

Luke Bible Study

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus

Read: Chapter 3:1-17

1. Who was governor of Judea in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar?
 - a. Herod the Great
 - b. Phillip
 - c. Pontius Pilate
2. Who were the High Priests in Judea at this time?
 - a. Joseph and Simeon
 - b. Annas and Caiaphas
 - c. Zecharias and David
3. John was in the wilderness when the Word of God came to him. Where did he go and what did he do?
 - a. He went to the region around the Jordan; preaching repentance
 - b. He went to the temple courts in Jerusalem, preaching repentance
 - c. He went to the king and preached retribution for sin
4. What prophecy did John fulfill? Why is this important ***note**
 - a. Isaiah 40:3-5 It demonstrates that scripture speaks Truth
 - b. Isaiah 42:6-9 God tells us important things before they happen
 - c. Isaiah 53:3-6 The Bible tells us how to recognize fulfillment of prophecy
5. John baptized them and told them to bear fruit or do the works that prove they have repented. He told them that the ax is laid to the root of the trees. What did he say happens to the trees that don't bear good fruit?
 - a. They are replaced by others who will bear good fruit
 - b. They are cut down and thrown into the fire
 - c. They are given time to see if the bad fruit is replaced with good

Note - This is an allegory which is comparing the people to a fruit tree. Some of the people wanted to be baptized so they would not go to Hell but did not want to change their lives and how they lived them. How about you? Repentance means turning away from evil and worthless things and seeking to do justice and right things. If repentance is real then the lives will show a difference by the way the people live and treat others, and in their response to the calling of God to reverence Him alone.

6. When the people asked "What shall we do?" They showed how little they knew about God and the justice and righteousness He desired from them. Similar to us today when we say we don't know the Will of God. In reality we do know right and wrong but choose to play ignorant and do our own thing. What did John tell them to do? Sounds like something we should do.
 - a. Just do what you think is right and sounds good at the time
 - b. Give to those who have not, don't cheat others, don't hurt others
 - c. Obey when you can do enough to balance the bad
7. The people were wondering if John was the coming Messiah Christ and he responded warning them. What did John tell them?
 - a. I indeed _____ you with _____, but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will _____ you with the _____ and _____.
8. John finished by warning them with many exhortations [telling them how to change] The coming One would clean out those on the threshing floor [where the wheat is beaten off the stalk and the left over thrown away] What happens then?
 - a. Unquenchable fire burns up the chaff [left over]
 - b. It is thrown out for the birds to eat
 - c. It is all gathered in the barn for later

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Herod puts John in Prison – Jesus baptized by John

Read: Chapter 3:19-21

9. Herod put John in prison because John rebuked or corrected Herod for his taking his brother Phillip's wife as his own and for the evil things he was doing. What was the woman's name that Herod took and that caused John to be imprisoned?
 - a. Anna
 - b. Herodias
 - c. Mary
10. When Jesus came and was baptized by John in the Jordan. What happened to show John this was the One?
 - a. Heaven was opened, the Holy Spirit came on him like a dove
 - b. A voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son"
 - c. The river parted and the people crossed over

The Ancestors of Jesus

Read: Chapter 3:23-37

11. Jesus started His ministry at the age of ?
 - a. 23 after His family business was put in the hands of James
 - b. 33 right after His birthday celebration
 - c. 30 years old
 - d.

**Note – The age of 30 was the age for priests to begin their ministry. [Numbers 4:3]
David when he began to reign over Judah [2 Samuel 5:4] Joseph reigned under Pharaoh [Genesis 41:46]**
12. Luke as a Gentile, in his genealogy follows the lineage back to Adam showing the salvation relationship of Jesus to all humankind. The lineage that Luke gives follows the line of Mary as the mother. How far back did this genealogy go?
 - a. Caleb son of Matthat
 - b. Adam son of God
 - c. Abraham son of Terrah

***note**

Matthew as a Jew, in his gospel follows the ancestral lineage through Joseph's line back to Abraham. In contrasting the two lines we note that Matthew in following the Jewish traditions of mapping the ancestral line through the father ends with Abraham whom they considered the greatest earthly father and receiver of God's promises. If you trace your genealogy back far enough you are in the lineage of the same forefather of all mankind.

***note Genesis 1:26-28**

Romans 5:12

Therefore just as through one man sin entered the world and death through sin, thus death spread to all men because all sinned

Romans 5:13

For until the Law – sin was in the world but sin was not imputed [judged] when there was no Law

Romans 5:14

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam – who is a type of Him who was to come [Jesus came in the form of human flesh]

Romans 5:15

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense [sin] many died, much more the Grace of God and the gift by the grace of one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many

Romans 5:21

So that as sin reigned in death, even so Grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Forerunner to the Messiah – Prophecy – fulfilled in John the Baptist

Isa 40:3 The voice of him who cries in the wilderness, Prepare the way of Jehovah, make straight a highway in the desert for our God.

Isa 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked places shall be made level, and the rough places smooth;

Isa 40:5 and the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together; for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

Messiah Prophecy – fulfilled in Jesus

Isa 42:6 I Jehovah have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand, and will keep You, and give You for a covenant of the people, for a Light of the nations;

Isa 42:7 to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Isa 42:8 I *am* Jehovah; that *is* My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.

Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they happen, I cause you to hear.

Messiah Prophecy – fulfilled in Jesus

Isa 53:3 *He is* despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as it were a hiding of faces from Him, He being despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions; *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was on Him; and with His stripes we ourselves are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one to his own way; and Jehovah has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

***note Question #11**

Joseph – reference

Gen 41:46 And Joseph was thirty years *old* when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from before Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

Age of Priests 30 – 50 – references

Num 4:3, Num 4:23, Num 4:30, & Num 4:47 all say:

You shall number them from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who enters into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

David - reference

2 Samuel 5:4

David was thirty years old when he began to reign *and* he reigned forty years.

***note Question 12 reference**

Adam and Eve first created Humans – Ancestors to all

Gen 1:26 And **God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.** And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

Gen 1:27 And **God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female.**

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.

Luke Bible Study Answers

There may be more than one correct answer!

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