

"The Ministry of John the Baptist" Pt.3

Matthew 3:6-11; Luke 3:7-17

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A. The Uniqueness of John the Baptist

1. The Uniqueness of his _____

* He has two tasks:

- a. To _____ the people for the Messiah;
- b. To _____ the Messiah to the people.

2. The Uniqueness of his _____

- * What was his message?
- * Who was John preaching to?

3. The Uniqueness of his _____

- * John challenged the _____ regarding their repentance
- * John's challenge included the request to "*bear fruits worthy of repentance*;" _____ to be saved, but to demonstrate the _____ of their salvation.
- * What objection did John anticipate from the religious leaders?

4. The Uniqueness of his _____

- * The Lord would _____ Israel as a fruitless tree, unless the Jews _____ and started bearing "the fruits of repentance."

- * How did those who believed John's message respond?

- * To those who were sincere in his audience, John recommended _____ their possessions with those in need. (v. 11, cf. Gal. 5:22-23; James 2:14-18)

- * Two specific _____ that were scorned by your average citizen felt the weight of guilt and came to John for spiritual guidance

- * What group of people didn't ask John what they should do?

- * What is the primary objective of the preacher of Christ?

- * What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- * What is the baptism of fire?

- * What does this mean to you?