

## Today's reading - John Chapter 1:19- 34

### John the Baptist denies being the Messiah

<sup>19</sup> Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders<sup>[a]</sup> in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. <sup>20</sup> He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, 'I am not the Messiah.'

<sup>21</sup> They asked him, 'Then who are you? Are you Elijah?'

He said, 'I am not.'

'Are you the Prophet?'

He answered, 'No.'

<sup>22</sup> Finally they said, 'Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'

<sup>23</sup> John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Make straight the way for the Lord."<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Now the Pharisees who had been sent <sup>25</sup> questioned him, 'Why then do you baptise if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?'

<sup>26</sup> 'I baptise with<sup>[c]</sup> water,' John replied, 'but among you stands one you do not know. <sup>27</sup> He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

<sup>28</sup> This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

### John testifies about Jesus

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, '**Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!** <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.'

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit."<sup>34</sup> **I have seen and I testify** that this is God's Chosen One.'

# John the Baptist

(The Forerunner of Christ)

## Prophecy Concerning John

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a high-way for our God" **Isaiah 40:3**

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple" **Malachi 3:1**

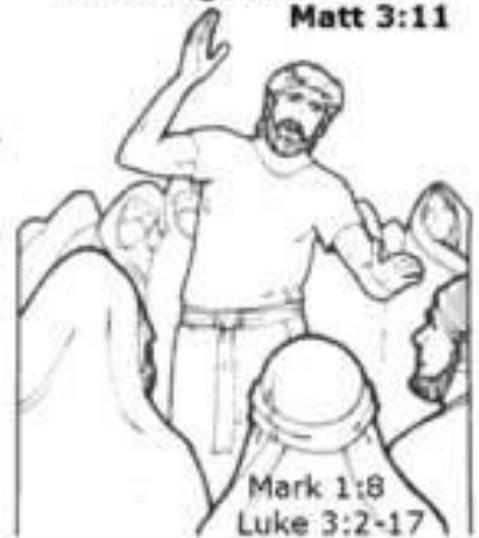
## John Introduces Christ to the World

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" **John 1:29**

## John's Message

"...Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" **Matt 3:2**

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I" **Matt 3:11**

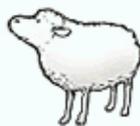
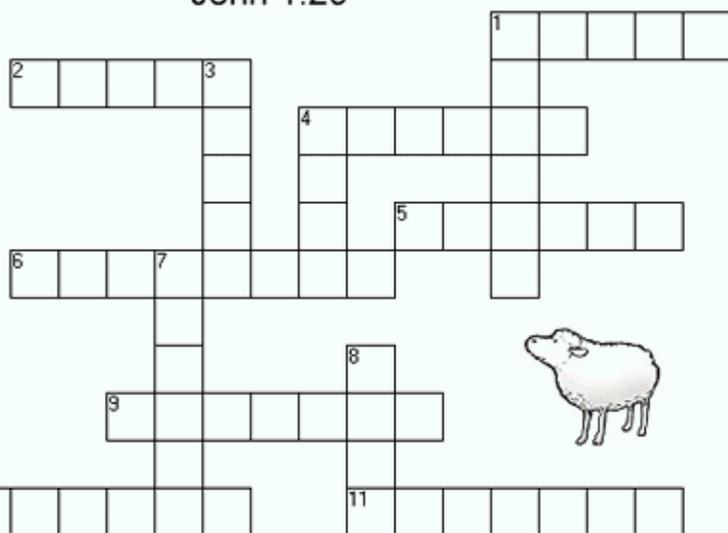


Mark 1:8  
Luke 3:2-17



Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ of God who takes \_\_\_\_\_ the sin  
of the \_\_\_\_\_. John 1:29

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
John 1:29



**ACROSS**

- The Son of God.
- John baptized with \_\_\_\_\_.
- A dry, barren plain.
- The place where God lives.
- A strict observer of Jewish law.
- The promised one; the Christ.
- The mother of John the Baptist
- To immerse by water or fire.

**DOWN**

- The river where John baptized.
- A Jewish title of respect for a teacher.
- The Spirit landed on Jesus in the form of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- To turn away from sin.
- Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that takes away the sins of the world.

desert	Jesus	repent	Messiah
lamb	heaven	Jordan	
baptize	dove	water	
Elizabeth	Pharisee	Rabbi	

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- LAMB  
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ISRAEL  
WATER  
SPIRIT  
HEAVEN  
DOVE  
BAPTISE  
HOLY  
WITNESS  
CHOSEN  
ONE



# God's Eyewitness News

"I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." John 1:34 NIV

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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1. 2-21-19-2-3-20-10 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 14-1-12-13-17 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 13-8-22-9 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 17-1-4-21 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 19-3-6 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 14-8-2-21-12 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 23-21-8-4-21-6 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 19-16-3-12-3-2 \_\_\_\_\_

WATER	WORLD	DOVE	SPIRIT
HEAVEN	TESTIFY	SIN	LAMB



## John the Baptist Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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**John told the people this:**

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## The Story of Jesus

Look up each verse and number the events in Jesus' life in the correct order.

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|---|--------------|-----|---|
| 1 | Luke 2:7     | ___ | Jesus went back up to heaven.                                   |
| 2 | Luke 2:52    | ___ | Jesus grew and pleased God.                                     |
| 3 | Mark 1:9     | ___ | Jesus was crucified on the cross.                               |
| 4 | Matthew 4:23 | ___ | Jesus was baptized.   |
| 5 | John 19:18   | ___ | God raised Jesus from the dead.                                 |
| 6 | Luke 24:6    | ___ | Jesus came into the world as a baby.                            |
| 7 | Acts 1:9     | ___ | Jesus traveled around, teaching, preaching, and healing people. |



## Why Did Jesus Come into the World?

Reason 1:

\_\_\_ G \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ V \_\_\_ Z \_\_\_ X \_\_\_ S

\_\_\_ Z \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ W

Reason 2:

\_\_\_ G \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ R \_\_\_ V \_\_\_ U \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ I

\_\_\_ F \_\_\_ H \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ V

\_\_\_ X \_\_\_ I \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ H \_\_\_ H

In this code, A stands for Z, Z stands for A, etc.

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>M</b>
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<b>Z</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>