



Matthew 3

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Jesus Is Baptized by John

¹³ At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He came to John and wanted John to baptize him. ¹⁴ But John tried to stop him. John said, "Why do you come to me to be baptized? I should be baptized by you!"

¹⁵ Jesus answered, "Let it be this way for now. We should do all things that are right." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.

¹⁶ Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water. Heaven opened, and he saw God's Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹⁷ And a voice spoke from heaven. The voice said, "This is my Son and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. ² Jesus ate nothing for 40 days and nights. After this, he was very hungry. ³ The devil came to Jesus to tempt him. The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'A person does not live only by eating bread. But a person lives by everything the Lord says.'"^[a]

⁵ Then the devil led Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem. He put Jesus on a very high place of the Temple. ⁶ The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off. It is written in the Scriptures,



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'He has put his angels in charge of you.
They will catch you with their hands.
And you will not hit your foot on a rock.'" Psalm 91:11-12

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It also says in the Scriptures, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'"^[b]

⁸ Then the devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and all the great things that are in those kingdoms. ⁹ The devil said, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things."

¹⁰ Jesus said to the devil, "Go away from me, Satan! It is written in the Scriptures, 'You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only him!'"^[c]

¹¹ So the devil left Jesus. And then some angels came to Jesus and helped him.

Jesus Begins Work in Galilee

¹² Jesus heard that John had been put in prison. So Jesus went back to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and went and lived in Capernaum, a town near Lake Galilee. Capernaum is in the area near Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴ Jesus did this to make true what the prophet Isaiah said:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali
are on the way to the sea.
They are along the Jordan River.
This is Galilee where the non-Jewish people live.

¹⁶ These people who live in darkness
will see a great light.
They live in a place that is very dark.
But a light will shine on them." Isaiah 9:1-2

Jesus Chooses Some Followers

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Change your hearts and lives, because the kingdom of heaven is coming soon."



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