the heavens opened. John witnessed the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, descending in the shape of a dove glowing in pure white light, and it remained on this stranger. Then God the Father spoke, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (**Mark 1:11**) John had been told that upon whomever he saw the LORD God's Spirit descend and remain, this same person would baptize with the Holy Spirit, being the Christ. John realized that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ. Now the LORD God had told John to baptize with water, and informed him that upon whom he saw the Spirit descend on and remain, the same would be the Christ, who would baptize with Holy Ghost.

According to Luke's gospel, Jesus was known as the son of Joseph from Bethlehem. His lineage was royal from King David by his son Nathan, through Judah, Jacob's fourth son, Isaac and Abraham, which went back directly to Adam, the son of God. It lasted 74 generations. (Luke 3:23-38) Jesus now departed from the baptismal site.

The next morning, John stood among his many disciples. Seeing Jesus walking in the distance, he stated to two disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God!" (**John 1:36**) Without delay, Philip and Andrew followed the stranger.

Jesus turned and asked them, "What do you want?" "Rabbi, where are you staying?" they wanted to know. Jesus replied, "Come and see." (**John 1:38,39**) So they went with Jesus and saw where he was staying and lodged with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.



⁵⁵ Numbers 4:3, 35, 39,43, 47.

⁵⁶ Matthew 26:28.

At first light, one of the two, Andrew came and found his brother Simon among John's disciples. "We have found the Messiah, which is interpreted, the Christ!" he said. So Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, he proclaimed, "You are Simon, the son of Jonah. You will be called "Cephas" (**John 1:42**), which is translated, meaning a stone. Peter's maturity as a disciple had just begun and the number of Jesus' disciples had grown to three.

[Author's Reflection: Biblical scriptures holds that Jesus of Nazareth's earthly life would cover some 33 ½ years and would end at 3:00pm on the Preparation Day of the feast of the Passover, the 14th day of Nisan (1 Cor. 5:7). After reaching the age of 30 years, its estimated that in September Jesus began His famous journey down the Jordan Valley. By this time frame, the Passover celebration would be six months in the future.]