

JOHN THE BAPTIZER

WHO WAS HE?

WHEN WAS HE BORN?

WHO WERE HIS PARENTS?

WHY WAS HE SO SPECIAL?

WHAT WAS PROPHESIED CONCERNING JOHN?

ISAIAH 40:2-5

- 2 Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.
- The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;
- The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

WHAT WAS PROPHESIED CONCERNING JOHN?

MALACHI 4:5-6

- 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
- He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?

READ: LUKE 1:5-7

- There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
- They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.
- 7 They had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST? LUKE 1:5-7

HIS FATHER WAS: ZACHARIAS, A LEVITCAL PRIEST

HIS MOTHER WAS: ELISABETH, OF THE DAUGHTERS OF AARON

THEY WERE BOTH RIGHTEOUS AND BLAMELESS

THEY HAD NO CHILDREN

THEY WERE BOTH VERY OLD

READ: LUKE 1:8-23

- 8 So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division,
- According to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.
- 10 The whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.
- Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.
- When Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

READ: LUKE 1:8-23

- But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.
- 14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.
- He will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.
- 16 He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.
- He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

READ: LUKE 1:8-23

- Zacharias said to the angel, How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.
- The angel answered and said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.
- Behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.
- The people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.
- When he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.
- So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.

LUKE 1:8-23

THE ANGEL GABRIEL ANNOUNCED HIS BIRTH.

HE SHALL BE CALLED JOHN.

MANY SHALL REJOICE AT HIS BIRTH.

HE WOULD BE A NAZARITE.

HE WOULD BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

HE WOULD TURN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL TO THE LORD THEIR GOD.

HE WOULD MAKE READY A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD.

WHAT DID JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACH? READ: MATTHEW 3:1-10

- 1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
- 2 Saying, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!
- For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.
- John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him
- 6 And were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

WHAT DID JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACH? READ: MATTHEW 3:1-10

- When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,
- And do not think to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
- And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

(MARK 1:1-5 LUKE 3:1-9)

WHAT DID JOHN PREACH?

READ: LUKE 3:3-9

- Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
- And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

WHAT DID JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACH? MATTHEW 3:1-9 MARK 1:2-5 LUKE 3:3-98

REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

PREPARE YOU THE WAY OF THE LORD.

HE PREACHED THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

THEY WERE BAPTIZED OF HIM IN JORDAN, CONFESSING THEIR SINS.

HE TOLD THEM TO BRING FORTH FRUIT WORTHY OF REPENTANCE.

WHAT DID JOHN PREACH CONCERNING CHRIST? READ: MATTHEW 3:11-12

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

(MARK 1:6-8 LUKE 3:15-17)

WHAT DID JOHN PREACH CONCERNING CHRIST? MATTHEW 3:11-12 MARK 1:6-8 LUKE 3:15-17

THE PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT JOHN WAS CHRIST.

JOHN SAID:
I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER UNTO REPENTANCE.

BUT HE THAT COMES AFTER ME IS MIGHTIER THAN I.

I BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; BUT HE SHALL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED BY JOHN?

READ: MATTHEW 3:13-17

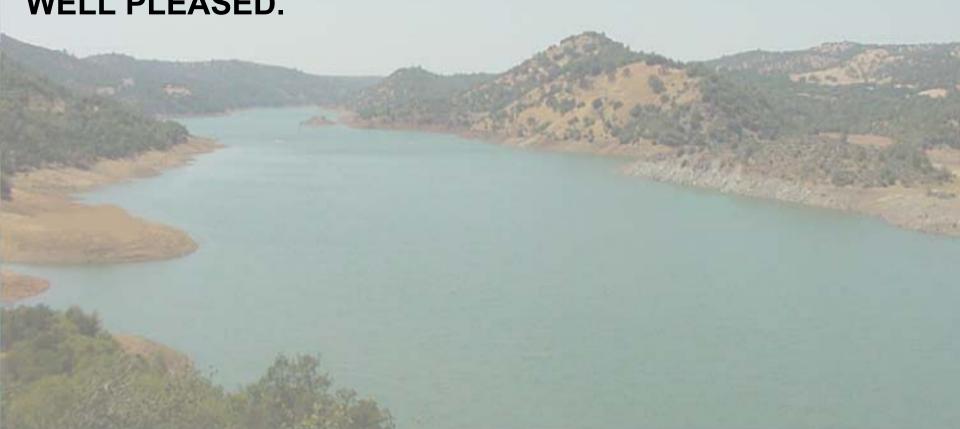
- 13 Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
- John tried to prevent Him, saying, I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?
- But Jesus said to him, Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he allowed Him.
- When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.
- 17 Suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

(MARK 1:9-12 LUKE 3:21-22)

WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED BY JOHN?
MATTHEW 3:13-17 MARK 1:9-11 LUKE 3:21-22

TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

GOD SAID: THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.



WHAT DID JOHN BARE WITNESS TO? READ: JOHN 1:6-9

- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
- That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

WHAT DID JOHN BARE WITNESS TO? READ: JOHN 1:15-17

- 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, This was He of whom I said, He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.
- 16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.
- 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

WHAT DID JOHN BARE WITNESS TO? JOHN 1:6-8 JOHN 1:15-17

JOHN BEAR WITNESS OF THE LIGHT THAT ALL MEN THROUGH HIM MIGHT BELIEVE.

JOHN WAS NOT THAT LIGHT; BUT WAS SENT TO BEAR WITNESS OF THAT LIGHT.

WHAT DID JOHN TESTIFY TO THE PRIESTS? READ: JOHN 1:19-27

- This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you?
- He confessed and did not deny, but confessed, I am not the Christ.
- They asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? He said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? He answered, No
- They said to him, Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?
- He said: I am The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah said.

WHAT DID JOHN TESTIFY TO THE PRIESTS? READ: JOHN 1:19-27

- 24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.
- They asked him, saying, Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?
- John answered them, saying, I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.
- 27 It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.

WHAT DID JOHN TESTIFY TO THE PRIESTS? JOHN 1:19-27

I AM NOT THE CHRIST.

I AM NOT ELIAS. I AM NOT THAT PROPHET.

I AM THE VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS.

THERE STANDS ONE AMONG YOU WHOM YOU KNOW NOT.

IT IS HE WHO COMES AFTER ME
THAT IS PREFERRED BEFORE ME.

HOW DID JOHN IDENTIFYJESUS?

READ: JOHN 1:29-40

- John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
- This is He of whom I said, After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.
- I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.
- John bore witness, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.
- I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
- I have seen and testified, this is the Son of God.

HOW DID JOHN IDENTIFYJESUS?

READ: JOHN 1:29-40

- The next day, John stood with two of his disciples.
- Looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, Behold the Lamb of God!
- The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.
- Jesus turned, seeing them following, said to them, What do you seek? They said to Him, Rabbi (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), where are You staying?
- He said to them, Come and see. They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).
- One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

HOW DID JOHN IDENTIFYJESUS?

JOHN 1:29-40

I SAW THE SPIRIT DESCENDING FROM HEAVEN LIKE A DOVE AND IT ABODE UPON HIM.

HE THAT SENT ME TO BAPTIZE WITH WATER SAID: UPON WHOM YOU SHALL SEE THE SPIRIT DESCENDING AND REMAINING ON HIM;

THE SAME IS HE WHICH BAPTIZES WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

I SAW AND BARE RECORD THAT THIS IS THE SON OF GOD.

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD!

HOW DID JOHN BARE WITNESS OF CHRIST? READ: JOHN 3:23-36

- John was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. They came and were baptized.
- 24 John had not yet been thrown into prison.
- There arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification.
- They came to John and said to him, Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified-- behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!
- John answered, A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.

HOW DID JOHN BARE WITNESS OF CHRIST? READ: JOHN 3:23-36

- You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but, I have been sent before Him.
- He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.
- 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.
- He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.
- And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.

HOW DID JOHN BARE WITNESS OF CHRIST? READ: JOHN 3:23-36

- He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.
- For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.
- The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.
- He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

HOW DID JOHN BARE WITNESS OF CHRIST?

JOHN 3:23-36

I AM NOT THE CHRIST, I AM SENT BEFORE HIM.

HE MUST INCREASE; BUT I MUST DECREASE.

HE THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN IS ABOVE ALL.

HE WHOM GOD HAS SENT SPEAKS THE WORDS OF GOD.

THE FATHER LOVES THE SON AND HAS GIVEN ALL THINGS INTO HIS HAND.

HE THAT BELIEVES ON THE SON HAS EVERLASTING LIFE.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY CONCERNING JOHN?

READ: MATTHEW 11:2-15

- When John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples.
- They and said to Him, Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?
- 4 Jesus said to them, Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:
- The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.
- 6 Blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY CONCERNING JOHN? READ: MATTHEW 11:2-15

- As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
- What did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.
- 9 What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.
- 10 For this is he of whom it is written: Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY CONCERNING JOHN? READ: MATTHEW 11:2-15

- 11 Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
- 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
- 13 All the prophets and the law prophesied until John.
- 14 If you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.
- He who has ears to hear, let him hear! (LUKE 7:19-28)

WHAT DID JESUS SAY CONCERNING JOHN? MATTHEW 11:2-15 LUKE 7:19-28

WHAT WENT YOU OUT TO SEE?

A REED SHAKEN WITH THE WIND?

A MAN CLOTHED IN SOFT RAIMENT?

A PROPHET?

YES, I SAY TO YOU AND MUCH MORE THAN A PROPHET.

I SAY TO YOU, AMONG THOSE THAT ARE BORN OF WOMEN THERE IS NOT A GREATER PROPHET THAN JOHN THE BAPTIST.

BUT HE THAT IS LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS GREATER THAN HE.

WHY WAS JOHN BEHEADED? READ: MATTHEW 14:1-12

- 1 Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus
- He and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."
- Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.
- 4 Because John had said to him, It is not lawful for you to have her.
- Although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.
- When Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.

WHY WAS JOHN BEHEADED? READ: MATTHEW 14:1-12

- 7 He promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.
- 8 So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter.
- The king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her.
- 10 So he sent and had John beheaded in prison.
- His head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.
- Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

(MARK 6:14-19)

WHY WAS JOHN BEHEADED? MATTHEW 14:1-12 MARK 6:16-29

JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON BECAUSE HE TOLD HEROD: IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S WIFE.

HERODIAS INSTRUCTED HER DAUGHTER TO SAY: GIVE ME HERE JOHN THE BAPTIST'S HEAD IN A CHARGER.

HIS HEAD WAS BROUGHT IN A CHARGER AND GIVEN TO THE DAMSEL AND SHE BROUGHT IT TO HER MOTHER.

WHY DID JESUS SAY, ELIAS IS ALREADY COME?

READ: MATTHEW 17:10-13

- 10 Jesus' disciples asked Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?
- 11 Jesus answered, Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.
- 12 I say to you that Elijah has come already and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. The Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands."
- Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist. (MARK 9:11-13)

THEY UNDERSTOOD JESUS SPOKE CONCERNING JOHN

THE BAPTISM OF JOHN, WAS IT FROM HEAVEN? READ: LUKE 20:4-7

- The baptism of John-- was it from heaven or from men?
- They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, From heaven, He will say, Why then did you not believe him?
- If we say, From men, all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.
- 7 They answered, they did not know where it was from.
 (MARK 11:30-33)

JOHN CAME TO YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS READ: MATTHEW 21:32

John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him..

THE PUBLICANS AND HARLOTS BELIEVED HIM.

BUT YOU BELIEVED HIM NOT, NOR REPENTED.

THE BAPTIZM OF JOHN

READ: ACTS 1:5

John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

READ: ACTS 1:22

Beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.

JOHN TRULY BAPTIZED WITH WATER

BUT YOU SHALL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST

BEGINNING FROM THE BAPTISM OF JOHN:
ONE MUST BE ORDAINED TO BE A WITNESS WITH US OF
HIS RESURRECTION.

AFTER THE BAPTIZM OF JOHN

READ: ACTS 10:36-43

- The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ-- He is Lord of all--
- That word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:
- How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
- We are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

AFTER THE BAPTIZM OF JOHN

READ: ACTS 10:36-43

- 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,
- 41 Not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.
- He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.
- To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.

AFTER THE BAPTIZM OF JOHN ACTS 10:36-43

GOD ANOINTED JESUS WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND WITH POWER.

WE ARE WITNESSES OF ALL THINGS WHICH HE DID.

GOD RAISED HIM UP AND SHOWED HIM OPENLY.

NOT TO ALL THE PEOPLE, BUT TO WITNESSES CHOSEN BEFORE OF GOD, EVEN TO US.

HE COMMANDED US TO PREACH AND TESTIFY TO THE PEOPLE THAT HE WAS ORDAINED OF GOD TO BE THE JUDGE OF QUICK AND DEAD.

WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL RECEIVE REMISSION OF SINS.

INDEED JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER READ: ACTS 11:15-17

- As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.
- Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- 17 If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?

JOHN INDEED BAPTIZED WITH WATER; BUT YOU SHALL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

JOHN PREACHED BAPTIZED OF REPENTANCE READ: ACTS 13:24-25

After John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

As John was finishing his course, he said, Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.

JOHN FIRST PREACHED THE COMING OF CHRIST AND THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE TO ALL THE PEOPLE.

JOHN FULFILLED HIS COURSE.
HE SAID, WHO DO YOU THINK THAT I AM? I AM NOT THE CHRIST.

UNTO WHAT WERE YOU BAPTIZED? READ: ACTS 19:1-5

- While Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples
- He said to them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? So they said to him, We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.
- He said to them, Into what then were you baptized? So they said, Into John's baptism.
- Paul said, John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
- When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

UNTO WHAT WERE YOU BAPTIZED? ACTS 19:1-5

UNTO WHAT THEN WERE YOU BAPTIZED? THEY SAID, UNTO JOHN'S BAPTISM

JOHN BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE,

SAYING TO THE PEOPLE:

THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE ON HIM WHICH SHOULD COME AFTER HIM, THAT IS, ON CHRIST JESUS.

WHEN THEY HEARD THIS:

THEY WERE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.

