



John baptises Jesus

Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1:1-11, Luke 3:1-22, John 1:6-34



John lived in the wilderness. His clothes were made of camel hair with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.



John preached on either side of the River Jordan saying. 'Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is near.' John was the person the prophet Isaiah had talked about 600 years earlier, 'a voice crying out in the wilderness' to prepare the way for the Lord.



People from all around went into the wilderness to hear John preach. Many confessed their sins and were baptised by John in the River Jordan.



Priests and Levites were sent to question John. John told them he was preparing the way for Someone who lived among them and he was not worthy to untie the straps of that Person's sandals. John told them that he baptised with water but the One coming after him would baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire.



John warned the Pharisees and Sadducees that they must practise what they preached. 'If you have two coats,' John said, 'give one to the poor. If you have extra food, give it away to those who are hungry.'



Soldiers wanting to repent were told not to cheat people out of money or accuse people falsely. Tax collectors were warned not to collect more money than they should.



Jesus went from Galilee to the River Jordan to be baptised by John. When John saw Jesus he didn't want to baptise Him. 'This isn't proper,' he said. 'I am the one who needs to be baptised by you.'



But Jesus insisted, 'Please do it, for I must do all that is right.' So John baptised Jesus.



As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God coming down in the form of a dove. A voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, and I am wonderfully pleased with Him.'



John told people, ‘When God sent me to baptise he told me, “When you see the Holy Spirit descending and resting upon someone—He is the one you are looking for. He is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” I saw it happen to Jesus, and I testify that He is the Son of God.’



The next day, as John was standing with two of his disciples, Jesus walked by. John looked at him intently and then declared, 'See! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.'

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**What was the message
John the Baptist
preached?**



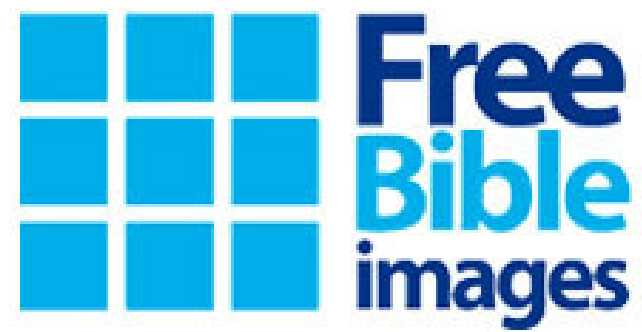
**What did Jesus ask John
to do?**



**What did John say when
Jesus asked him to
baptize him?**



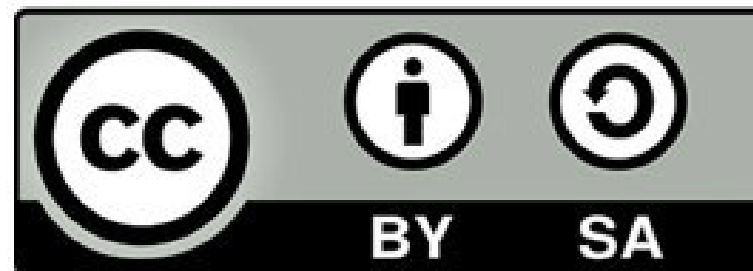
**What happend after
Jesus was baptized?**



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