

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

10. 07. 16

Theme: The Ministry of John the Baptist.

Memory verse: *Matthew chapter three verse three: "For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight".*

Texts: Matthew 3: 1-17

John the Baptist was unique in his life and ministry. He was the God appointed messenger who announced the arrival of Christ the messiah. He came as an inspired prophet after about 400 years of prophetic silence in Israel. As a fearless, courageous and uncompromising preacher of righteousness, his message of repentance did not even spare the hypocritical Pharisee.

John was in the desert when God's word came to him. He spoke with irresistible authority and his message was heard in the whole region of Judea. "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea" (Matthew 3: 5). The highest honour of John came when he was privileged to baptized Christ in river During this event, there was the witnessed of thy Father to the Son ship of Christ and this made the highest point of John's baptismal ministry.

No one was more favoured than John the Baptist to give witness concerning the Messiah. John, rated by Christ as the greatest among those born of women and more than a prophet, had God's spirit dwelling in him (Matthew 11:11) He endured hardness, had an urgent zeal to make Christ known and was courageous in rebuking sin. How is your ministry dear believer?