

(3) And he came into all the country around the Jordan {River}, preaching the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;

(4) As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying,  
**The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.**

(5) **Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;**

(6) **And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**<sup>b</sup>

(7) Then he said to the multitude that came forth to be baptized by him, O generation of vipers {snakes}, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

(8) Therefore bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as *our* forefather: because I say to you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

(9) And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: every tree therefore which does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.

(10) And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

(11) He answered and said to them, He who has two coats, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.

(12) Then also tax collectors came to be baptized, and said to him, Master, what shall we do?

(13) And he said to them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

(14) And the soldiers likewise asked him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said to them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and be content with your wages.

(15) And as the people were in expectation, and all men wondered in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

(16) John answered, saying to *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, the latchet of Whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire:

(17) Whose {winnowing}<sup>c</sup> fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and will gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.

(18) And many other things in his exhortation he preached to the people.

(19) But Herod the tetrarch, being reprov'd {corrected; warned} by him because of Herodias his brother Philip's wife,<sup>d</sup> and for all the evils which Herod had done,

(20) Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

(21) Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

(22) And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, **You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.**<sup>e</sup>

3:4-6b – Is. 40:3-5  
 3:17c – winnowing fan – see note on Mat. 3:12  
 3:19d – Mat. 14:3f  
 3:22e – Mat. 3:17; Mark 1:11

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(23) And Jesus Himself began to be about thirty years of age being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph,<sup>f</sup> who was *the son* of Heli,  
(24) Who was *the son* of Matthat, who was *the son* of Levi, who was *the son* of Melchi, who was *the son* of Janna, who was *the son* of Joseph,  
(25) Who was *the son* of Mattathias, who was *the son* of Amos, who was *the son* of Naum, who was *the son* of Esli, who was *the son* of Nagge,  
(26) Who was *the son* of Maath, who was *the son* of Mattathias, who was *the son* of Semei, who was *the son* of Joseph, who was *the son* of Judah,  
(27) Who was *the son* of Joanna, who was *the son* of Rhesa, who was *the son* of Zorobabel, who was *the son* of Shealtiel, who was *the son* of Neri,  
(28) Who was *the son* of Melchi, who was *the son* of Addi, who was *the son* of Cosam, who was *the son* of Elmodam, who was *the son* of Er,  
(29) Who was *the son* of Jose, who was *the son* of Eliezer, who was *the son* of Jorim, who was *the son* of Matthat, who was *the son* of Levi,  
(30) Who was *the son* of Simeon, who was *the son* of Judah, who was *the son* of Joseph, who was *the son* of Jonan, who was *the son* of Eliakim,

(31) Who was *the son* of Melea, who was *the son* of Menan, who was *the son* of Mattatha, who was *the son* of Nathan,<sup>g</sup> who was *the son* of David,  
(32) Who was *the son* of Jesse, who was *the son* of Obed, who was *the son* of Boaz, who was *the son* of Salmon, who was *the son* of Naasson,  
(33) Who was *the son* of Aminadab, who was *the son* of Aram, who was *the son* of Esrom, who was *the son* of Phares, who was *the son* of Judah,  
(34) Who was *the son* of Jacob, who was *the son* of Isaac, who was *the son* of Abraham, who was *the son* of Terah, who was *the son* of Nahor,  
(35) Who was *the son* of Serug, who was *the son* of Reu, who was *the son* of Phalec, who was *the son* of Heber, who was *the son* of Sala,  
(36) Who was *the son* of Cainan, who was *the son* of Arphaxad, who was *the son* of Shem, who was *the son* of Noah, who was *the son* of Lamech,  
(37) Who was *the son* of Methuselah, who was *the son* of Enoch, who was *the son* of Jared, who was *the son* of Maleleel, who was *the son* of Cainan,  
(38) Who was *the son* of Enos, who was *the son* of Seth, who was *the son* of Adam, who was *the son* of God.

3:23f – (as was supposed) the son of Joseph – Jesus is technically the son of God and Mary so the phrase “as was supposed” is inserted in the text. The genealogy given here is Jesus' descent through Mary rather than Joseph and goes backwards to Adam.

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3:31g – Mary – Jesus' mother is descended from David through David's son Nathan; Joseph is descended from David through David's son Solomon. See [Appendix C: Genealogy of Jesus](#)