

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –01/19/26

Matthew - Lesson 3
Matthew 3:1-17

1. Read Matthew 3:1-12, Luke 3:1-6. After 400 years of silence from God, who suddenly appeared on the scene? Where? What was his message? Why was he preaching? (Matthew 3:1-2, Luke 3:2)
2. According to v. 3, who was John the Baptist? How did he *prepare the way for the Lord*? What is the difference between regret and repentance? (v.8)
3. John isn't a particularly attractive person. Why did the people come to him? (see also 2 Kings 1:4-8, Malachi 4:4-6) How large an impact did he have?
4. How did John describe the Pharisees and Sadducees? Why did he have such harsh words for them? In what and/or whom were they trusting for their salvation? What warning does he give them? (v. 10)
5. How did John view Jesus? What distinctions did John make between his acts of baptism and that of the *one who is to come*? What do you think he meant? (see also Luke 3:15-18)
6. Read Matthew 3:13-17. Why did Jesus come to John? What was John's immediate response?
7. Why did Jesus, who was totally without sin, need to be baptized by John? How would you explain v. 15? What happened immediately afterward? (Also read Isaiah 11:1-3, 42:1-4)
8. Where is the doctrine of the Trinity clearly seen in this chapter?