

Treasure Hunt

- Why did John wear rough clothing and eat locusts and wild honey?
- Why did John baptize in the wilderness instead of in the cities?
- What OT story explains the significance of baptism in the Jordan?
- Compare and contrast the baptism of John and Christian baptism.
- Why did the Pharisees and Sadducees come together to see John?
- How is John's speech to the Jewish rulers an example for us?

John and Elijah

Prophesied:

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Similar appearance:

2Ki 1:8 And they answered him, *He was* an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It *is* Elijah the Tishbite.

Sudden appearance:

1Ki 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Identified by our Lord:

Mat 11:14 if ye will receive *it*, this is Elias, which was for to come.

John in the Wilderness

Mat 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching **in the wilderness** of Judaea,

Mat 3:4 **his meat** was locusts and wild honey. 5 **Then went out to him** Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

Eze 20:34 I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. 35 And I **will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you** face to face. 36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: 38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Baptism in the Jordan

Jewish ceremonial washings?

- Repeated vs. once
- Prepared pool vs. river

Naaman the Syrian

2Ki 5:10 Go and **wash** in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be **clean**.

2Ki 5:14 Then went he down, and **dipped** [LXX βαπτίζω] himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was **clean**.



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Qumran

John's Baptism and Christian Baptism

They are different:

Act 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Different **authority**:

Joh 1:33 but **he that sent me** to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Mat 28:19 [**Jesus** said,] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Additional **significance**:

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are **buried** with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his resurrection*:

3:7 “the Pharisees and Sadducees come...”

John 2-3, temple cleansing vs. Nicodemus “Thou art a teacher come from God”

Mat 22:34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

Act 23:6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. 7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. 8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. 9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God. 10 And when there arose a great dissension,

Shared motive: discredit John, who challenged them both.

Joh 1:19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

Serpents and Abraham

	Matt 3	John 8
True ancestry	v. 7 generation of vipers	v. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. v. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.
Claimed ancestry	v. 9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father:	v. 33 We be Abraham's seed v. 39 Abraham is our father. v. 41 we have one Father, even God

v. 7, Flee from the Wrath to Come

Paul's summary of the kingdom:

Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to **repent**: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will **judge** the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained;

Isaiah's principle:

Isa 26:9 when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Noah's example:

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.