



Introduction

John the Baptist comes to introduce Jesus.



Questions

1. Why was John the Baptist different from other people?
2. Why didn't John want to baptise Jesus?
3. What three unusual events happened at Jesus' baptism?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** John the Baptist comes ahead of Jesus as predicted by the prophet Isaiah in chapter 40 verse 3
- **v 4 to 12** People from Judea and around the river Jordan (see map) come to John. He baptises them and they confess their sins. He tells the Pharisees and Sadducees that living as though they have repented is more important than claiming to be Abraham's children
- **13 to 17** John is reluctant to baptise Jesus because he thinks that Jesus should be baptising him. Jesus replies that he should be baptised to enable him to do what is right (see theme). After Jesus is baptised God's Spirit descends on him and a voice says that Jesus is God's Son and he is well pleased with him

Timeline AD 30 (see below)



Theme / Information

How you can be right with God

A selection of verses showing how we can be righteous or right with God.

The apostle Paul is quite clear that left to ourselves we aren't right with God or righteous:

Romans 3 verse 10

Abraham is the great Bible example showing that we can be right with God by believing he can do what he says:

Genesis 15 verses 5 and 6

Paul confirms that we should follow the example of Abraham. We can become right with God by believing God will do what he says:

Romans 4 verses 20 to 25



Israel in New Testament times

Map showing the land of Israel in New Testament times.



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4, Q 2: v 14, Q 3: v 16 and 17



Bible timeline

