

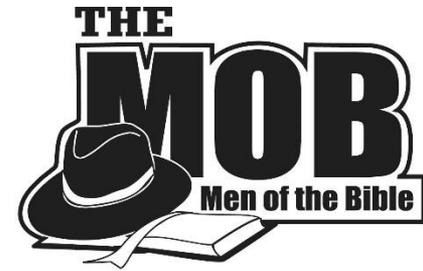
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

**WELCOME TO THE MOB!**



# Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- Website: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)
- [How to share the Gospel with Atheists](#) with special guest, Canadian apologist Sye Ten Bruggencate at IBC this Thursday evening, October 9, 7:00 PM. Please RSVP online at [www.ibc.church/atheist](http://www.ibc.church/atheist)
- [Assist Pregnancy Center Annual Fundraising Banquet](#), Friday, October 18, 2019, 7:00-9:00 PM, Fairview Park Marriott, 311 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA RSVP by October 13 at [www.bit.ly/2019assistbanquest](http://www.bit.ly/2019assistbanquest)
- Please rise for a hymn of praise & invocation

# The Gospel According to Matthew

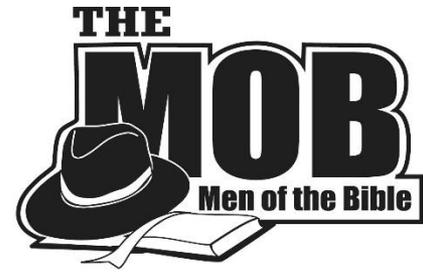


**Bible Study Schedule for Fall 2019 – Spring 2020** as of September 2, 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting No.</u>	<u>The Gospel According to Matthew – Readings &amp; Topics</u>	<u>Host Sm Grp</u>
Sep 3	0	MOB Leaders Meeting: Prayer & 2019 – 2020 Preview	
Sep 10	1	Welcome, MOB 2019 – 2020 Welcome, How to Study the Holy Bible, Introduction to Matthew, Small Group Assignments & Team Building	IBC
Sep 17	2	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 1 – 28</u></a> Overview of the Gospel According to Matthew <i>Dr. Constable's Notes on Matthew, 2019 Edition, pages (pp.) 1-26, scan 668-708</i>	A
Sep 24	3	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 1:1-25</u></a> The Genealogy & Birth of Jesus Christ; <a href="#"><u>Luke 3:23-38</u></a> ; 1 Chronicles 1:1-7,17-37,2:1-15; Ruth 4:18-22; Luke 2:1-20; <i>Constable pp.27-46</i>	B
Oct 1	4	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 2:1-23</u></a> Wise Men Visit, Flight to Egypt, Herod Murders, Return <a href="#"><u>Hosea 11:1</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Micah 5:2</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Jeremiah 31:15</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Judges 13:5</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>John 1:45-46</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Luke 2:39</u></a> ; <i>Constable pp.46-70</i>	C
Oct 8	5	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 3:1-17</u></a> John the Baptist Prepares the Way & Baptizes Jesus <a href="#"><u>Mark 1:2-11</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Luke 3:3-9,16-17,21-22</u></a> ; <i>Constable pp.70-93</i>	D
Oct 15	6	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 4:1-25</u></a> Jesus Tempted, Begins Ministry, Calls Disciples, Crowds <a href="#"><u>Mark 1:12-15,39</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Luke 4:1-14,31,44</u></a> ; <i>Constable pp.93-117</i>	E
Oct 22	7	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 5:1-48</u></a> Sermon on the Mount, The Beatitudes, Salt & Light, Jesus Fulfills the Law, Anger, Lust, Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Love Your Enemies <a href="#"><u>Luke 6:20-27;32</u></a> ; <i>Constable pp.117-171,695-696</i>	F



# Memory Verse



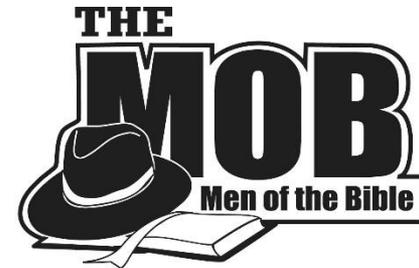
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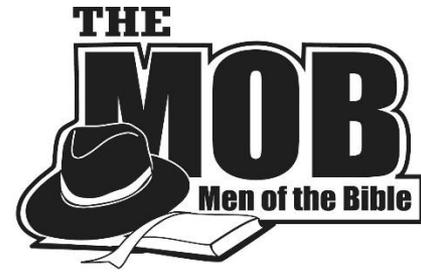


<b>Focus</b>	<b>Offer of the King</b>			<b>Rejection of the King</b>			
<b>Reference</b>	1:1 – 4:11	4:12 – 7:29	8:1 – 11:1	11:2 – 16:12	16:13 – 20:28	20:29 – 27:66	28:1 – 28:20
<b>Division</b>	Presentation of the King	Proclamation of the King	Power of the King	Progressive Rejection of the King	Preparation of the King's Disciples	Presentation & Rejection of the King	Proof of the King
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Teaching the Throngs</b>			<b>Teaching the Twelve</b>			
	<b>Chronological</b>		<b>Thematic</b>	<b>Chronological</b>			
<b>Location</b>	Bethlehem & Nazareth	<b>Galilee</b>			<b>Judea</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>cir. 4 B.C. – A.D. 33</b>						





# Our Study of Matthew



## Last Meeting:

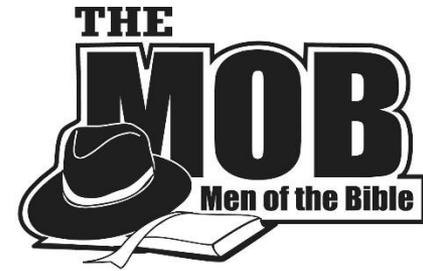
- [Matthew 2:1-23](#) Magi Worship, Flight to Egypt, Herod Murders, Return to Nazareth
- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Matthew, 2019 Edition, pages 46-70](#)

## This Meeting:

- [Matthew 3:1-17](#) John the Baptist Prepares the Way & Baptizes Jesus
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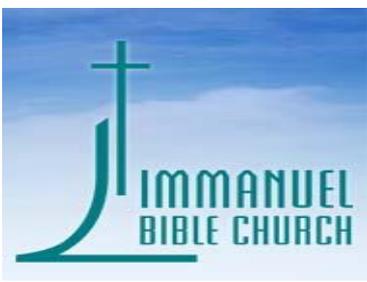
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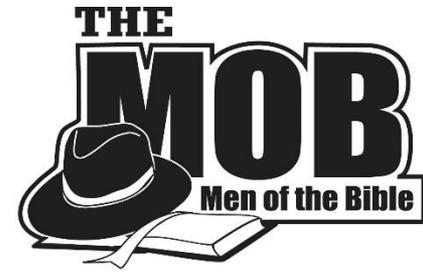
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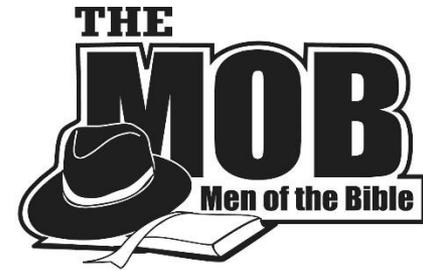


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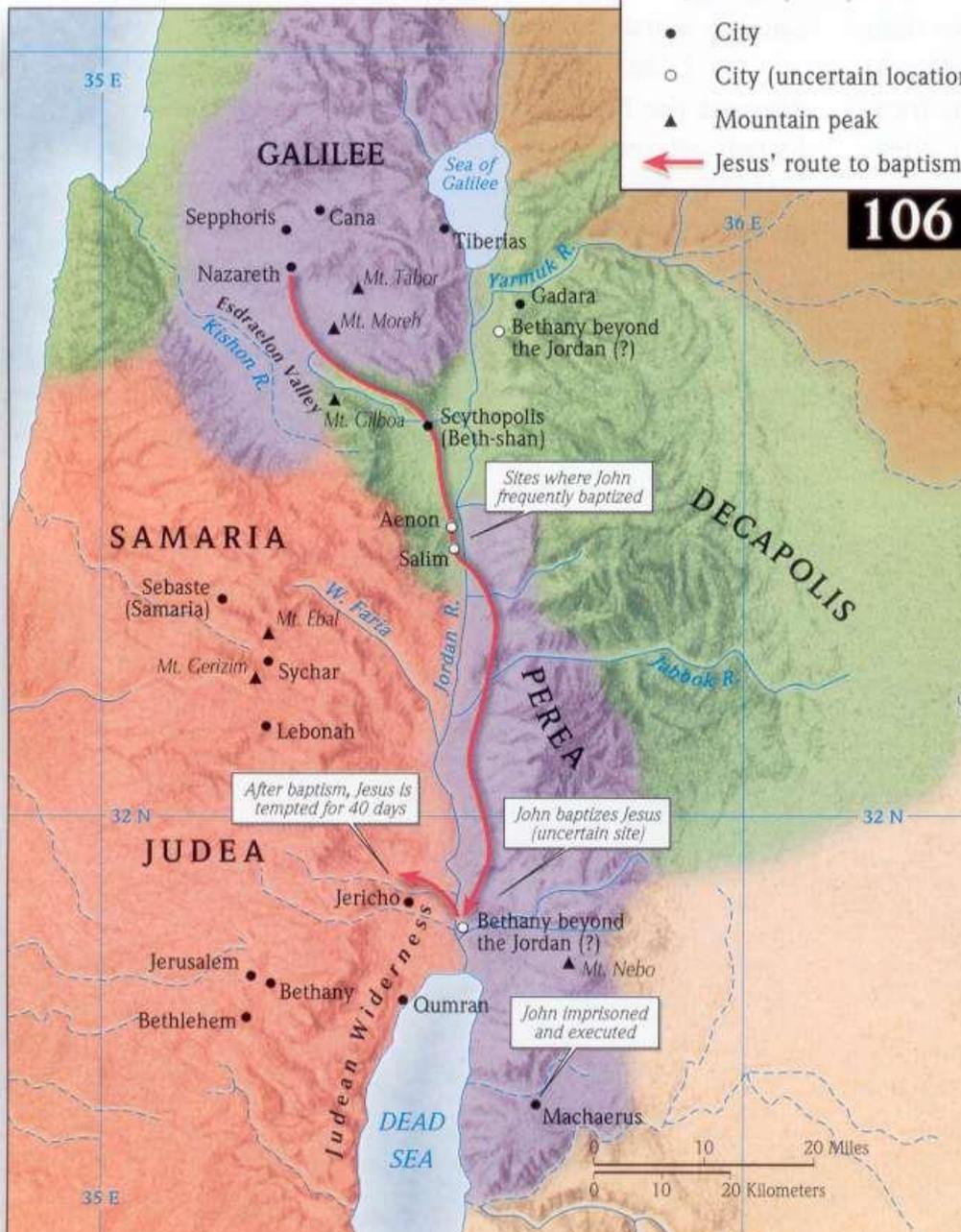
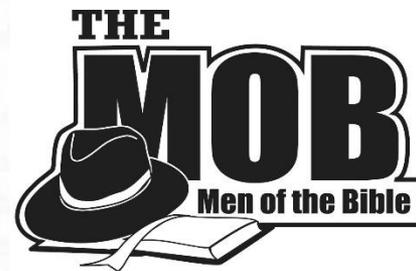


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# JOHN THE BAPTIST

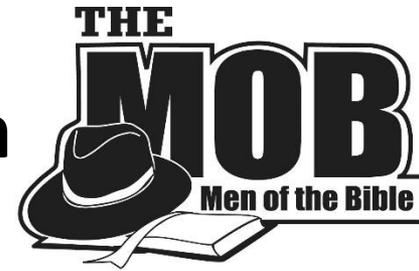
MATT. 3:1-4:12  
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- ← Jesus' route to baptism





# Observation & Interpretation



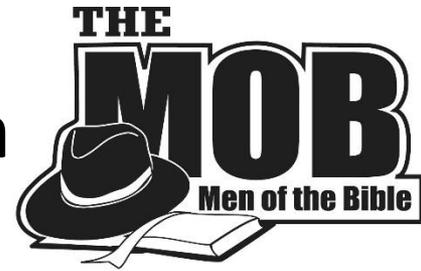
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## Observation & Interpretation:

- John is not identified as in [Luke 3:2](#), but all the Gospels mention him
- He is preaching a message of repentance and baptizing those who do, for the “kingdom” is at hand
- This kingdom is now manifest in heaven’s spiritual rule over the hearts of believers ([Luke 17:21](#)) and one day will be established when a literal earthly kingdom ([Rev. 20:4–6](#)) is at hand. (**MacArthur Study Bible**)
- Matthew identifies John with [Isaiah 40:3](#), the “forerunner” (**Constable**)



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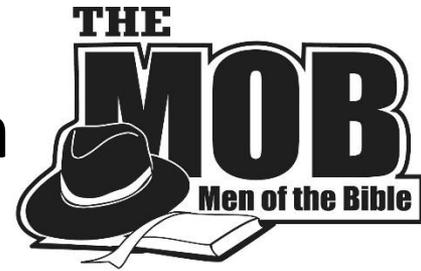
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## Observation & Interpretation:

- John's dress seems to identify him with Elijah, [2 Kings 1:8](#), which many were looking for prior to the Messiah ([Malachi 4:5](#)); John will be identified with Elijah later on in this Gospel.
- He is the last of the OT prophets who spoke for God. Israel had been waiting nearly 400 years in silence until he appeared.
- His preaching and manner (like Elijah?) attracted many



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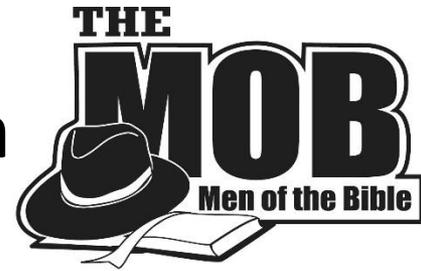
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## Observation & Interpretation:

- This is the first mention of several in Matthew of the Pharisees and Sadducees. None are good.
- John calls them out for their relying on their position as Jews and not true followers of the Lord
- As a forerunner of Jesus, John brings out judging a tree by its fruit, [7:17-20](#)



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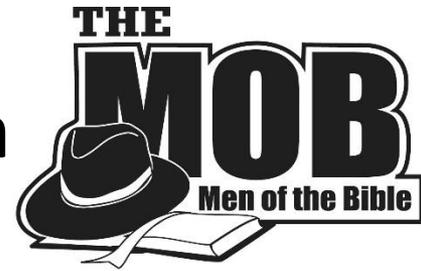
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## Observation & Interpretation:

- Again, as the forerunner, John speaks of He who would come after him as being so much more worthy than he that he could not even be a servant to him by removing His sandals (**Constable**)
- John contrasts his baptizing with water and Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire can be judgement or purification or both, regardless, he again is showing Jesus’ higher calling (**Ex. Bible Com., v.8, p.105**)
- Jesus is the one who separates the wheat from the chaff which relates to judgement in the prophets ([Malachi 4:1](#))



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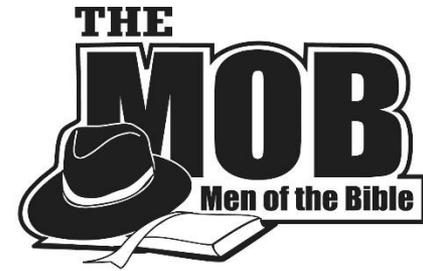
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## Observation & Interpretation:

- When Jesus comes to be baptized, John again expresses Jesus’ superior position in not needing to be baptized, but to baptize John
- Matthew, Mark and Luke all record Jesus’ baptism this way. John has the Spirit’s descending, but not the voice, but rather the Baptist’s testimony that Jesus is the “Son of God”, [John 1:34](#). (**Constable**)
- Matthew does not quote it, but v.16 certainly alludes to another verse in Isaiah ([Isaiah 42:1](#)) [**Constable**]



# Next Meeting



## Review:

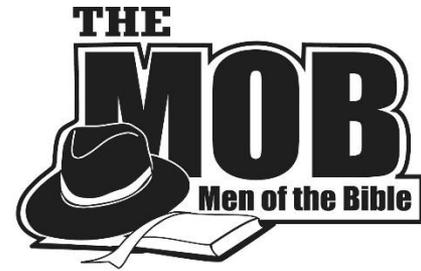
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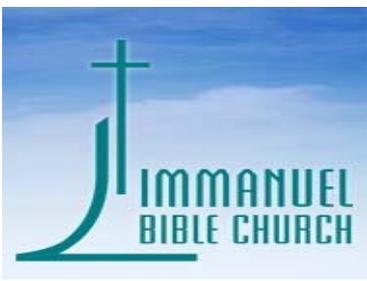
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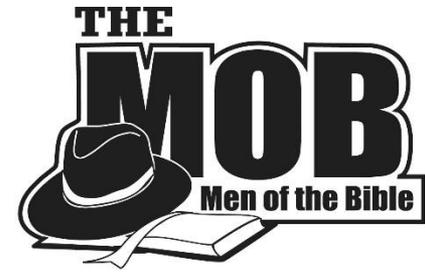
# Discussion & Application



1. What does it mean to repent? Does being sorry have anything to do with it?
2. Why does Matthew use primarily the “kingdom of heaven” versus the “kingdom of God”?
3. What is the significance of Matthew quoting [Isaiah 40:3](#) in v.3
4. Does John’s baptism have anything to do with baptism in the church today? ([see Baptism in “Church” section of IBC “What We Teach” online](#) and [Matthew 28:19](#))
5. Why was Jesus baptized?



# Closing

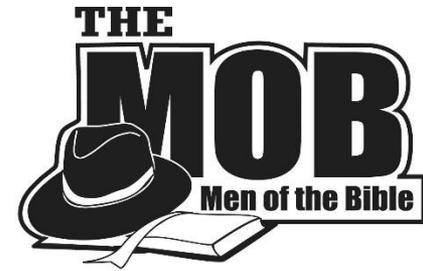


- Questions
- Benediction





# Bible Study



## Inductive Bible Study Approach:

- **Observation** – What does it say?
- **Interpretation** – What does it mean?
- **Application** – How do I apply this in my life?

Primary Reference: [The Holy Bible](#)

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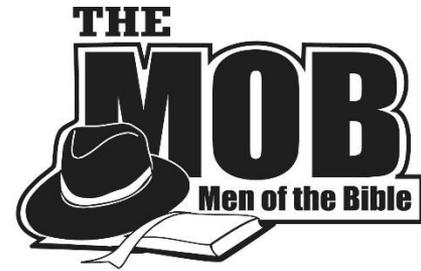
Additional References: [Precept Austin Bible Study Resources](#)

- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Matthew \(Full Commentary - FREE pdf download\)](#)
- [Grace to You](#) - John MacArthur's sermons on Matthew (audio files & transcripts)
- [IBC Sermons on The Gospel According to Matthew](#)
- [What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?](#) & [What We \(IBC\) Teach \(Basic Doctrine\)](#)



# Interpreting Scripture

[\(Ref. IBC What We Teach\)](#)



1. **Normal** - understanding the words of Scripture in their common usage unless otherwise indicated by the context.
2. **Literal** - understanding the meaning of Scripture in its ordinary sense unless the context requires a figurative interpretation.
3. **Grammatical** - using the recognized rules of grammar to interpret the text.
4. **Historical** - understanding the words of Scripture in the context of the times in which they were written.
5. **Systematic** - categorizing and comparing the teaching of the Scriptures with the whole of Scripture in view.