

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Matthew 3:1 – 12**

*(Complete the following exercise to gain further insight into this passage of scripture.)*

1. According to Matthew 3:1 and 3:6, the ministry of John the Baptist consisted of two distinct things. What were they?
2. Where was the “pulpit” of John the Baptist located? (Matthew 3:1)
3. A portion of John the Baptist’s sermon is written in Matthew 3:2 and 3. What are the things that he encouraged the people to do?
4. In Matthew 3:3, how did John the Baptist describe himself?
5. What type of clothing did John the Baptist wear? (Matthew 3:4)
6. What type of food did he eat? (Matthew 3:4)
7. Who went to the wilderness to hear John the Baptist preach? (Matthew 3:5)
8. What was the two-fold response of the people to John the Baptist’s message of repentance? (Matthew 3:6)
9. According to Matthew 3:7, the religious leaders of John the Baptist’s day also came to the baptism.
  - a) What did he call them? (verse 7)
  - b) What did he tell them was coming? (verse 7)
  - c) What did he command them to do? (verse 8)
  - d) What words from verse 9 reveals that the religious leaders had a self-righteous attitude?
  - e) In verses 10 – 12, John the Baptist prophesied a message of judgment. What words support this?
10. John’s title was, “The Baptist.” Why do you think he was called “The Baptist?”
11. Define the following words:

a) Preach (verse 1)	f) Kingdom (verse 2)
b) Baptize (verse 6)	g) Heaven (verse 2)
c) Wilderness (verse 1)	h) Prophet (verse 3)
d) Region (verse 5)	i) Prepare (verse 3)
e) Repent (verse 2)	j) Straight (verse 3)
12. Luke chapter one also speaks of John the Baptist and tells us that he would minister in the same way as who in the Old Testament? (Luke 1:17)

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