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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

The King's Herald:

Prepare for the Kingdom

Matthew 3:1–9

TWO TYPES OF BAPTISMS:

- **REAL Baptisms**
- **RITUAL Baptisms**

REAL Baptisms do not involve ritual; they are real, spiritual identifications made by God.

- 1. The Baptism of Noah, 1 Pet. 3:20–21**
- 2. The Baptism of Moses, 1 Cor. 10:1–3**
- 3. The Baptism by the Spirit, 1 Cor. 12:13**
- 4. The Baptism by fire, Matt. 3:11**
- 5. The Baptism of Christ, Matt. 20:22**

RITUAL Baptisms involve ritual immersion which depicts some sort of identification of the object immersed with a new stage of life.

- 1. John's Baptism, Matt. 3:1–3; Luke 3:3**
- 2. The Baptism of Jesus, Matt. 3:16–17**
- 3. The Baptism of the Believer,
Matt. 28:19–20**

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Luke 3:1, “Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,

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Luke 3:2, “while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word [rhema] of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.”

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κηρύσσω *kērussō*

pres act part masc sing nom

**“to proclaim, announce,
herald”**

“In the NT the verb does not mean ‘to give an informative or hortatory or edifying discourse expressed in beautifully arranged words with a melodious voice;’ it means to proclaim an event.”

~A. M. Hunter, *The Message of the New Testament*

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**μετανοέω *metanoēō*
pres act impera 2 plur
to repent**

Deut. 30:1, “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you,

Deut. 30:2, “and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,”

Joel 2:12, “ ‘Now, therefore,’ says the LORD, ‘Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.’ ”

Isa. 55:7, “Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.”

Ezek. 33:11, “Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’ ”

Ezek. 33:15, “if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.”

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Reasons This is the Propheied, Davidic Kingdom

- 1. Both John and Jesus assumed the people knew what they were proclaiming.**
- 2. The message was only for Israel (Matt. 10:5–6).**
- 3. The disciples expected a literal kingdom (Matt 20:20–21; Acts 1:6).**
- 4. The kingdom wasn't the church because the church had not yet been announced.**

Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew uses the term Kingdom of Heaven 31×. Only Matthew uses this term.

Matthew: Kingdom of God 4×.

Other gospels: Only the term Kingdom of God. 47× total use between Luke 31×, Mark 14×, and John 2×.

“Kingdom” alone is used 19× in Matthew; 4× in Mark; 13× in Luke; 1× in John.

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Conclusion: There is no difference between these terms, they both refer to the rule of Messiah on the earth.

Matthew uses the term Kingdom of God to stress the divine character of the Kingdom rather than its prophetic fulfillment.

Matt. 3:3, “For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: ‘*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.”*’ ”

Matt. 3:4, “Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.”

Isa. 40:3, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isa. 40:4, “Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;

Isa. 40:5, “The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

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**βαπτίζω *baptizō*
imperf pass indic 3
plur to baptize,
wash, dip**

**ἐξομολογέω
exomologeō
pres mid part masc
plur nom
to confess, admit**

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Gen. 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you [the serpent] and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

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ποιέω poieō

aor act impera 2 plur

**to do, make; to work,
produce**