

“This is my beloved Son.”





John Prepares the Way

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Lesson Focus

John the Baptist traveled all around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He taught about the coming Messiah, who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus came to be baptized by John, where the Father and Spirit affirmed his identity and mission.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: Matthew 3:1–17 (selected verses)

Grades 4–5: Matthew 3:1–17

What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ John came to prepare the way for Jesus by calling people to repent, confess their sins, be baptized, and bear fruit.
- ▶ Jesus came to John to be baptized to fulfill the will of the Father and to identify with man and man's sin even though he was the perfect, sinless Son of God.

