

Matthew 3

3:1-12 – Introduction to John the Baptist.

John was the last of the Old Testament prophets.

John's primary message was repentance.

John's disciples responded by confessing sins.

Remember Joseph's dream: "He will save His people from their sins. (1:21)

Unlike John baptism with water, "...He who is coming after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

3:11-17 – The baptism of *Jesus of Nazareth.*

Jesus needed to be baptized, not because He had original sin, or had sinned, but to affirm the message of *John the Baptist.*