

Lesson 3:
John the Baptist Introduces Jesus:
The Four Gospels

Use selected Scriptures to answer the following:

1. What did Zacharias understand about his child John that was born? (Luke 1:76-77) _____

2. What had been foretold about John? (Mark 1:2) _____

_____ Who did John say he was? (John 1:22-23) _____

3. What did John the Baptist preach?

Matthew 3:2: _____

Mark 1:4: _____

Mark 1:7: _____

John 1:17: _____

John turned the people's attention to their need of repentance

4. Why did John baptize? (John 1:31-33) _____

5. Who did John baptize? (Mark 1:9-11) _____ What happened? _____

6. What event began in Matthew 4:1? _____ What were the areas?

Matthew 4:3-4: _____

Matthew 4:5-7: _____

Matthew 4:8-10: _____

How did Jesus defeat Satan in each of these temptations? _____

_____ What happened in Matthew 4:11? _____

7. What should Christians understand even today? (I Peter 5:8) _____

*Adversary means "enemy; it is applied to the devil, the adversary of man and accuser of
Christians"*

8. How did John the Baptist address Jesus? (John 1:29) _____

9. Where did Jesus go? (Luke 4:16) _____ What did He do there? _____

_____ When Jesus declared He was the Promised One, how did the

people react? (Luke 4:28-32) _____

Answers:

1. He would be called the prophet of the Highest: for he would go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation unto the people by the remission of their sins;

2. God would send John as His messenger, which would prepare the way for Jesus; “He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias”;

3. Matthew 3:2: “Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”; Mark 1:4: “the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins”; Mark 1:7: “And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose”; John 1:17: “For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ”;

4. Because Jesus should be made manifest to Israel, therefore John came baptizing with water. God sent him to baptize with water, telling him that “Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost”;

5. Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee; straightway coming up out of the water, John saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Jesus, and there came a voice from heaven, saying, “Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

6. Satan tempting Jesus in the wilderness; Matthew 4:3-4: a temptation of “the lust of the flesh” (stones to bread); Matthew 4:5-7: a temptation of “the pride of life” (to jump from the pinnacle of the temple); Matthew 4:8-10: a temptation of “the lust of the eyes” (the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them); Jesus quoted Scripture; the devil left, and the angels came and ministered to Jesus.

7. Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour;

8. The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

9. To the synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath day; Jesus read from Isaiah (Esaias); the people wanted to kill Jesus.