

The Story: Jesus' Ministry Begins

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¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.**" ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, **'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'**" Matthew 3:1-3, NIV

John _____ the way for the Christ by pointing out the _____ for _____.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ **And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."** Matthew 3:13-17, NIV

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "**We have found the Messiah**" (that is, the Christ). John 1:40-41, NIV

Jesus came with the Father's _____.
It is just one proof that Jesus is the _____ or _____.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For **no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.**" John 3:1-2, NIV

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁵ "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. John 3:3&5-6, NIV

Knowing Jesus is from God is a _____ .

But a person needs to be _____ through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. John 3:16-18, NIV

_____ and _____ come through the good news of Jesus.

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." . . . ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." John 4:10&15-18, NIV

For our hurts and thirsts we are tempted to _____.
Only _____ can fill the truly fill our needs.

MEMORY VERSE

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Bottom line: God sent Jesus to fill all of our needs. Turn to him for the living water that quenches your spiritual thirst.

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