

THE DIVINE INTRODUCTIONS OF JESUS

Mathew 3:1-17, John 1:29-34

1. Share a new person, place, or activity you hope to be introduced to this summer.
2. Before Jesus began His public ministry, God anointed a man to prepare the way for Him. Read Matthew 3:1-6 and list all you learn about this man.

WHO:

WHAT:

WHERE:

WHEN:

WHY:

3. How does John compare his ministry with the ministry of the coming Messiah in Matthew 3:11-12?
4. Read Matthew 3:13-15. What can we learn about Jesus' character when considering John's protest? Also read 1 John 3:5.

How does Jesus explain His desire for baptism?

5. Read about Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3:16-17. If you were a newspaper reporter, what would you title this amazing moment?

Consider God's introduction of Jesus at His baptism. What are the truths we learn about God's relationship with Jesus?

6. John the Baptist gave the world an amazing introduction of Jesus after His baptism. Read John 1:29-31 along with Hebrews 10:11-12. What would Jesus later accomplish by becoming our sacrificial Lamb?
7. Read 1 John 2:1-6. What is the work the Lamb of God continues to do? How should we respond?

What part of this story particularly spoke to your heart? Why?

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JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY

Matthew 3:1-12

John was Israel’s last prophet, commissioned by God to prepare their hearts for the Messiah.

John entreated Israel to return to God, so they would be ready for God’s coming reign.

The Jews demonstrated their repentance through John’s baptism of cleansing.

Jesus would baptize believers with His Spirit and unbelievers with His judgment.

_____ *your dependence on your personal righteousness and rely on the mercies of Jesus.*

AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE FATHER

Matthew 3:13-17

The obedient steps Jesus took toward his baptism would one day lead to the cross.

John realized that Jesus was wholly different from the sinners that flocked to him for baptism.

Jesus fulfilled all righteousness at His baptism by:

1- _____ with sinners. 2- _____ His destiny. 3- _____ His identity from heaven.

The Trinity was involved at Jesus’ baptism, anointing and affirming Jesus’ calling.

God introduced Jesus as His beloved Son with whom He was well pleased. We learn:
Jesus always existed with God. Jesus has a loving, obedient relationship with His Father.

When you have doubts about God’s love for you, _____ why He sent the Son He loved.

AN INTRODUCTION FROM JOHN

John 1:29-34

John introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

In one remarkable sentence, John summarized the redemptive program revealed in God’s Word.

The Old Testament question is “Where is the lamb?”

The New Testament answer is “Behold, the Lamb of God.”

As our Lamb, Jesus bore the punishment God’s justice demands.

Seeing the Spirit descend on Jesus, John could testify to the deity of Jesus Christ.

You have witnessed the reality of God’s Spirit in your own life. Boldly _____ others to Jesus.

Our Favorite Stories – The Divine Introductions of Jesus

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MATTHEW 11:9, 13-14 “What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet...For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.”

TITUS 3:4-6 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior...

JOHN 10:17-18 “For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

MARK 10:45 “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

ISAIAH 11:1-2 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

ISAIAH 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GENESIS 22:7-8a And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”

HEBREWS 10:11-12, 14 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.