



Come Follow Me



“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” Matthew 3:4; John 1:35–51

1. John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 3:1–12

- What was John the Baptist's mission? (See Luke 1:76–79; 3:3–4.)
- Why do you think it was important that someone prepare the way of the Lord?
- What message did John preach to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior? (See Matthew 3:1–2.)
- What does it mean to repent?
- How does **repentance help us prepare to dwell with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ?** (See 3 Nephi 27:19.)
- How does repentance **help us draw nearer** to them each day?
- The Pharisees and Sadducees witnessed baptisms performed by John but chose not to be baptized (Matthew 3:7; Luke 7:29–30). John rebuked them, urging them to “repent ... and bring forth fruits meet for repentance” (Joseph Smith Translation, Matthew 3:35). What are the fruits of repentance? (See Moroni 8:25–26.)
- John baptized “with water unto repentance” and promised that Jesus would baptize “with the Holy Ghost, and with fire” (Matthew 3:11). What does it mean to be baptized “with the Holy Ghost, and with fire”?

2. Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist. Matthew 3:13–17.

- Why was John hesitant to baptize Jesus? (See Matthew 3:14.)
- Why did Jesus need to be baptized? (See Matthew 3:15; 2 Nephi 31:6–7, 9–11.)
- Why do we need to be baptized? (See 2 Nephi 31:5, 12–13, 17–18; D&C 20:71; 49:13–14.)
- What covenants do we make when we are baptized? (See D&C 20:37.)
- How should these covenants affect our daily actions?

(See Mosiah 18:8–10.)

- How does the account of the Savior's baptism show that baptism should be performed by immersion? (See Matthew 3:16; see also John 3:23; Romans 6:3–6; 3 Nephi 11:23–26)
- What did John see after he baptized Jesus? (See Matthew 3:16.)
- Whose voice did he hear? (See Matthew 3:17.)
- What does the account of the Savior's baptism teach about the nature of the Godhead?

3. Jesus withstands Satan's temptations in the wilderness. Matthew 4:1–11

- Soon after Jesus was baptized, **the Spirit led him into the wilderness to be with God** (Joseph Smith Translation, Matthew 4:1).
- How do you think this experience prepared Jesus to withstand Satan's temptations? How do fasting, prayer, and being “led ... of the Spirit” fortify us against temptation?
- To what desire did Satan try to appeal when he tempted Jesus, who had been fasting, to turn the stones into bread? (See Matthew 4:2–3.)
- How does Satan tempt us to give in to physical appetites?
- How can we recognize and resist these temptations?
- Why did Satan tempt Jesus to cast himself down from the pinnacle and prove that he had the power to be saved by angels? (Matthew 4:5–6).
- How does Satan try to **appeal to our pride**?
- How can we recognize and withstand temptations to gratify prideful desires?
- What did Satan offer if Jesus would worship him? (See Matthew 4:8–9.)
- How does Satan tempt us with **worldly riches and power**?
- How can we recognize and resist these temptations? (See Matthew 4:10.)
- **What was false about Satan's offer** to give Jesus the kingdoms of the world? (See D&C 104:14.)

- **What are some false offers Satan makes today** to entice us to sin?
- Jesus responded to each of Satan's temptations by quoting from the scriptures (Matthew 4:3–4, 6–7, 8–10). **How do the scriptures give us strength** to withstand temptation? (See Helaman 3:29–30.)
- Satan twice questioned whether Jesus was the Son of God (Matthew 4:3, 6). **Why do you think Satan raised this question?**

• How does he raise this question in the world today?

- When we face temptation, how does it help to know that we are children of God? (See Moses 1:12–22.)
- How can it help us to know that Jesus, the Son of God, faced temptations similar to those we face? (read Hebrews 4:14–15.)

4. Some of John the Baptist's disciples decide to follow Jesus. John 1:35–51.

- When Jesus began his mortal ministry, what did John the Baptist encourage his own disciples to do? (See John 1:35–37.)
- When Jesus saw two of John the Baptist's disciples following Him, what did He do? (See John 1:38–39.)
- When Andrew heard and recognized the Savior, what did he do? (See John 1:40–42.)
- **After receiving a witness that Jesus was the Messiah, how did Philip answer Nathanael's doubts?** (See John 1:43–46.)
- What can we do to invite others to “come and see” the Savior?

5. Jesus shows respect and love for his mother (John 2:1–11).

- When his mother told him that there was no wine for the feast, What was his reply? (Joseph Smith Translation, John 2:4; see John 2:4, footnote 4a).
- What did Jesus' words to his mother reveal about his feelings toward her?
- What did he do to help her? (See John 2:6–11.)

6. Jesus shows reverence as he cleanses the temple (John 2:13–17)

- How did Jesus showed respect and reverence when he “drove them all out of the temple, ... and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables”? (John 2:15).
- How did this show that Christ was in keeping with the 5th commandment?
- Reverence for our Heavenly Father includes more than merely sitting quietly in Church. What must we do to demonstrate reverence for God?