

65. John The Baptist

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest name Zechariah...they had no child because that Elisabeth was barren, and they were now well stricken in years... Then an angel of the Lord [Gabriel, v. 19] appeared to him..."thy wife Elizabath shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness...he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb...in the spirit and power of Elijah" (Luke 1:5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 KJV)

John the Baptist came preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the desert,

Prepare the way for the Lord,

Make straight paths for him." [Isaiah 40:3]

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

I will baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now, it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. (Matthew 3:1-6, 11, 13-15 NIV)

Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven...I said I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him...my joy is therefore fulfilled. He must increase, but, I must decrease." (John 3:25-26, 27, 28, 29-30 KJV)



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ANGEL	GLADNESS	PROPER
BAPTIZE	HAIR	QUESTION
BARREN	ISAIAH	REGION
CAMEL	JOHN	REPENT
DECREASE	JUDEA	STRICKEN
ELIJAH	LEATHER	WAIST
ELIZABETH	LOCUSTS	WITNESS
GABRIEL	PATHS	WOMB
GHOST	PREPARE	ZECHARIAH