

Questions On Matthew Chapter 3

1. Who “came preaching in those days?” (vs 1)
 - A. Why was he called “the Baptist?”
 - B. What was his message? (vs 2 & 6)
 - C. What can we learn from Mark 1:4 about John’s baptism?
 - D. What can we learn from John 3:23 about John’s baptism?
 - E. What is said in verse 16 of this chapter that explains the “much water” of John 3:23?
 - F. What word in Romans 6:4 and Colossians 2:12 describes the *action* of baptism?
 - G. Who did men reject by rejecting John’s baptism? (Luke 7:30)
 - H. Who foretold of John (v. 3)? According to the prophecy, what would be John’s purpose?
 - I. What was peculiar about John’s dress and diet?
2. What did John call the Pharisees and Sadducees? And why?
 - A. What did John tell the Pharisees and Sadducees to do? (v. 8)
 - B. Upon what ancestral claim did John tell them not to rely?
 - C. What could God do with mere stones? (v. 9)

- D. What did John mean when he said that the axe was laid at the root of the trees? (compare Matthew 23:37-39)
3. Why did Jesus go to John? (13)
 - A. What was John's reaction to this request?
 - B. What explanation did Jesus give to John that convinced him to baptize Him? (v. 15)
 - C. Being baptized by John was a part of Jesus' fulfilling *what Law*? (see Matt. 5:17)
 - D. People sometimes claim to be baptized "*because Jesus was.*" Verse 15 teaches the difference between Jesus' own baptism and the baptisms of all other people. Jesus was baptized "*to fulfill all righteousness.*" According to Mark 1:4 and Acts 2:38, why are mere humans baptized?
 4. Verses 16 and 17 describe how the other persons of God expressed their approval of Christ after His baptism:
 - A. How did the Holy Spirit express His approval?
 - B. How did the Father express His approval?
 - C. When else did the Father make a similar statement about Christ? (Matt. 17:1-5)