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MATTHEW			
<b>Announcement and Arrival of the King</b> Main Emphasis: His Credentials Baptism Temptation CHAPTERS 1-4	<b>Proclamation and Reception of the King</b> Main Emphasis: His Message Sermon on the Mount Miracles Discourses Parables CHAPTERS 5-15	<b>Opposition and Rejection of the King</b> Main Emphasis: His Suffering and Death Spread of opposition Preparation of disciples Final predictions Crucifixion CHAPTERS 16-27	<b>Resurrection and Triumph of the King</b> Main Emphasis: His Conquest God's power Great Commission CHAPTER 28
<b>The King</b>	His identity: Israel's promised King		His destiny: "Crucify Him!"
<b>Scope</b>	Teaching the vast multitudes		Teaching the Twelve
<b>Location</b>	Bethlehem and Nazareth	Ministry in Galilee	Ministry in Judea
<b>People's Reaction</b>	Increased popularity		Increased hostility
<b>Theme</b>	Jesus is the King, Israel's long-awaited Messiah.		
<b>Key Verses</b>	16:16-19; 28:18-20		
<b>Christ in Matthew</b>	Jesus, the Messiah, fulfills the prophecies, promises, types, and expectations of the Old Testament Scriptures (16:16-19; 28:18-20).		

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**Matthew 2:23** <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

**What is a Nazarene?**

**Summary: What 4 prophecies were fulfilled in Chapter 2 and how did and do people respond to Jesus, then and now?**

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Matthew 3:1-2 <sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

What do we draw from the phrase “in those days” and the word “came”?

Who was John the Baptist?

How do the four Gospel accounts about John the Baptizer compare.

Is there a difference between confession and repentance?

What is the Kingdom of heaven?

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**Comparison of 4 Gospel Accounts of John The Baptizer**

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Birth	None	None	Luke 1	None
Preaching Repent	Repent for Kingdom of Heaven is at hand	Repent for remission of sin	Repent for remission of sin	None
Isaiah Quote	Isaiah 40:3	Isaiah 40:3	Isaiah 40:3-5	Isaiah 40:3
Clothing/Food	Camel's hair, leather belt, locusts and honey	Camel's hair, leather belt, locusts and honey	None	None
Visited By	Jerusalem, Judea, all regions around the Jordan	All the land of Judea and those from Jerusalem	None	None
What visitors did	Confessed sin	Confessed sin	None	None

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**Comparison of 4 Gospel Accounts of John The Baptizer**

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Pharisee Visit	Brood of vipers	None	Brood of vipers	Why are you baptizing
On Being Jew	Bear fruit worthy of repentance – being Jew is not a guarantee of salvation	None	Bear fruit worthy of repentance – being Jew is not a guarantee of salvation	None
Sandals	Not worthy to carry	Not worthy to loosen the straps	Not worthy to loosen the straps	Not worthy to loosen the straps
God's Wrath	Burn the chaff	None	Burn the chaff	None
Jesus Baptized	Dove and Voice	Dove and Voice	Dove and Voice	Dove

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Matthew 3:3-6 <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.<sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Why does Matthew stop at verse 3 when quoting Isaiah 40:3-5?

What is meant by prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight?

Why bother with a description of John's clothing and diet?

What is startling about John's baptizing such large numbers of Jews?

Did all of those baptized by John have salvation?

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