

Bereans Bible Institute

Module VI – The Life of Christ

Lesson 3 – John the Baptist (Part 2)

I. Jesus' childhood

- A. Jesus' circumcision & prophecies at the Temple (Luke 2:21-38)
- B. Return to Nazareth (Luke 2:40)
- C. Who were the "wise men (magi) from the east?" (Matt. 2:1-23)
 - 1. The Greek word "magi" is from Daniel (1:20; 2:2,10,27; 4:7)
 - 2. Daniel was placed over all of the "magi" of Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 5:11)
 - 3. They knew of the coming "King of the Jews" whom Daniel prophesied about (Dan. 9)
 - 4. The sign of the star was known to them.
 - 5. Herod attempts to slaughter babies in Bethlehem 2 & under, determined by Magi.
- D. Jesus confounds the scholars at 12 years old (Luke 2:41-52)
 - 1. His dialogue with the scholars lasted 4 days (vs. 44 & 46)
 - 2. His knowledge was astounding (vs. 47)
 - 3. He was doing His "Father's business" (vs. 49)
 - a. He was already aware of His Father, and His mission
 - b. Jesus was constantly taught by His Father (Isaiah. 7:14-16a LXX, John 8:23-30)
 - c. Jesus increased in wisdom as He grew up (vss. 40, 52; Isaiah 53:1-2)
 - 4. As a young man (20s), Jesus was a reader at the synagogue (Luke 4:16)

II. John's message BEFORE baptizing Jesus

- A. Baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (Mark 1:1-5)
- B. The coming One will baptize with the Spirit (Mark 1:6-8)