

of the devil? (Matthew 4:1) _____

In this account, tempted means tested; tried; or proved.

3. Jesus was tempted with three things. What were they? (Matthew 4:3,5,6,8,9 ; compare I John 2:16)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. What did Jesus use against his tempter?

(Matthew 4: 4,7,10) _____

Jesus' ministry did not begin until the completion of His temptation. He had fasted forty days; He was among the wild beasts; His tempter was the great Satan who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven and was stripped of his high position of Lucifer . He was no longer called the son of the morning. This was the same one who tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden and effected the fall of the whole human race. The first Adam had fallen, and he desired the overthrow and fall of this Adam too. He tempted Him with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

5. What did the devil do next? Matthew 4: 11) _____

6. Who then ministered to Jesus? (Matthew 4: 11)

SECOND UNIT EIGHTH STUDY

MINISTRY BEGINNINGS

THE MINISTRY Of JOHN The BAPTIST: (Luke 1:80; John 1:6-8; Luke 3:1-18; Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:3-8)

We find that John also had silent years, similar to that of Jesus Christ: Jesus, eighteen, and John, thirty. Of John we read in Luke 1:80 - And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts until the day of his showing unto Israel. It was also said of Jesus in Luke 2:40, And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit.

1. Who sent John? (John 1:6) _____

2. Why was John sent? (John 1:7,8,15) _____

3. Who was that Light? _____

4. What did John preach? (Luke 3:3) _____

5. Who did John quote in Luke 3:4? _____

6. What did John call the multitude that came to be baptized of him? (Luke 3:7) _____

Seven words describing John in his relation to God:

(1) Sent (John 1:6,33) (2) Reed (Matthew 11:7-9)

(3) Voice (John 1:23) (4) Witness (John 1:7)

(5) Messenger (Mark 1:2) (6) Forerunner (Luke

3:4) (7) More than a prophet (Matthew 11:9)

7. Who is Isaiah speaking of in Isaiah 40:3? _____

8. People came to John and asked, "What shall we do?" (Luke 3:11,13,14) Name four answers he gave:

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____

9. What did John call these things? (Luke 3:8)

10. What did John say when the people began to suspect he was the Christ? (Luke 3:15,16)

THE MINISTRY BEGINNING Of JESUS (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23; John 8:46a; 10:38)

He began His priestly ministry at the age of thirty (Numbers 4:30; Luke 3:23). This was the legal age of maturity for those who served in the tabernacle. Although He was not of the tribe of Levi, He was a priest and conformed to the priestly pattern in this respect

1. Read Matthew 3:13-15. How did John react when Jesus came to be baptized of him? _____

2. (a) Was Jesus submerged or sprinkled? (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10) _____

(b) What makes you think so? _____

SIGNIFICANCE Of HIS BAPTISM:

This was an exciting time for John. This was the moment for which he had been called, for which he was waiting. Although they were cousins, it appeared he had not known Christ personally up until that moment of John 1:33,34 - And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record (testify) that this is the Son of God.

1. Why do you think John didn't know who He was? It could be because _____

Mark 1:9-13- The fact that our lord submitted to baptism is sufficient warrant for the practice of Christian baptism. Jesus referred to His sufferings and death as a baptism.

THE WILDERNESS TEMPTATION (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13)

Hebrews 2:17,18- *It behoved Him* (it was proper for Him) *to be made like unto His brethren* (like us), *that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted* (tested), *He is able to succor* (help) *them that are tempted.*—Everything Christ did, He did for us and our learning.

2. Who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted