

The Gospel of Luke CH: 3&4

Luke

Introduction

1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled^a among us, ²just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and

prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. ¹⁴He will bring joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will never take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. ¹⁶Many of Israel will he bring back

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The Birth of

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent to a town of Galilee, ²⁷and he visited a woman who had been married to a man of the name of Darius. ²⁸Her name was Mary, and she was betrothed to a man of the name of Joseph.

²⁹When the angel appeared to her, she was troubled and wondered what he meant by saying this to her.

³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God."

³¹Then the angel said to her, "Behold, you are with child and will bear a son. He will be called the name of the Son of God."

³²And she will bear him and will be called the Holy Child."

³³When she heard this, she was troubled and thought about these things, and she was afraid.

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John the Baptist's Prophecy

Jewish authorities in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask John the Baptist who he was. They thought he was a prophet like Elijah. John replied:

Luke 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.”^[a]

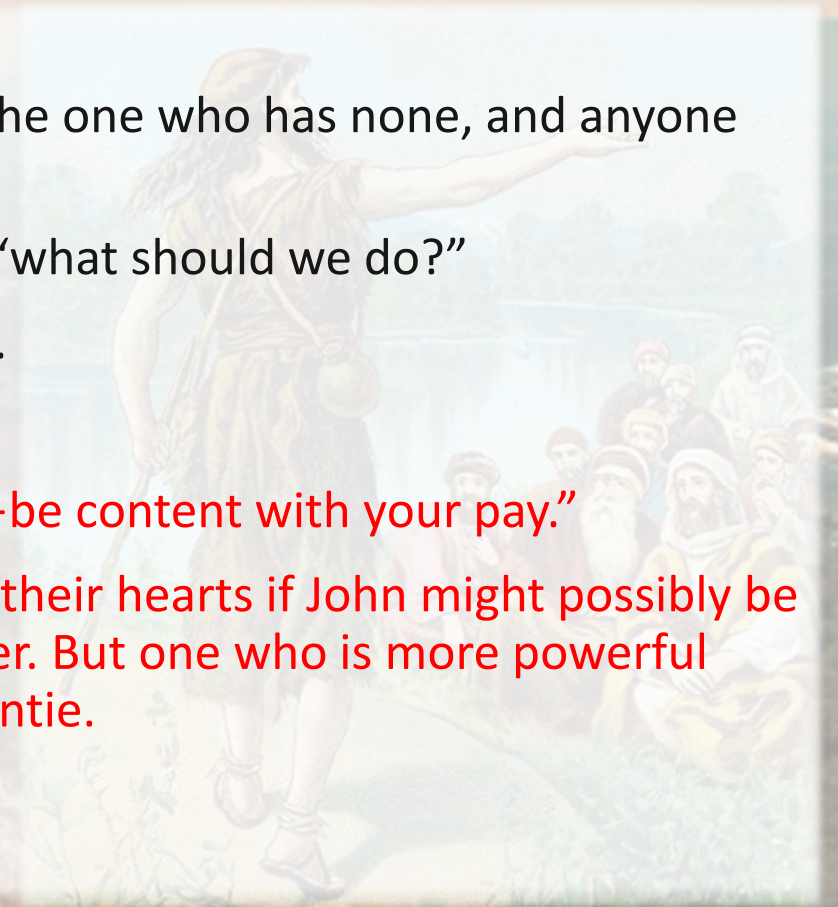
John then baptized Jesus in the Jordan river. Do you know what happened when he did this?



People Follow John's Teachings

The crowd asked for John's instruction:

- **Luke 3: 10** "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.
- **11** John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."
- **12** Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"
- **13** "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.
- **14** Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"
- He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."
- **15** The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. **16** John answered them all, "I baptize you with^[b] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.



John the Baptist Thrown in Jail

Luke 3: 19 But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.



Jesus Call the 12 Apostles

- **The Twelve Apostles**
- **Luke 4:** ¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: ¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Do you remember some of the jobs of the 12 apostles?



Jesus rejected by his own people

Jesus grew up in Nazareth and had at least 4 brothers and 2 sisters. People knew him and his family well. But Jesus came back to Nazareth to tell the people, that he came to fulfill the prophecy of the coming messiah. He was nervous about how they would react to His message...

- **Luke 4:** ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:
- ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."²⁰

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.



Jesus Rejected in His Home Town



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Questions For Review

- What people accepted John and Jesus' teachings?
 - Strangers
 - Ordinary, everyday people
 - People like you and me
- What people decided to reject John and Jesus' teachings?
 - People who knew Jesus growing up
 - Religious leaders
 - King Herod
- What do you think about this?