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**King James Version**

(23) And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

**Chapter 3**

- (1) In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
- (2) And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- (3) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
- (4) And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.
- (5) Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,
- (6) And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.
- (7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- (8) Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:
- (9) And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

**King James Paraphrase**

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**He shall be called a Nazarene<sup>d</sup>.**

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- (1) In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
- (2) And saying, Repent: because the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- (3) Because this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying,  
**The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the LORD {Jehovah}, make His paths straight.<sup>a</sup>**
- (4) And this same John had his clothing of camel's hair, and a leather belt about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- (5) Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan went out to him.
- (6) And were baptized by him in *the* Jordan, confessing their sins.
- (7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees<sup>b</sup> coming to his baptism, he said to them, O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- (8) Therefore bring forth fruits worthy for repentance:
- (9) And do not think 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.

2:23d - Num. 6:2; Jg 13:5; I Sam 1:11- Nazareth in Hebrew means “sprout” or “shoot” and the name is given to the Messiah in Is. 11:1  
 3:3a - Is. 40:3  
 3:7b - Pharisees and Sadducees – both teach scriptures – pharisees believe the old testament is literally true. They believe in the miracles of the old testament really happened; they believe in angels, and life after death. Sadducees do not believe the miracles of the old testament really happened; they do not believe in angels, or life after death. See Mat. 22:23-32; Acts 23:8

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<p>(10) And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.</p> <p>(11) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and <i>with</i> fire:</p> <p>(12) Whose fan <i>is</i> in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.</p> <p>(13) Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.</p> <p>(14) But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?</p> <p>(15) And Jesus answering said unto him, <b>Suffer <i>it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.</i></b> Then he suffered him.</p> <p>(16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:</p> <p>(17) And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.</p> <p><b>Chapter 4</b></p> <p>(1) Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.</p> <p>(2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.</p>	<p>(10) And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: therefore every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.</p> <p>(11) I indeed baptize you with water for repentance: but He Who comes after me is mightier than I, Whose shoes I am not worthy to pick up: He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and <i>with</i> fire:</p> <p>(12) Whose {<i>winnowing</i>} fan<sup>c</sup> <i>is</i> in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will <b>burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.</b></p> <p>(13) Then Jesus came from Galilee to <i>the</i> Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.</p> <p>(14) But John forbade Him, saying, I have need to be baptized by You, and You come to me?</p> <p>(15) And Jesus answering said to him, <b>Allow <i>it to be so now: because it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness.</i></b> Then he allowed Him.</p> <p>(16) And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him:</p> <p>(17) And a voice from heaven, saying, <b>This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 4</b></p> <p>(1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.</p> <p>(2) And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.</p>

3:12c - winnowing fan - basically like a shovel used to toss grain up into the air in order to allow the wind to blow away dust and chaff [husks] which are lighter than the grain until all that is left is the clean grain