

Who is Jesus?

I. Jesus – "God Saves"

II. Christ – "Anointed One"

A. Greek for Messiah

III. Immanuel – "God with us"

A. Isaiah – "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel"

IV. The Suffering Servant

A. Isaiah – "he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our sins...he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter"

1. The unblemished Passover Lamb, the Lamb of God

V. The Son of David

A. Isaiah – "and there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of its roots...But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked"

Jesus as Christ, Messiah

I. 2 Samuel – “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever”

II. Psalm 89 – “I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations”

III. Micah – “But you, O’ Bethlehem...from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel”

IV. Psalm 110 – The Lord says to my Lord”



Jesus as the Good Shepherd

I. Psalm 23 – “The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want...”

II. John – “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep”

A. Connection to the suffering servant

B. Still More – I am the Lord, I am God

III. The Way, the Truth, and the Life

A. John - “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father but by me”



Jesus as God

I. The Incarnation – "Word made Flesh"

A. John – "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"

1. God becomes man, the Creator enters creation

II. The Son of God

A. God as Trinity – baptize all nations in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

1. Matthew – "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"

2. John – "that all of them may be one Father, just as you are in me and I am in you"

3. John – "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us. Have I been with you for so long and you still do not know me, Phillip? He that has seen me has seen the Father"

III. God

A. Philippians – "Though he was in the form of God, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross."

B. Colossians – "all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together"

C. John – "Before Abraham was born, I am"



Mary, the Annunciation, and the Nativity

I. Luke 1: The Annunciation – The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary the coming of Jesus

A. Hail, Full of Grace - Mary has found favor with God

1. Mary will conceive in her womb and bear a son and name him Jesus.

a. Virgin Birth – How can this be, since I do not know man?

II. Luke 2: The Nativity - Jesus is born in Bethlehem (the city of David)

A. The Visitation of the Magi – Parthians

III. Luke 2: 52 – Jesus increases in wisdom and in stature



John the Baptist

I. John the Baptist is the Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord

A. John is the Cousin of Jesus

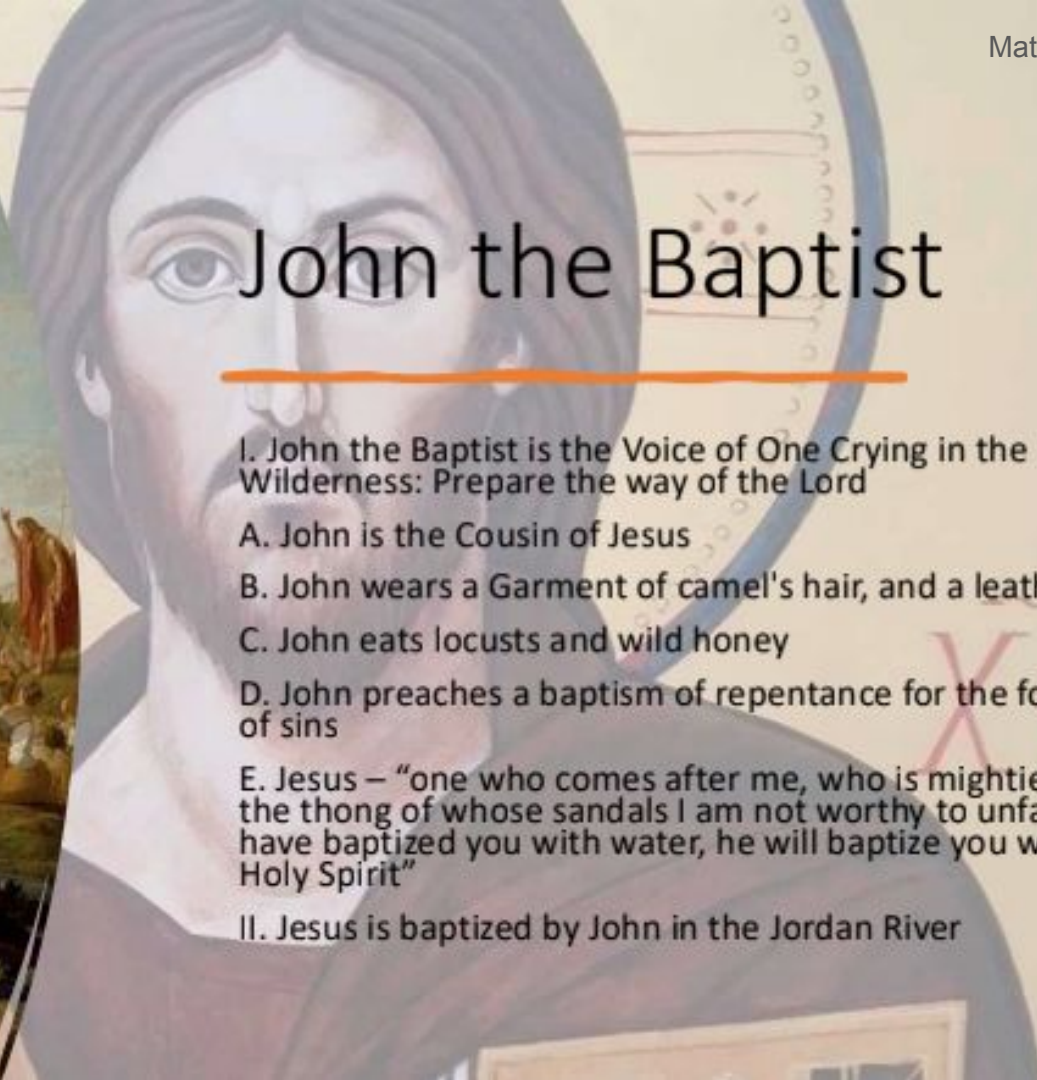
B. John wears a Garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt

C. John eats locusts and wild honey

D. John preaches a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins

E. Jesus – “one who comes after me, who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to unfasten. I have baptized you with water, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit”

II. Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River



Matthew 10: 1-4
Luke 6:12-16

Jesus' Public Ministry

I. Jesus begins his ministry at 30 years old

A. For most of his life, he had worked as a carpenter

II. What is the ministry?

A. Preaching and Proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Speaks for the Father, Have life more abundantly

B. It begins with the temptation of Jesus: Matthew 4, Mark 1

C. Jesus calls the first Apostles: Two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew

1. Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men

D. Two other brothers, James and John

E. Jesus calls 12 Apostles

1. Peter, Andrew, James, John, Phillip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, Thomas, Thaddeus, James, son of Alphaeus, Judas Iscariot

a. These Apostles were given a mission (to spread the faith, baptize, and convert the nations)



Jesus and Nicodemus

- I. Jesus meets with Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who wishes to question him
 - A. "Truly, truly, I say to you unless one is born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God"
 - B. "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God"
 - C. "So must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"



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4. Isaiah
 - a. Old Testament Prophet
 - b. Prophecies about the coming of the Messiah
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 - a. Son of David
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6. Jesus as God
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7. Mary & The Annunciation
 - a. Angel Gabriel announces to Mary the coming of Jesus
 - i. How can this be?
 - b. Jesus is born in Bethlehem (City of David) (House of Bread)
 - i. The Magi visit
 1. 3 Parthians from the east (Iranish)

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8. John the Baptist

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9. Public Ministry

- a. Begins at 30 after working as a carpenter for most of life
- b. Ministry-preaching/proclaiming the kingdom of God
- c. Begins with the temptation of Jesus
- d. Calls his apostles
 - i. 1st 2 are brothers (Simon Peter and Andrew)
 - 1. Fishers of Men
- e. Jesus goes on to call 12 total
 - i. Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, Thomas, Thaddeus, James, son of Alphaeus and Judas Iscariot
 - 1. Mission to spread the faith, baptize and convert nations

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10. Nicodemus
 - a. Pharisee who questions Jesus