



A Lenten Grow-Pray-Study Guide

Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:3-22

Pray

Connect

In what ways has Jesus surprised you? Have you found that Jesus sometimes acted differently from what you anticipated?

Reflect

How has your understanding of Jesus changed from when you first met Him? What specific things have you learned about the character of Jesus? What have you learned by reading the Bible?

What makes you feel God's pleasure?

Meeting Jesus will change you. Exp. Apostle Paul, Stève Cishek

Matthew wrote that he baptized Jesus, at the start of Jesus' public ministry, only after humbly saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?" (cf. also John 1:19-30).

In verse 2, the phrase "Change your hearts and lives" translates the single Greek word *metanoiēte*. It's often translated just "repent," but the Translator's Handbook on the Gospel of Matthew noted that the word "does not mean simply 'to be sorry about' or 'to regret,' but rather involves a change of both attitude (or heart) and of conduct." In what ways has a change of attitude or heart showed itself in changed conduct in your life?

John said of Jesus, "He must increase, but I must decrease."
(John 3:30) What do you think John meant by that statement? How does that statement reflect our lives?

What kind of legacy do you want to leave?