**Matthew 3**

1. **John the Baptist (v.1-12)**
   1. John was a preacher.
   2. John’s baptism was one of repentance for the remission of sins.
      1. John baptized people for the remission of sins.
      2. Mark 1:4.
   3. Came to prepare the way for the Lord.
      1. In the east, when a king was going somewhere, he would send a servant ahead to announce that he was coming.
      2. Mark 1:1-3
      3. Greek Lexicon “kerusso” means to publish, proclaim openly
      4. John 1:6-9
      5. John’s message (which is one of repentance) and his appearance ties him to another OT prophet (2Kings 1:8).
   4. Repent: from the Vines Exp. Dict. (metanoia), which refers to an after-thought or a change of mind. But the key here is that it also requires action.
   5. Kingdom: rule or reign. Indicates that there is a king and that there are also subjects.
   6. **v.3-6** John, would come and prepare the hearts of men (for Jesus) by preaching repentance.
      1. 2King 1:8 …in the mold of Elijah
      2. John’s baptism
   7. **v.7-12**. We see that the Pharisees and Sadducees both came out to see John. Their sincerity to repent is probably not sincere. Consider Matthew 23:33, consider Matthew 12:33-34. John baptized with water, but Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
2. **Jesus is baptized (v.13-17)**
   1. Jesus starts his ministry
      1. He is approximately 30yrs old
      2. Luke 3:23
   2. Came to John the Baptist to be baptized.
   3. God Speaks (v.17)