



**JOHN THE BAPTIST  
PREPARES THE WAY**

**Matthew 3**

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- Time and place
- Preaching and saying
- Message=“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”
- Old Testament prophecy
- John up close
- Encounter with the Pharisees and Sadducees
- John’s baptism



# THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

- Jesus came for the purpose
- John tried to deter him
- Proper for Jesus to be baptized=fulfillment theme!
- Went up out of the water
- Father, Son and Holy Spirit all present at this event!
- God's assessment



# BAPTISM IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

## ◦ Matthew 3:6

and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

## ◦ Matthew 3:7

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”



# BAPTISM IN

## MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

### ◦ Matthew 3:11

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

### ◦ Matthew 3:13

[ *The Baptism of Jesus* ] Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.



# BAPTISM IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

## ◦ Matthew 3:14

John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

## ◦ Matthew 3:16

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;



# BAPTISM IN

## MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

### ◦ Matthew 21:25

The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’”

### ◦ Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

