

What happens when Jesus gets baptised? (v21–22)



What is the significance of this?

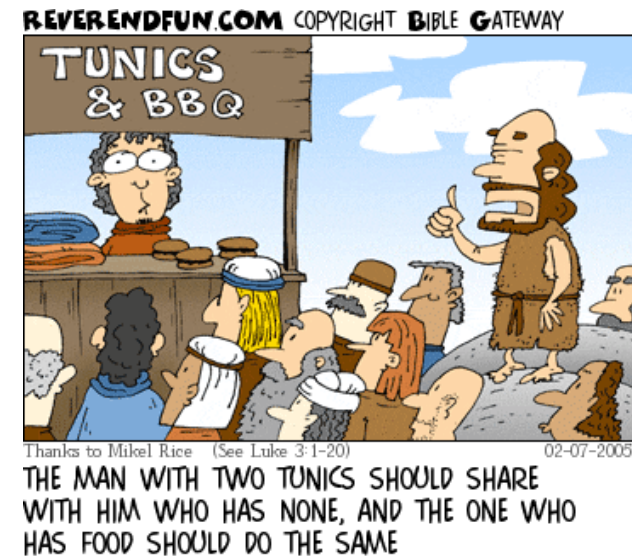
### Application

John was working very hard to prepare people for the one who would come after him, Jesus. He obviously thought being ready to follow Jesus was very important. Where are you up to in being ready to follow Jesus?

John gave practical examples of repentance to tax collectors and soldiers. Imagine John spoke to people in your profession (ie your major). What do you think he would tell them to do?

Are there things in *your* life that need to be repented of? Be specific; then pray about these things.

# getting ready to meet Jesus



## Luke 3:1–38

## Study 3

**The story so far**

Jesus is no ordinary person. His birth was a miracle, and he was an exceptional child. He is God’s Son, and will become the King who saves his people.

This week the story continues with Jesus’ close relative, John. Both Jesus and John are about 30 years old now.

What do you remember about John?

**Read Luke 3:1–38.**

Which words need explaining?

Work through verses 1–22 again in pairs. Highlight or colour in words or ideas that are repeated. (For example you might colour ‘fire’ in red.)

Which words or ideas did you find that are repeated?

This helps us to know what the important themes are.

Now, split up into two groups. Group 1 is going to focus on John, and group 2 is going to focus on Jesus.

<b>John</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
What is the “tone” of John’s ministry?	According to John, what is the relationship between John and Jesus?
How is John trying to prepare the people for Jesus?	According to John, what will Jesus be like? What will the “tone” of his ministry be?

Advanced: In v4–6 Luke quotes from Isaiah 40:1–5. Read this passage, and then discuss how it deepens our understanding of John’s ministry.