

THE STORY

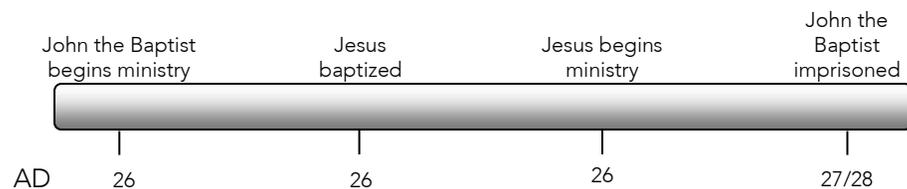
Jesus is baptized; it is good
Matthew 3

Jesus confronts the devil in the desert; it is scary
Matthew 4

Jesus wins; it is scary good
Matthew 4

Jesus deals with the devil's followers; it is scary
Luke 6

Jesus gives new life; it is good
John 3



Week 23
Jesus' Ministry Begins
March 4, 2018



Questions for the Week

Big Idea: God's solution for our sin problem is not a "What" but a "Who".

Key Verse: Matthew 3:16-17

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

At the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17) what did the people see and hear and how did this clarify who Jesus was?

After the 40 days in the wilderness Jesus faced three temptations from the devil (Matthew 4). What were those temptations and what did Jesus say to fend them off? How does Satan use similar types of temptation in our lives today?

How would you sum up the main message that Jesus had for the people?

Why did so many have a deep hatred for Jesus?

Jesus said we must be "born again" to enter the kingdom of God. What does it mean to be born again?

What kind of people did Jesus typically reach out to? What kind of people did he oppose? Why?

Jesus stated in John 4 that "whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." What do you think this statement means?

