

# To Be a Disciple

## Unit 701: From Baptism to Temptation to Calling Disciples

Matthew 3:13-4:22

### CONTINUITY FROM LAST WEEK

1. John's Message: *Repent! Kingdom of God [Heaven] is here!*
2. John's baptism was a *Baptism of Repentance* and *Identification with Christ*.
3. The Coming One [Christ] will baptize with The Holy Spirit [Trinitarian] and Fire [Judgment of Separation].
4. Jesus launches his Public Ministry [Age 30-33] at his baptism by John [anointed with the Holy Spirit].

### A. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS (Matthew 3:13-17)

1. Location: Qasr-el Yahud (E Jordan) or Bethany (W Jordan)
2. Purpose: *To fulfill all righteousness* – not cleanse from sin
3. Full *Trinitarian Baptism* – Holy Spirit central
4. Empowerment of Jesus' *human nature*
5. Psalm 2:6-8
6. Isaiah 42: 1,6

### B. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS (Matthew 4:1-11)

1. Cosmic confrontation of good and evil was *planned by God!*
2. Temptation will take place in the *wilderness* [domain of Satan].
3. Jesus has been fasting *forty days and forty nights*.
4. Symbolic number 40 (new life, new growth, transformation)
4. Matthew 6:16-18
6. Common thread: *Use your divine resources to skip the Cross*
7. The power of the memorized Word
8. The Defeat of Satan

OLD ADAM	NEW ADAM (Christ)
Created	Born of a Virgin
Tempted	Tempted
Fell into Sin	Didn't Fall into Sin
Brought Death	Brought Life
Sought Equality with God	Didn't seek Equality with God

### C. THE BEGINNING OF JESUS' GALILEAN MINISTRY (4:12-17)

1. John was arrested BEFORE Jesus began his Public Ministry.
2. Jesus' ministry headquarters in Capernaum.
3. The Old Israel [Elijah/John] and the New Israel [Jesus] are carefully marked off from each other. (See Isaiah 9:1-2)
4. Content of Jesus' preaching is identical to John's preaching.
5. KINGDOM OF HEAVEN = God's rule in the hearts and lives of people TODAY

#### IV. THE CALLING OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES (Matthew 4:18-22)

1. What is the meaning of the word DISCIPLE?

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2. Jesus chooses and calls his own disciples (not the opposite).

3. Immediacy of the call to obedience [without delay] – See John 15:16

#### STUDY QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. According to Jesus' own words on Matthew 3:15, what is the *meaning and purpose* of His baptism by John?
2. How is the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity supported in Matthew 3:16-17?
3. How does the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness re-play the history of Israel in the OT?
4. *How* does Jesus resist the devil's temptations?
5. What is the devil's intention in each of the temptations he sets before Jesus?
6. Why does Matthew mention the *angels* in Matthew 3:11?
7. What do Matthew 4:17 and Matthew 3:2 tell us about the preaching of John and Jesus?
8. What is Jesus *first act* as the Christ - according to Matthew 4:19.
9. How did Jesus' disciples differ from the typical way that disciples connect with a Rabbi?
10. How did YOU become a disciple of Jesus?
11. When we are tempted and tried, what does our discipleship suggest to us?