

Mat 3:1-3 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, (2) "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (3) For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'"

Those days Luk 3:1-2 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, (2) in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

[Tiberius Caesar, stepson of and successor to Augustus, began to reign as joint ruler with Augustus in August, A.U.C. 765 (A.D. 11). On August 19, 767, Augustus died and Tiberius became sole ruler.

The Pilate stone is a damaged block (82 cm x 65 cm) of carved limestone with a partially intact inscription mentioning Pontius Pilate, a prefect of the Roman province of Judaea from AD 26–36. It was discovered at the archaeological site of Caesarea Maritima in 1961. -- now in Israel Museum in Jerusalem



To the Divine Augusti
[this] Tiberieum
...Pontius Pilate
...prefect of Judea
...has dedicated [this]

Lk 1.68-79 Zacharias' prophecy

Luk 1:66-70 And all who heard them kept them in mind, saying, "What then will this child turn out to be?" For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him. (67) And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: (68) "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, (69) And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant; (70) As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old

Mat 3:4-6 Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. (5) Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; (6) and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

Luk 3:3 And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;
(see Mt 3.10 also)

John's baptism was taught only to Jews, never to Gentiles. It was a sign of the Jew's repentance and forgiveness of sins would have necessitated a sacrifice in the temple as they were under the Law of Moses.

Mar 1:4 John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. (ASV)

Luk 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people In the remission of their sins, (ASV)

Baptism for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus is not taught until the new covenant comes into effect.

Thus, the thief on the cross who lived and died under the Law did not need to be baptized.

Luk 23:42-43 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"

(43) And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Act 19:1-6 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. (2) He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." (3) And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." (4) Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." (5) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

Not everyone received the HS when they
believed– 19.2

John's baptism was a sign of repentance – 19.4

Being baptized for the wrong reason or authority
means that one must be baptized for the right
reason and the right authority – 19.5

*Mat 3:8 "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with
repentance;*

repentance is not the acts we do but the change
of mind that we must undergo to bring about
these changes.

Act 3:19 "Repent therefore and return, that your
sins may be wiped away, in order that times of
refreshing may come from the presence of the
Lord;

Mat 3:9-11 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. (10) "And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (11) "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

One's ancestry is insufficient to save.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Mat 3:11-12 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (12) "And His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Some think eternal judgment will not come upon men, but John teaches otherwise.

Mat 3:13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. (14) But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" (15) But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.

Jesus had no sin -- 1Pe 2:21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

Mat 3:16-17 And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, (17) and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus did not have a vision of a dove but “a dove”
as in Lk

Luk 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

The three persons of the Godhead are present at
Jesus' baptism.

Jesus is standing in the water.

The Holy Spirit is in the body form of a dove.

The Father speaks from heaven.

Jesus is not a ventriloquist speaking to Himself

If you believe that Jesus is indeed, the beloved
Son of God, why not obey Him now

Mat 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20)
teaching them to observe all that I have
commanded you. And behold, I am with you
always, to the end of the age.”