

7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)

John the Baptist

Read Luke 3:1-20 and Matthew 3:1-12 and answer the following questions. You need to list the scripture reference where you found the answer for each question as well.

1. Who were John's parents? (see Luke 1)
2. According to the prophecy that John's father spoke over him at his birth (Luke 1:76-79), what is John's role in God's larger plan?
3. When did John's ministry begin? What Gentile leaders were in charge?
4. Where was John when God's call to begin his ministry came?
5. What prophecy did John's ministry fulfill according to Luke? *(Be sure to include the exact scripture reference from the Old Testament.)*
6. What did John wear? *(What other prophetic figure is connected to this type of clothing? See 2 Kings 1:5-8.)*
7. What did John eat?

8. What was the content of John's message? (*One sentence summary - see Matthew 3:1-3*)
9. In Matthew 3:7-12, John rejects the idea that a person can enter the kingdom because of their ancestry. According to John, what does a person need to do to enter the kingdom? (*Tell me what the Bible says, not what you "know" it says.*)
10. What was John doing to the people who repented? (*What ritual?*)
11. In Luke's version of the story, John tells us that Jesus will bring a different kind of baptism. What will it be? Why is it significant that Luke includes this detail?
12. John's ministry was to prepare the way for Jesus. *Read John 3:25-30.* How does John describe his ministry in John 3:30?
13. What were the companions of John called in John 3:25? What exactly does this word mean?
14. With what Jewish leader did John come into conflict with in Luke 3:18-20? How did this leader respond? What eventually happened to John (*see Matthew 14:1-12*)?