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The Baptism of Jesus

The news went through the land of Israel that a prophet had risen up and was preaching the word of God. For more than four hundred years God had not sent a prophet to his people. The new prophet was John, the son of the old priest Zechariah. From all parts of the land people came to the wild region beside the river Jordan, where John was preaching the word of God and the coming of the Messiah.

John was baptizing in the river Jordan, he poured water over the head of those who were sorry for their sins. This was a sign of their hope to be cleansed of all sins, because of this he was called "John the Baptist." John did not confer the sacrament of Baptism, for our Lord had not yet instituted it.

Many who heard John believed him to be a great prophet, and other thought he was the promised Redeemer.

But John said "I baptize you with water. But One greater than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire." In these words, he spoke of Jesus Christ.

One day Jesus-himself came to John, at once John knew that he was the Son of God. He refused to pour water over him. He said to Jesus, "It is I who ought to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered, "Let it be so now, for it is fitting that I should do all things that are right."

Then John baptized Jesus in the Jordan, as he had baptized others. And as Jesus came up out of the water and was praying, John saw above the head of Jesus the heavens opening and the Holy Spirit coming down like a dove and resting upon him, And John heard a voice from heaven saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

And then John knew and told others that this was the Son of God, the Christ who promised to send to the people.

CHAPTER 10: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.

- 1) WHO WAS THE PROPHET GOD SENT AFTER 400 YEARS?**

- 2) WHERE DID JOHN PERFORM BAPTISMS?**

- 3) WHAT DID JOHN SAY WHILE PERFORMING BAPTISMS?**

- 4) WHY DIDN'T JOHN WANT TO BAPTIZE JESUS?**

- 5) WHAT DID JOHN SEE WHILE BAPTIZING JESUS?**

- 6) WHAT DID JOHN HEAR WHILE BAPTIZING JESUS?**

7) HOW WOULD FEEL IF YOU SEEN WHAT JOHN DID?

