

“The Ministry of John the Baptist” Pt.3 Matthew 3:6-11; Luke 3:7-17

I. The Ministry of John the Baptist

A. The Uniqueness of John the Baptist

1. The Uniqueness of his _____

* He has two tasks:

a. To _____ the people for the Messiah;

b. To _____ the Messiah to the people.

2. The Uniqueness of his _____

* What was his message? (Mt. 3:1-2; Mk.1:4)

* Who was John preaching to?

3. The Uniqueness of his _____

* John challenged the _____ regarding their repentance

* John’s challenge included the request to “_____ *worthy of repentance*,” _____ to be saved, but to demonstrate the _____ of their repentance.

* What objection did John anticipate from the religious leaders?

4. The Uniqueness of his _____!(Luke 3:9)

* The Lord would _____ Israel as a fruitless tree, unless the Jews _____ and started bearing “the fruits of repentance.”

* How did those who believed John’s message respond?

* To those who were sincere in his audience, John recommended _____
_____ their possessions with those in need. (v. 11, cf. Gal. 5:22-23;
James 2:14-18)

* Two specific _____ that were scorned by your average citizen felt the weight of guilt and came to John for spiritual guidance.

They were:

* What group of people didn't ask John what they should do?

* What is the primary objective of the preacher of Christ?

* What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

* What is the baptism of fire?

* What does this mean to you?