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Matthew 3:1-12

- 1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
- 2 **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”**
- 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,
*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness;
Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.””*



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If John's baptism called people to repentance and confession, why would Jesus get baptized? What is the significance of Jesus' baptism?



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**JESUS' INTENTION TO IDENTIFY
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Righteousness (In Matthew): To complete all that God desires. To be perfectly obedient.

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Genesis 1:1-2

“¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

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Isaiah 53:11-12

“¹¹ by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities”

“¹² he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”



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Psalm 2:6-8

⁶ “As for me, ***I have set my King on Zion***, my holy hill.” ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “***You are my Son***; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

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