

### The Father to the Son

**Mt 3:13-17** Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

**Mt 17:1-5** And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye him.***

### John the Baptist

#### Lu 1:8-17 Elisabeth and Zacharias

8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, 9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. 11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 14 And *thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. 16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, 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.*

## Luke 1:36-45 Mary and Elisabeth

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. 38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. 39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; 40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: 42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. 43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

*John was the forerunner to Jesus. We are to be forerunners to Jesus' second coming.*

**Mat 3:1-6** 1 In those days came John the Baptist, **preaching** (kēryssō) in the **wilderness** (erēmos) of Judaea,

2 And saying, **Repent** (metanoēō): for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye** (hetoimazō) **the way** (hodos) of the Lord, make his paths **straight** (euthys).

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. [speaks of humility\*] 5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, 6 And were **baptized** (baptizō) of him in Jordan, **confessing** (exomologeō ) their sins.

- Preaching - kēryssō - to proclaim after the manner of a herald; always with the
- suggestion of formality, gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed
- Wilderness - erēmos - solitary, lonely, desolate, uninhabited, lonely region; an uncultivated region fit for pasturage
- Repent - metanoēō; to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins
- Prepare ye - hetoimazō - to make the necessary preparations, get everything ready

- The way – hodos - a course of conduct; a way or manner of thinking, feeling, deciding
- Straight - euthys - straight forward, upright, true, sincere
- Baptizing – baptizō - to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
- Confession - exomologeō - to acknowledge openly and joyfully to one's honour: to celebrate, give praise to; to profess that one will do something, to promise, agree, engage

[\*] Mt 11:7-9 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, what went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

*What else did Jesus have to say about John the Baptist?*

Mt 11:10-19 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 11 Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force\*. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. 15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, 17 And saying, we have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented. 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. 19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

- Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man **presseth** into it. **biazō** - press, suffer violence. To use force, to apply force, to force, to inflict violence on

**Pleasing the Father. *How do we prepare for the hour at hand?***

John 4:34

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 5:30

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 6:38

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

John 6:40

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 7:16

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

John 8:29

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

John 12:44

44 -- Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

John 12:49

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

John 14:24

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

John 14:31

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

Matthew 26:42

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Luke 22:42

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.