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JOHN AND HIS BAPTISM

- 1. What Do We Mean?** (Mt 3:1, 5-6) *"In those days came _____ the _____, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea----Then went out to him _____, and _____ Judaea, and all the region _____ Jordan, and were _____ of him in Jordan, confessing their _____."* Here John, the near kinsman of Jesus, son of _____ and _____ (Lk 1:13), baptized fellow Jews in the _____ River. This was John's Baptism. Note: The people being baptized did not say they were "already saved" but confessed that they still had _____.
- 2. John's Baptism Was Specific** It was completely separate from all other baptisms mentioned in the Bible. John said: (Mt 3:11) *"I indeed _____ you with _____ unto _____."* Mark records (1:4) that *"John did baptize in the _____, and preach the baptism of _____ for the _____ of sins."* John's Baptism was to prepare Jews for the Christian Age.
- 3. A Brief Update** We infer from Luke's account that John was born about _____ months (Lk 1:36) before Jesus. Their mothers were _____. (Lk 1:80) *"And the child _____, and waxed _____ in spirit, and was in the _____ till the day of his _____ unto Israel."* John's ministry was in the wilderness of Southern Judea and partly in the Jordan valley. Bethabara (Jn 1:28) and Aenon near Salim (Jn 3:23) are places mentioned.
- 4. John's Ministry** It began in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar (Luke 3:1-3) which was A.D. 26 or 27. Jesus was baptized by John (Mt 3:13-16) *"to _____ all righteousness."* In (Mt 3:11) John said, *"He that _____ after _____ is mightier than I."* John's ministry preceded and over-lapped (Jn 3:22-24) that of Jesus. In (Mt 4:12-17) we find *"when Jesus had heard that John was _____ into _____, he departed into Galilee."* In (V17) it is recorded that *"from that time Jesus began to _____, and to say, _____: for the kingdom of heaven is _____."*
- 5. Why John Didn't Baptize Jesus** (Mt 3:13-15) *"Then cometh Jesus from _____ to _____ unto John, to be _____ of him."* The purpose wasn't remission of sins as (Heb 4:15) Jesus was *"yet _____ sins."* It wasn't for church membership as he (Mt 16:18) had yet to announce, *"I will _____ my _____."* The claims of modern religionists miss the Bible mark.
- 6. Why Jesus Was Baptized** John said: (Mt 3:14) *"I have _____ to be baptized of thee, and thou _____ me?"* Jesus submitted to baptism for God to publicly approve him and to become (1 Pet 2:21-22) *"an _____, that ye should _____ his _____."* Jesus told John: (Mt 3:15) *"Thus it becometh us to _____ all _____."*
- 7. Jesus Did Not Personally Baptize** This fact is plain. (Jn 4:2) *"(Though Jesus himself baptized _____, but his _____.)"* Paul later made a point, in a lesser but very pronounced way, that (1 Cor 1:17) *"Christ sent me _____ baptize, but to _____ the _____."* Unlike Jesus, Paul did do limited baptizing (V14, 16) but added (V15) it was *"lest any should say that I had baptized in _____."* Jesus did not want to detract from the validity of *"John's baptism."*