

Harmony of the Words and Works of Jesus Christ

Lesson #4- The Role of John the Baptist- Sections 20-23

Video Study- start of session #2 video on line from DTS

1:08 -Zechariah was a priest and functioned in the temple, John (circle)**did (not)** follow in his father's footsteps to learn to be a priest.

3:28-John proclaimed "Repent for the _____ of heaven is at hand"

3:40-God ruled Israel through the patriarchs, _____ and kings.

5:11-John the Baptist called on the people to _____

5:23-Moses laid down the principle by which God would deal with His people.

Obedience will bring _____ and Disobedience will bring _____.

6:35- Moses laid down how a disobedient people might experience the blessings from God again. They would have to _____. And God promised that He would _____ to them and pour out _____.

9:30- As John begins his ministry, the people are suffering under the crushing bondage of Rome. They are crying for a _____ and John has announced that the kingdom is at hand. But John tells the people that before they can enter those blessings of the kingdom they must _____.

12:40- Baptism severed the individual from his old relationships and introduced him into a new _____. Baptism signifies a change of _____

14:28- John called the Pharisees a brood of _____. This shocked the self-righteous Pharisees who because they were _____ descendants considered themselves sons of _____. They considered that God _____ them and that God's purposes could not be fulfilled apart from them. John reminded them that God was able out of the stones to raise up seed to Abraham. God did not _____ them.

15:23- The people who had been called to repentance asked John to explain how they would demonstrate a true _____.

15:45- Acts of mercy were acts of _____ according to the Old Testament.

16:25- Words of repentance were not _____

18:01- The indwelling _____ would be a permanent sign of identification with Jesus Christ.

18:27-John reminded the people that Messiah would also identify with _____.

18:54- John preached the good news to them. The good news was the kingdom of Heaven is _____. Messiah has _____

Discussion Questions

1. 3 gospel writers relate John to the prophetic program revealed in Isaiah 40. Notice it says “a voice of one calling in the desert” and John was in the Desert of Judea. What is significant about **the location** of John the Baptist’s ministry in the wilderness rather than in the temple in Jerusalem?
2. What is **the role** of John the Baptist according to Malachi 3:1 which is quoted in Mark 1:2 & Isaiah 40:3-5 and in Luke 3:4?
3. The basic meaning of baptism is identification. The people who came to John identified themselves as _____ who wanted to be identified with the _____. Why did the religious leaders reject John’s baptism?
4. What do you think John the Baptist meant by “repent” (2Chronicles 7:14)? What did he mean by “the kingdom is near”? (2 Samuel 7:16)
5. In Psalm 89:3-4 God promises that David’s descendent would sit on David’s throne forever. Who is the fulfillment of Psalm 89:3-4?
6. In Luke 3:10-14, John the Baptist gives practical acts of repentance to different people in different situations. Can you recall a time in your life when the Lord has asked you to do practical acts of repentance?
7. John was quick to point out that he was not the Messiah and that his identifying sign of water was only a temporary sign. What permanent identifying sign that was predicted in the OT (Ez. 36:26-27 & Joel 2) that the Messiah would give to His people (Mark 1:7-8)?