

## Matthew 2 – Jesus goes public

### Study Guide – Reference Verses

#### Jesus' Early Life

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 4:20-22 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

John 7:3-5 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

#### First Miracle

John 2:11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

#### Jesus as God

Philippians 2:5-7 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily

#### Jesus as Man

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels...

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren

#### Repentance

Matthew 3:2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Acts 2:37-39 Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

### Discussion Questions:

1. In Matthew 3, what did John's baptism represent & what did the people do before being baptized?
2. How does John prepare people for Jesus' ministry and message?
3. What is repentance? Why is it not just a one-time thing?
4. In Matthew 3, John functions as a "preparer" and Jesus is the "Separator". How does the Church function like John the Baptist today? Why is Jesus still the only "Separator"?

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