

Lesson on When Jesus was Baptized by John the Baptist

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Passages: Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3 and John 1

INTRO: Today is the Bronco vs. Chargers Play Off Game! How would you know that I am a Broncos Fan? (Allow answers)
→ Take out Bronco jersey, hat and other gear put on
Now how do you know? (I am dressed like a fan)
Now I stand out in a crowd and who I root for is not in doubt!
Baptism was a way to step out of a crowd and remove all doubt that you were a “fan” or follower of Jesus. You weren’t keeping it a secret. (Switch to Jesus Jersey and Trinity U hat)

FAN comes from Fanatic, first used for religious followers!
Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill* said “*A fanatic is someone who can’t change their mind and won’t change the subject.*” (*Prime Minister of Brittan and first honorary US Citizen)

If you are a FAN of something, you almost annoy people you talk about it so much - if you are a FAN of Jesus, you’ll find yourself talking about God a lot!

You can actually be like John and prepare the way for Jesus to people who YOU know!

MEET GUS - John got to do something very amazing!

Baptize Jesus! (Tell Story merging John 1:29-34 & Matthew 3:13-17)

How Did John Know?

A) His Parents (Moms stories about Mary and John jumped in womb!)

B) God’s Word

Malachi 31:1 “*I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me.*”

Isaiah 40:3 “*A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”*”

C) Listened to God

He did what God told him to do... tell others the Good News!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Draw a Giant B on White Board,
there are two B applications.

Put a number 1 and 2 in the circles
in the giant B:

1. B like John:

- L - Listen** (to parents/teachers)
- L - Learn** (read God’s Word)
- L - Lead** others to Jesus (tell others)

2. B Baptized!

When you are ready to **STEP OUT OF THE CROWD** and follow Jesus with all of your heart and be **KNOWN** as a follower of Jesus!

