

5. John Preaches About the Coming Messiah

26 CE Jordan River, *Judea*

Now while the people were in a state of expectation
and all were wondering in their hearts about John,
as to whether he was the Christ,

Luke 3:15

John answered and was preaching to them all,
"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance;
"but One is coming after me who is mightier than I,
"and I am not fit to stoop down
"and untie the thong of His sandals.

"I baptize you with water;
"but He who is coming will baptize you
"with the Holy Spirit
"and fire.

Matt 3:11
Mark 1:7-8
Luke 3:16

"His winnowing fork is in His hand
"and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor,
"and He will gather His wheat into His barn;
"but He will burn up the chaff
"with unquenchable fire."

Matt 3:12
Luke 3:17

So with many other exhortations
he preached the gospel
to the people.

Luke 3:18