

MATTHEW 3-4

THE KING'S PREPARATION

Chapter 3 John The Baptist's Preparation

Summary: John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus' ministry by commanding Jews to repent of their sins and be baptized (1-12). Jesus, though sinless, is baptized, identifying with sinners, whom He will save. The Father and the Spirit authenticate and empower His ministry (13-17).

Lesson: *We also should prepare the hearts of others to receive Jesus*

Chapter 4 Jesus' Preparation

Summary: Jesus also prepares for His ministry, enduring Satan's temptations, and learning obedience to God's will (1-11). He begins His Galilean ministry (12-17), and calls 4 disciples (18-22). He teaches, preaches, and heals great multitudes in a wide region (23-25).

Lesson: *We are to resist Satan, make disciples, and minister to others.*