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John, the Forerunner of Jesus—
Matt. 3: 1-12.

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Sunday School.

LESSON I.—JAN. 2, 1910.

John, the Forerunner of Jesus—
Matt. 3: 1-12.

Commentary.—I. John's coming (vs. 1-6).

1. In those days—About midsummer

A. D. 26 John the Baptist began his

ministry and continued a half year before

Jesus was still living at Nazareth. John

the Baptist—He was the son of Zachari-

as and Elizabeth, both of the priestly

tribe (Luke 1: 5.) Elizabeth was a

cousin of Mary, hence John and Jesus were

second cousins. John was consecrated

as a Nazirite (Luke 1: 15), according

to the vow given in Num. 6. All that

we know of his history from his birth to

the beginning of his public ministry is

contained in the verse, "And the child

grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and

was on the desert till the day of his

showing himself unto Israel" (Luke 1: 80).

Preaching.—John was divinely com-

missioned, therefore he had a message. He

promised the speedy coming of the

Christ. Wilderness—This was not an un-

inhabited region, but one thinly popu-

lated. It was the wild country west of the

Jordan and the Dead Sea. 2. Repent ye

—Repentance includes sorrow for sin

and a turning from it. To repent

implies a change of purpose and that

new purpose shown by right conduct.

Kingdom of heaven—The Jews were

looking for the Messiah and expected

him to establish a kingdom on earth.

Their view was wrong, but they

maintained them tenaciously. The

new kingdom was to be spiritual. Christ

was to be King, to rule in the hearts of

men. At hand—It was only a few

months, or possibly a few days, before

the King would appear to establish the

kingdom.

3. This is he—Matthew refers now to

the prophecy concerning John. Esias—

This is the Greek form of the Hebrew

name Isiah. The prophecy occurs in

Isa. 40: 3. The voice—Attention is not

drawn to the person of the speaker, but

to the message John did not wish to

exalt himself. He was willing to be simply

a "voice" proclaiming the coming

King. Crying in the wilderness—There

was activity and earnestness in deliver-

ing the message. The prophecy was lit-

erally fulfilled as to the messenger, the

message and the place. Prepare ye the

way—The King was soon to come and

suitable preparations must be made. In

ancient times the approach of a monarch

was heralded long enough beforehand for

the inhabitants of the country through

which he was to pass to put the road in

readiness. Valleys were filled and hills

lowered.

4. A garment of camel's hair—A cloth

made from the long and shaggy hair of

the camel. Bishop Porteus says, "This

garment of camel's hair was nothing

else than that sackcloth of which we

read so much in the scriptures." Leath-

ern girdle—Undressed skin. The girdle

was used to gather in and hold the

loose flowing garments worn in the East.

Meat—"Food." R. V. Locusts—"The

common brown locust is about three

inches in length and the general form

of that of the grasshopper."—Harris.

This was the food of the poor who lived

in the deserts where locusts abound.

Wild honey—Honey was found in abun-

dance deposited by bees in trees and

in the rooks. Honey and locusts

were often mixed as an article of food.

Elijah was a type of John. The two

were alike in their disposition and

manner of living. 5. Went out to him—

John's preaching place was in the desert

but the people found him. There was

intense interest. The Messiah was being

announced. Multitudes came from

near and from far, inasmuch that Matthew

says, "All Judea, and all the region

determines our fruit, and our fruit

shows what we are.

III. Christ's mission announced (vs. 11,

12).

11. He that cometh after me—John

does not lose sight of the fact that he

is but the forerunner of Jesus, nor is

he silent regarding it. Mightier than I

—He understood the character and

power of him whose coming he heralded.

Shoes—These were sandals simply cov-

ering the soles of the feet and bound

upon them with thongs, or leathern

strings. Not worthy to bear—The sand-

als were removed upon entering a

house. It was the duty of a servant to

loosen the sandals of his master and

to bare for them. This was a lowly

service, yet John declares himself up-

worthy to perform it. Baptize you with

the Holy Ghost—The baptism with

water was an outward act, the baptism

with the Holy Spirit was inward. "While

John could only bid them repent, and

symbolize their purification by the

washing of water, Jesus could really

purify them, and give them a new heart

by the Holy Spirit, and the fire of divine

life and love."—Abbott.

12. Fan is in his hand—Reference is

made to a winnowing fan, or shovel, by

means of which the chaff could be sepa-

rated from the wheat by exposing them

to the wind. Purge—Cleanse. Floor—

The Oriental threshing floor was a flat-

tened space of ground made hard for

threshing the grain. Wheat into the

garner—The wheat was to be placed in

the granary, where it would be safe

from the elements and from enemies.

It is here used as a figure of heaven,

as fire is the figure of hell.

Questions.—Who were the parents of

John and what was their character?

What is meant by the wilderness?

What was the theme of John's preach-

ing? What was the prophecy concern-

ing him? Describe John the Baptist

with respect to his clothing and food.

Where did he preach? Who heard him?

What Old Testament prophet did he

resemble? What did John say to the

Pharisees and Sadducees? Describe

the classes of people. How did John

compare himself with Jesus? What is

meant by the fan and the threshing

floor? The garner? The fire?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

The preacher. Four hundred years

before John came, Malachi had written,

"Behold, I will send my messenger"

(Mal. 3: 1). Seven hundred years

before Isaiah had written, "The voice

of him that crieth" (Isa. 40: 3). John

was more than a prophet (Matt. 11: 11).

He was not only the last prophet of the

old dispensation (Matt. 11: 13), but the

beginner of the new (Acts 1: 22, 26; 10:

37). In personality and preaching he

belonged with the Old Testament

prophets; in humility and devotion, with

the New Testament preachers. For

years he prepared the way before the

Lord, then he cried to the people, "Pre-

pare ye the way." He preached "repen-

tance," and his coarse clothing and

plain food were object lessons upon his

word. His life kept step with his lips.

No wonder that "all men counted" that

John "was a prophet indeed."

The proclamation. God compares stern

Bible truth to an ax (v. 10). Like an

ax, his word is sharp and powerful

(Heb. 4: 12). He who wields it should,

like John, be filled with and led by the

Spirit. Some of John's words were: 1.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord" (v.

3). Fill ye valleys of dejection and

despondency with joyful praise. Tear

down every mountain of pride and con-

ceit and selfishness by lowly, loving

acts of kindness (Isa. 40: 3, 4, 5). 2.

"Make his paths straight" (v. 3). Have

no crooked ways. Indulge in no un-

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