

C. His introduction and preparation for ministry (3-4)

1) John the Baptist – the forerunner of Jesus Christ (John 11:7-19)

a) At the Jordon river, in desert

b) His purpose:

c) His message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (3:2)

d) Prophecy fulfilled (3:3)

Isaiah 40:3

John 1:23

e) His attire and location

(1) His clothing

Matt 11:8

“He was a living protest against all selfishness and self-indulgence, hence also against that frivolousness, carelessness, and false security with which many people were rushing toward their doom, and were doing this with judgment so near at hand” Hendricksen 200.

(2) Wilderness

f) Response of people (3:4-9)

(1) The general populace

(2) Pharisees and Sadducees

(3) John’s challenge

(4) God will separate out the wheat from chaff in end-times.

2) Jesus' baptism (3:13-17)

a) Jesus came to be baptized – from Galilee

b) John's resistance

c) Jesus' insistence

d) Baptism

e) Trinity: Father, Son, Spirit

3) Proving/testing in the wilderness (4:1-11)

Gen 50:20

Three temptations (1 John 2:16)

- What's your _____?

- Can God be _____?

- Where's your _____?

4) Jesus _____ scripture. Satan _____ scripture!

D. Jesus' begins ministry (4:12-17)

E. First disciples called (4:18-22)

F. Early results (23-25)

2. Character of the Kingdom

C. The Sermon on the Mount (5-7)

1) Charter of character in the Beatitudes (5:1-12)

2) Mission in the Kingdom (5:13-16)

3) Righteousness in the Kingdom (5:17-20)

4) Relationships in the Kingdom (5:21-48)

a) Interpersonal Conflict (5:21-26)

b) Lust (5:27-30)

c) Divorce and remarriage (5:31-32)

Thou shalt not commit

5. Murder
6. Adultery
7. Steal
8. False witness
9. Covet neighbor's wife
10. Covet neighbor's house
(Exodus 20:13-17)

d) Promises (5:33-37)

e) Enemies and retaliation (5:38-48)