

A scenic view of a rugged mountain peak, likely in a national park, with a forested base and a blue sky with light clouds. The mountain is the central focus, with its rocky, layered structure clearly visible. The foreground is filled with green trees, and the sky is a mix of blue and white clouds.

**BAPTISM OF JOHN**  
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# **BAPTISM OF JOHN**

**WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?**

**MATTHEW 21:23-27 (NIV)**

**MARK 11:28-33 (NIV)**

**LUKE 20:2-7 (NIV)**

# **BAPTISM OF JOHN WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?**

## **MATTHEW 21:23-27**

**23** When Jesus came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?

**24** Jesus said to them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things:

**25** The baptism of John-- where was it from? From heaven or from men? They reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say, From heaven, He will say to us, Why then did you not believe him?



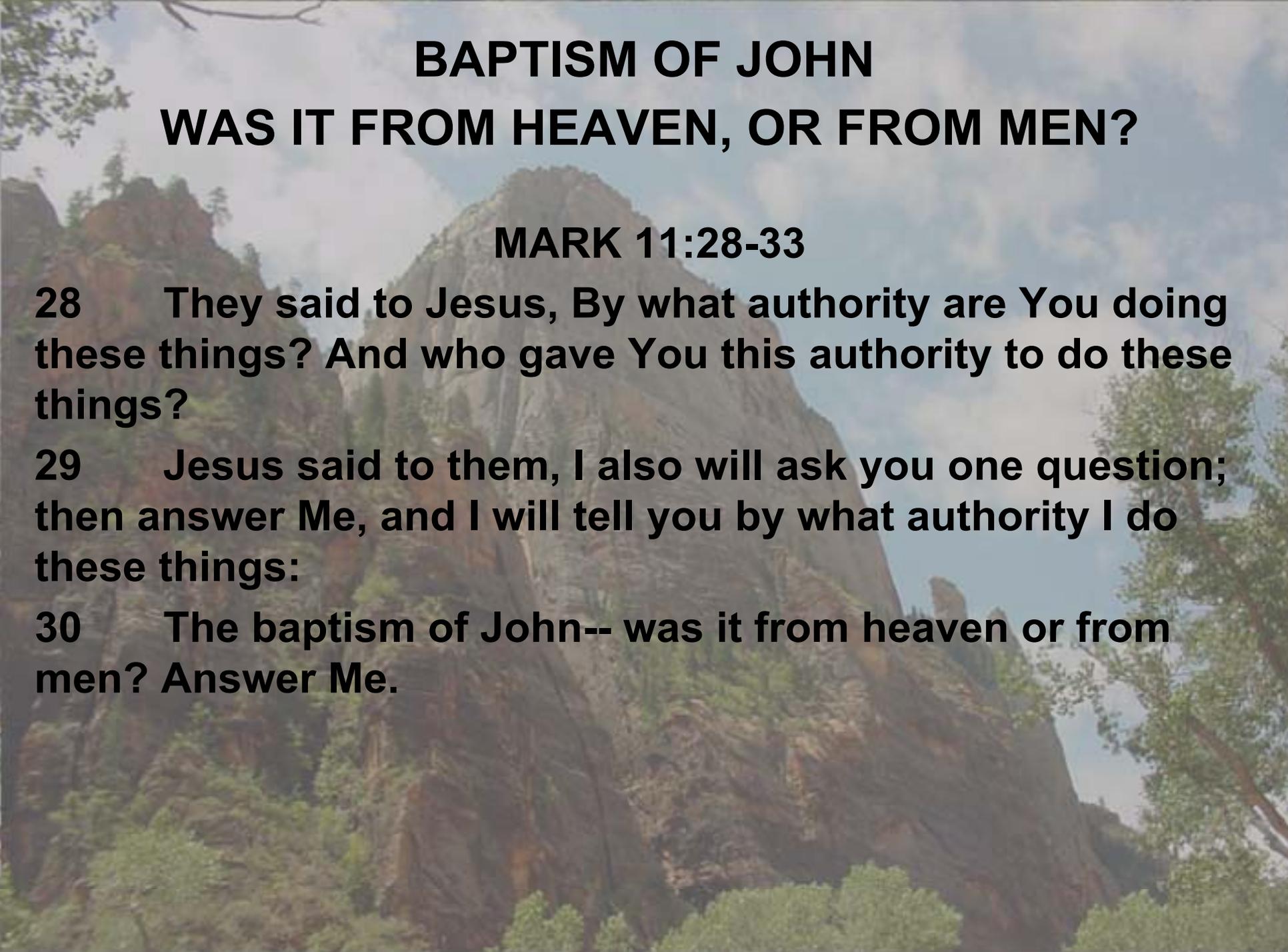
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## **WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?**

### **MATTHEW 21:23-27**

**26 But if we say, From men, we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet.**

**27 So they said to Him, We do not know. He said to them, Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.**



# **BAPTISM OF JOHN**

## **WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?**

**MARK 11:28-33**

**28 They said to Jesus, By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?**

**29 Jesus said to them, I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things:**

**30 The baptism of John-- was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.**

# **BAPTISM OF JOHN**

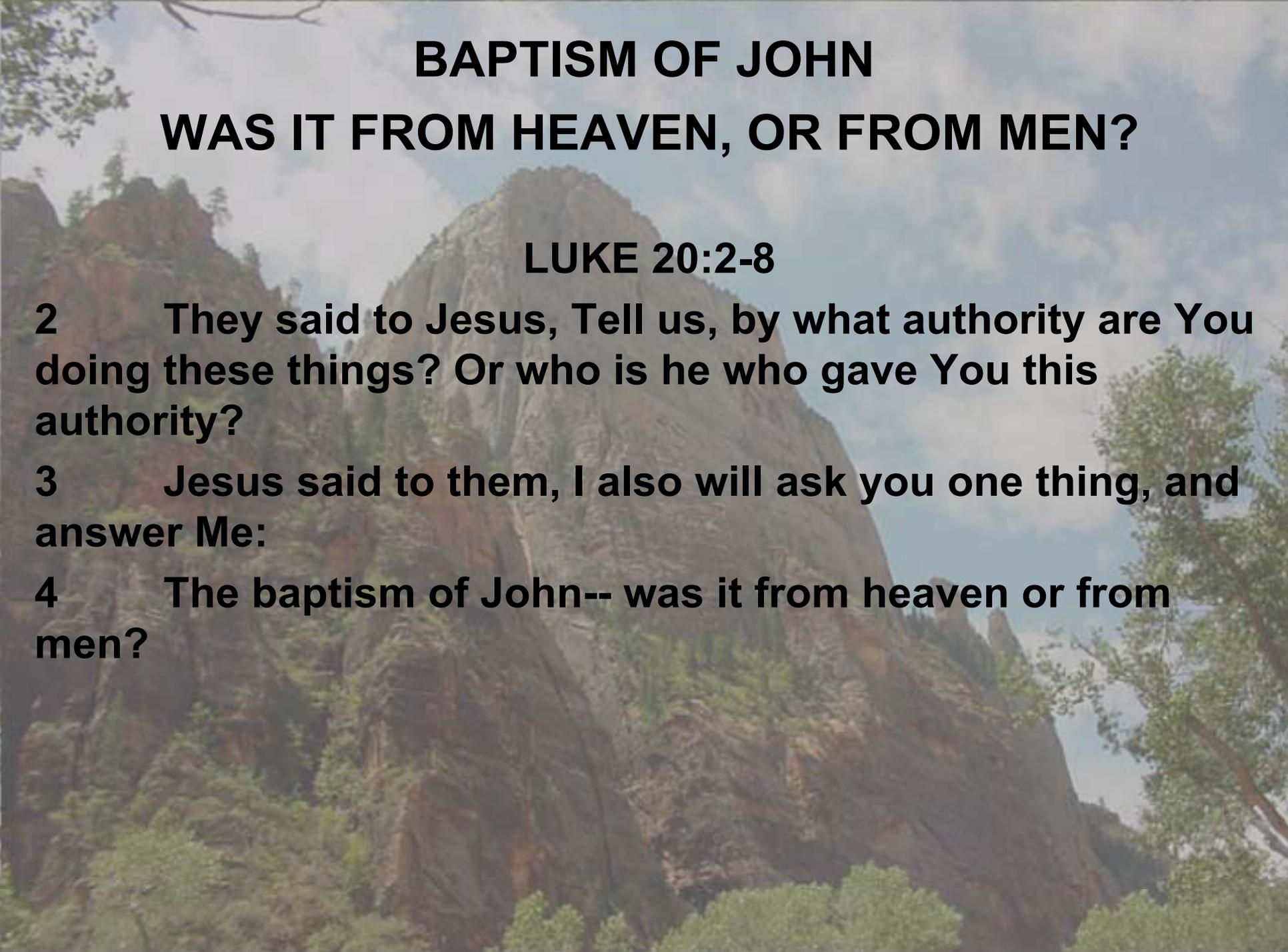
## **WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?**

**MARK 11:28-33**

**31 They reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say, From heaven, He will say, Why then did you not believe him?**

**32 But if we say, From men--they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed.**

**33 So they said to Jesus, We do not know. And Jesus answered and said to them, Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.**



# **BAPTISM OF JOHN**

## **WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?**

**LUKE 20:2-8**

**2 They said to Jesus, Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?**

**3 Jesus said to them, I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me:**

**4 The baptism of John-- was it from heaven or from men?**

# **BAPTISM OF JOHN**

## **WAS IT FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?**

**LUKE 20:2-8**

**5 They reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say, From heaven, He will say, Why then did you not believe him?**

**6 But if we say, From men, all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.**

**7 So they said they did not know where it was from.**

**8 Jesus said to them, Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.**

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH?

## MARK 1:1-8

- 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**
- 2 As it is written in the Prophets: Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.**
- 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.**
- 4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.**

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH?

## MARK 1:1-8

**6** John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

**7** He preached, saying, There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

**8** I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH

## MATTHEW 3:1-12

- 1** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
- 2** Saying, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!
- 3** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.
- 4** John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- 5** Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him
- 6** And were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.
- 7** When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH

## MATTHEW 3:1-12

8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

9 Do not think to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH

## LUKE 3:2-18

**2** While Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

**3** He went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,

**4** As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

**5** Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth;

**6** All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH

## LUKE 3:2-18

**7** He said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

**8** Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

**9** Even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

**10** The people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH

## LUKE 3:2-18

**11** He said to them, He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.

**12** The tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, Teacher, what shall we do?

**13** He said to them, Collect no more than what is appointed for you.

**14** Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, And what shall we do? So he said to them, Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH

## LUKE 3:2-18

**15** As the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not,

**16** John answered, I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**17** His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.

**18** With many other exhortations he preached to the people.

# WHAT DID JOHN PREACH

**MATTHEW 3:2**

**"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven at hand"**

**MATTHEW 3:3**

**"Prepare the Way for the Lord"**

**MATTHEW 3:11**

**"I Baptize you with Water unto Repentance"**

**MARK 1:4 LUKE 3:3**

**"Baptism of Repentance for the Remission of Sins"**

# WHAT DID JOHN WANT THEM TO DO

**"Believe the Message and Repent"**

**JOHN PREACHED:**

**"The Baptism of Repentance  
For the Remission of Sins"**

**MARK 1:4 LUKE 3:3**

**WHAT DID THEY DO?**

**"Confessing their sins, they were baptized"**

**MARK 1:5**

**WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF JOHN'S PREACHING?**

**"Their Sins Were Forgiven"**

**MARK 1:4 LUKE 3:3**

# **“All Mankind Will See God's Salvation” LUKE 3:6**

## **PATTERN OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION**

**HEAR BELIEVE REPENT CONFESS BE BAPTIZED**

**HEAR: WHAT DID THEY HEAR:**

**“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand” MATTHEW 3:2**

**BELIEVE: DID THEY BELIEVE THE MESSAGE?**

**REPENT: DID THEY REPENT?**

**CONFESS: WHAT DID THEY CONFESS?**

**“They Confessed Their Sins” MARK 1:5**

**BAPTIZED: WHY WERE THEY BAPTIZED?**

**“I Baptize you with Water for Repentance” MATTHEW 3:11**

**WHAT WERE THEY BAPTIZED FOR?**

**“For the Forgiveness of Sins” MARK 1:4 LUKE 3:3**

# WHO WAS APOLLOS?

## ACTS 18:24-28

**24** A certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

**25** Apollos had been instructed in the way of the Lord. Being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

**26** He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

**27** When he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;

**28** For he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

# DESCRIBE APOLLOS

**He was a Jew from Alexandria.**

**ACTS 18:24**

**He was a Learned Man  
with Knowledge of the Scriptures.**

**ACTS 18:24**

**He was instructed in the way of the Lord.**

**ACTS 18:25**

**He taught about Jesus accurately.**

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**But he knew only the Baptism of John.**

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**Priscilla and Aquila explained to him  
the way of God more accurately.**

**ACTS 18:26**

# **INTO WHAT WERE YOU BAPTIZED?**

## **ACTS 19:1-5**

- 1 While Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples**
- 2 He said to them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? So they said to him, We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.  
He said to them, Into what then were you baptized? So they said, Into John's baptism.**
- 4 Then Paul said, John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.**
- 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

# PAUL AT EPHESUS

Paul Found Some Disciples at Ephesus

ACTS 19:1

He asked them:

ACTS 19:2

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They said:

ACTS 19:2

"No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit"

He asked them:

ACTS 19:3

"Then what baptism did you receive"

They said: "Into John's baptism"

ACTS 19:3

# PAUL AT EPHESUS

Then Paul said:

ACTS 19:4

**"John's baptism was a baptism of repentance."**

**"And He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus"**

The result on hearing this:

ACTS 19:4

**"They were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus"**

**WHAT DID THIS BAPTISM DO FOR THEM?**

**WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF JOHN?**

