

Jesus' First Day of Ministry **September 19, 2021**

Matthew 3:1-2, *“Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*”

Isaiah 40:3, *“A voice is calling, “Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.”*”

Matthew 3:3, *“For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, make His paths straight!’”*”

Matthew 3:5-6, *“Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; ⁶ and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.”*

Matthew 3:7-10, *“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

⁸ Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; ⁹ and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Matthew 3:11-12, *“As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”*

Fire: of earthly fire, as an important element in creation.

Matthew 3:13-15, *“Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him.”*

Mark 1:1, *“The BEGINNING of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”*

Leviticus 8:6-7, *“Moses had Aaron and his sons come near and washed them with water. He put the tunic on him...and clothed him with the robe...”*

Leviticus 8:12, *“Moses poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him, to consecrate him.”*

Matthew 3:16-17, *“After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”*

Hebrews 4:14, *“...we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God.”*

1 Peter 2:9, *“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of God.”*

Revelation 1:5-6, *“Jesus Christ, the faithful witness...to Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood...has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”*