

October 4/Day 277

Matthew 3

Verses 1-2

- The first question that should come to mind today is, “In what days?”
- What was John the Baptizer doing?
- What was his message?
- Repentance is having a change of mind with a resulting change of direction.

Verse 3

- Who had prophesied about John?

Verses 4-6

- Was there anything odd about John?
- What were the people in the region doing? Many or few?

Verses 7-10

- The Pharisees and the Sadducees were religious sects. They were the religious teachers. They knew the law and were highly moral men.
- What does John call these men?
- A viper is a highly venomous, poisonous, and deadly snake which strikes at their prey.
- Why would moral men need to flee from wrath?
- What did John say they should bear? Wouldn't moral men have this already? (See Galatians 5 for more information.)

Verses 11-12

- How did John baptize?
- How will the One who is mightier than John baptize?
- Chaff is useless. To separate wheat from chaff, you toss it into the air. The wheat will fall on the ground and the chaff will blow away.

Verses 13-17

- Who arrived on the scene and from where?
- What did he intend for John to do?
- What did John feel about this?
- What adverb and time phrase is used regarding Jesus's baptism?
- What descended like a dove?

- Where did the voice come from and what did it say?

Mark 1

- Welcome to the Gospel of Mark.

Verses 1-3

- Whose prophecy is quoted here?

Verses 4-8

- It has been 400 years since the nation of Israel has heard from God. The priests were offering sacrifice for sin in the temple. Was the message John was preaching in regard to repentance for forgiveness of sins a new message?
- What does the last phrase in verse 5 say the people were doing?
- Where was John baptizing?
- What did he say about the One who was coming?

Verses 9-11

- From where did Jesus come?
- What did the voice from heaven say?

Verses 12-13

- When was Jesus impelled to go into the wilderness? Immediately following what?
- Who led him there? Would He lead Him there without purpose?
- What happened in the wilderness?
- Have you ever had a time of spiritual growth or revelation immediately followed by an attack of Satan?

Verses 14-15

- What are we told about John here?
- Who began preaching?
- What was the message?
- Who else had preached this message?

Verses 16-20

- He who?
- What was the occupation of Simon and Andrew?

- What did Jesus say?
- How can a person become a fisher of men?
- Did they follow?
- And who else?
- Did they delay?

Verses 21-28

- To what city did Jesus and these men go? This will become home base.
- Where did He go on the Sabbath and what did He do?
- How was He teaching? He wasn't a scribe and was basically "uneducated" since He also wasn't a Pharisee or religious leader, neither was His group of fishermen followers.
- What did the unclean spirit recognize about Jesus?
- What happened to the man when the spirit came out?

Verses 29-31

- There's that adverb/time phrase again.
- Whose house did He enter?
- What was wrong with his mother-in-law? So, this tells us Simon (Peter) was married.
- What happened to her?

Verses 32-34

- What is the time phrase here?
- What did the people do? (So, they must have heard about Simon's MIL and the man in the synagogue).
- Why did He not permit the demons to speak? This tells us He had authority over the demons and He was not yet ready to reveal His identity as Messiah.

Verses 35-39

- What did Jesus do early morning?
- Who went with Him?
- For what did He say He had come?
- Where specifically did Jesus do His preaching and casting out of demons throughout the region of Galilee?

Verses 40-45

- What did the leper have faith that Jesus could do?
- What are we told about Jesus's feelings and emotions in verse 41?
- How long did it take for the man to be healed after Jesus touched Him?
- Who did Jesus say He wanted the man to tell?

- When we have been touched by Jesus is it easy to keep silent?

Luke 3

Verses 1-3

- Back to Dr. Luke's consecutive, orderly account.
- What information are we given about the government during the time of John's preaching ministry?

Verses 4-6

- We have seen the prophecies of Isaiah in the last two chapters. What additional information is quoted from Isaiah's prophecies here?

Verses 7-9

- This paragraph is parallel to Matthew 3.

Verses 10-14

- What did John's teaching indicate about the people, their behavior, and the times?

Verses 15-17

- What were the people wondering about John?
- Have you noticed John always pointed people toward Jesus rather than seeking followers for himself? What is our application?
- What extra insight does this passage give us about the way Jesus would baptize?
- What would this indicate?

Verses 18-20

- Herod took his brother's wife and John told him this was wrong. How did Herod take being reprimanded by John?
- What else are we told about Herod? If you have extra time, look him up.

Verses 21-22

- What did the voice from heaven say?

Verses 23-38

- What are we told about the timing of Jesus's ministry in verse 23?
- The rest of this passage is the genealogy of Jesus all the way back to Whom?
- The Bible says Jesus is the son of God. Do you believe it?

See you tomorrow.