



JOHN THE BAPTIST

1. Luke 1:5-25, 1:29-35, 1:57-80 gives a long account of the birth of John. Luke's Gospel shows how his birth was linked with that of Jesus.
2. As an adult John went out into the wilderness region to the south east of Jerusalem. He preached a radical message of repentance to the people. This region of Palestine became quite famous for this sort of person. (See Dead Sea Scrolls)
3. Mark 1:1-8 describes the sort of work John was doing as a prophet in that area.
4. Matthew 3:13-17 gives an account of the baptism of Jesus by John.



5. Quite soon after Jesus began work as a preacher John was arrested by King Herod and was put in prison. John had criticised Herod for divorcing his own wife and for running off with his brother's!
6. From prison he sent messengers to Jesus to find out if Jesus really was the Messiah. Luke 7:18-23
7. The death of John the Baptist is recorded by St Mark. See Mark 6:14-29.