

## LESSON 4

# JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY AND JESUS' BAPTISM

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## John the Baptist Prepares the Way

### 1. John lived a simple life.

#### Matthew 3:4

"Now John himself was clothed in \_\_\_\_\_, with a \_\_\_\_\_ around his waist; and his food was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

### 2. The work of John the Baptist.

#### Matthew 3:5-6

"Then \_\_\_\_\_, all \_\_\_\_\_, and all the region around the \_\_\_\_\_ went out to him and were \_\_\_\_\_ by him in the \_\_\_\_\_, confessing their sins."

### 3. John shows his humility.

#### Luke 3:16

"But One \_\_\_\_\_ than I is coming, whose \_\_\_\_\_ strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

### Understanding the Difference Between John's Baptism and Water Baptism

4. John's baptism is a baptism of \_\_\_\_\_. It cannot wash away our \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Those who were baptized by John needed to be baptized again after Jesus died for us. Acts 19:4-5 records:
 

*"Then Paul said, 'John indeed baptized with a baptism of \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_."*
6. The water baptism received after \_\_\_\_\_ died and shed His \_\_\_\_\_ has the power to wash away our sins.
7. Jesus' baptism also showed His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God and to the ministry of John the Baptist. Jesus still had a fleshly body, which showed the humanity of Jesus.

ONLY WATER BAPTISM HAS THE  
**POWER** TO WASH AWAY SINS.

**Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs**

**Water baptism is required for the remission of sins.**

John the Baptist was an important, yet humble, worker of God. In your own words, describe what being humble means.

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What do you think the opposite of being humble is? Can you describe it?

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**The Importance of Water Baptism**

Read the verses below and match the verses to each reason for why we should receive baptism. Some reasons may have more than one verse.

- Acts 2:38
- 1 Peter 3:21
- Mark 16:16
- Acts 22:16
- John 3:5
- Galatians 3:27
- Romans 6:4

1. To Be Cleansed \_\_\_\_\_

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2. To Be Saved \_\_\_\_\_

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3. To Enter God's Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_

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4. To Receive a New Life \_\_\_\_\_

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5. To Put On Christ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Testimony

### **I Witnessed the Lord's Blood**

April 9th, 1989 was a day in my life that I'll never forget. That afternoon, the True Jesus Church in Ma-Dou prepared to baptize 14 truth seekers at the conclusion of an evangelistic event. The baptism was to be held in the ocean at a nearby beach. Because I had heard about the trick of using red ink, I tagged along out of curiosity to watch the baptism. When everyone had finished singing hymns, I left the group and went further up shore. I found a nice open spot where I could closely observe every detail.

After those who were to receive baptism changed into white robes, they began to walk into the ocean one by one. The baptist, Pastor Chen, was holding a brand new white towel without any sign of red ink in his hands. As the first sister began to be baptized, the seawater around her suddenly changed into a deep shade of red. Were my eyes playing tricks on me? The rest of the ocean appeared a deep turquoise blue against the vast blue sky. How strange! How was it that only the water surrounding her remained deep red?

I rubbed my eyes and watched intently as the second, third, and succeeding persons were baptized. Remarkably, this vision continued with each baptism. More interestingly, when an infant was immersed in the ocean, the color turned into a lighter shade of red. It then immediately changed back to deep red when it was an adult's turn. After the fourteenth person was baptized, the crimson color disappeared and the water was restored to its former turquoise blue.

At that moment, it dawned on me that the Lord Jesus had opened my eyes and allowed me to witness how His precious blood cleanses away all our sins in order for us to inherit God's kingdom. Then I lifted up my head and cried out to God, "Oh, Lord, forgive me! I now know You love the people of the world deeply. For our sake You were crucified and bled to wash the world's sins away. Those who believe and are baptized will be saved." On the way home, I couldn't help shedding many tears of thanksgiving. On the thirtieth day of the same month, I received the baptism of regeneration in Tainan, Taiwan.

Since then, I've come to realize that the key to the grace of the Lord is whether one believes. It is my sincere hope that through this personal experience of mine everyone will come to know that the True Jesus Church indeed has God's abidance. May all the glory be given to the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven. Amen.

- 1. From this testimony, we know that the blood of Christ is present in the water during baptism. How should we live our lives after we are baptized? Give some examples.**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. God loved us so much that He sent His only Son to this world to die for us. List the things that you are thankful for. Make a determination to thank God in your prayer every night before you go to bed.**

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# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Please put a checkmark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

**Prayer:** Please put a checkmark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read							
Pray							

## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Mark 16:15)**

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**Instructions:** Answer the following questions or fill in the blanks.

1. What was John the Baptist's mission?

2. This verse emphasizes the difference between John's baptism and water baptism.

*"I indeed baptize you with water; but One \_\_\_\_\_ than I is coming, whose \_\_\_\_\_ strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." (Luke 3:16)*

3. What happened during the baptism of Jesus?

4. How should we live our lives after baptism?