

## THE MINISTRY OF JOHN AND THE BEGINNING OF JESUS' MINISTRY

- I. **Matthew 3:1-6**
  - A. John forsook priesthood that was his by inheritance.
  - B. John 1:19-22 – thought he was the Messiah. – *shows sign of spiritual waking in Israel.*
  - C. Essenes were also in the desert. – *approx. 4,000 – author of Dead Sea Scrolls*
  - D. Possible John used their copies of scriptures.
- II. **Luke 3:4-6**
  - A. Power and spirit of Elijah.
  - B. Consumed with a vision and a calling. – *His parents must have told him about his faith.*
- III. **Luke 3:7-14 – *tanned and unkept. Consumed with his vision.***
  - A. There was a greatness in John that caused people to come and listen to him.
  - B. Preached repentance and baptism. *Cut through hypocrisy.*
  - C. Speak the truth to all men.
- IV. **Luke 3:15-17**
  - A. Knew he was the forerunner. – John 1:15

**B. Isaiah 40:3-4 – *Revealed to Jesus that His time was come.***

**V. Matthew 3:13-17**

**A. When Jesus heard of John He knew His time had come.**

**B. Baptism was symbol of consecration to God's will.**

**C. John 1:32-36 – “this is the Son of God” and “behold the Lamb of God!”**

**VI. John 3:27-36**