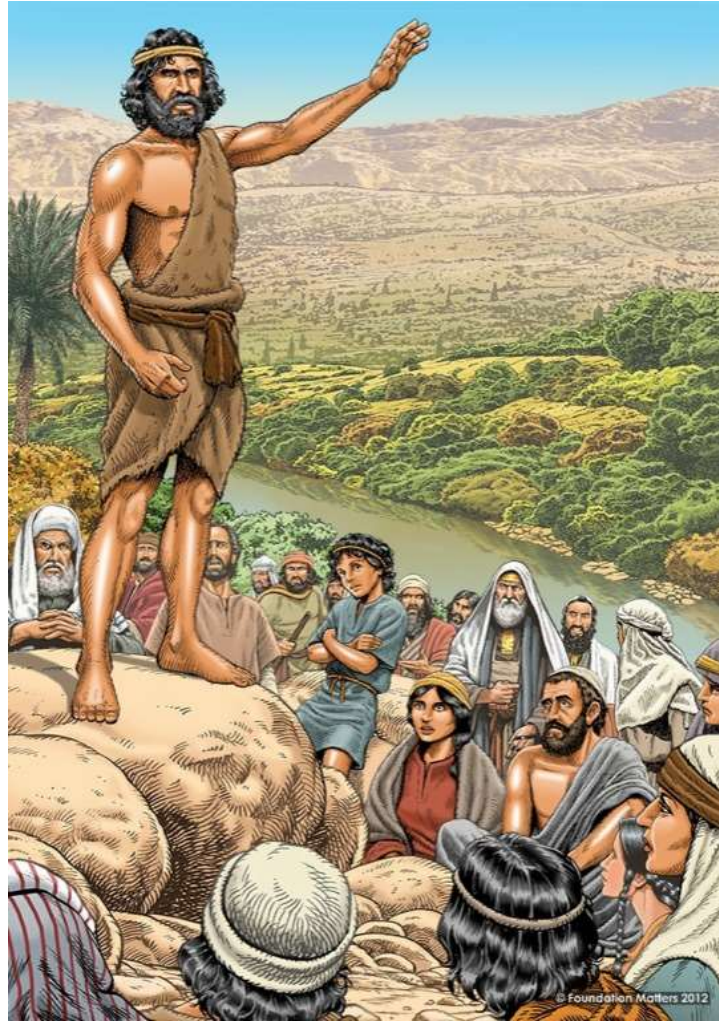


**Lesson 32**  
**Baptism of Jesus**



# 1. John the Baptist Was God's Prophet.



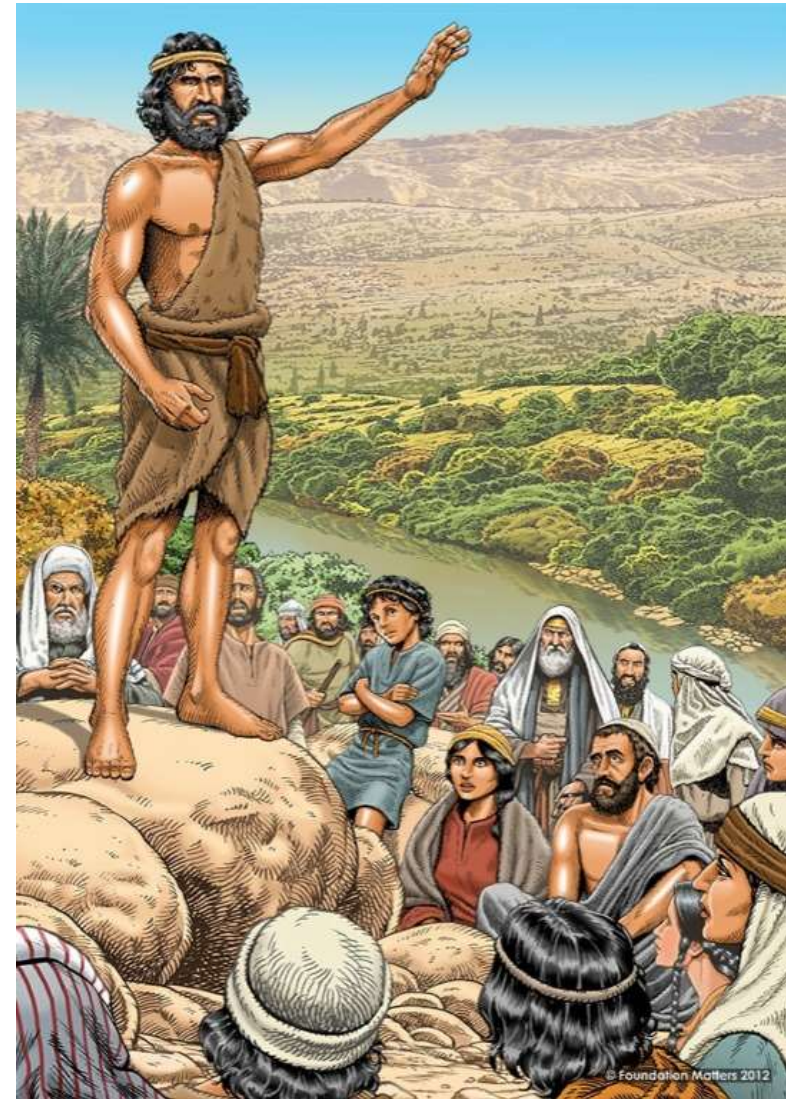


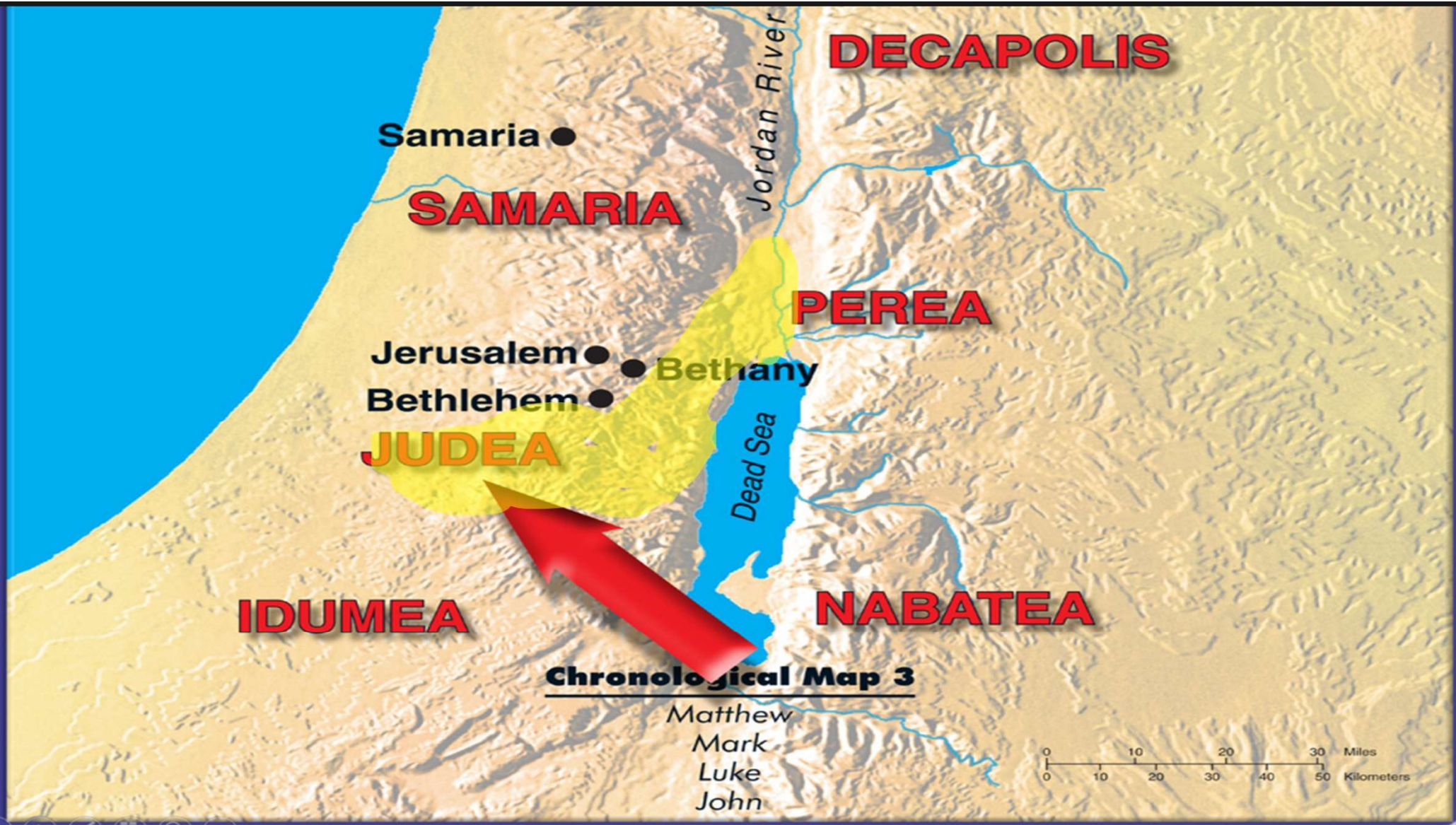
(Matthew 3:1-4)

**John the Baptist** preached in the wilderness of Judaea.

\*John told the people they must **repent** (change).

\*The Prophet Isaiah said John the Baptist will come to **prepare the way for Jesus** [Isaiah 40:3].





John told the people that they must repent in order to be ready for Jesus' coming.

To **Repent** is to  
Agree with **God**

Repent = change

Agree = think same

# To Repent is to Agree with God

God allow sin OK —**Repent**— God NOT allow sin; God is holy!

God is my King NOT —**Repent**— Now God is my King YES

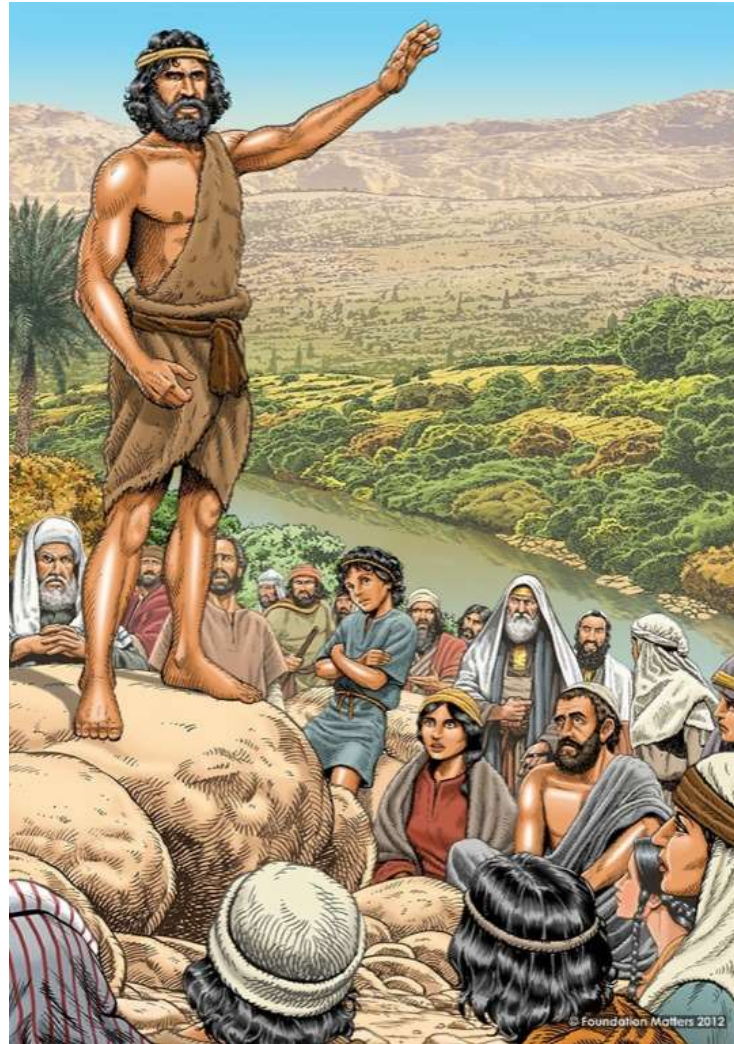
Trust OWN power for salvation —**Repent**— Now trust God's  
power for salvation

I am GOOD! —**Repent**— I am a sinner

OTHER ways for salvation —**Repent**— Jesus is ONLY way for salvation

Believe Jesus NOT —**Repent**— Now believe Jesus YES

## 2. Many People Believed/Obeyed John's Preaching.





(Matthew 3:5-6)

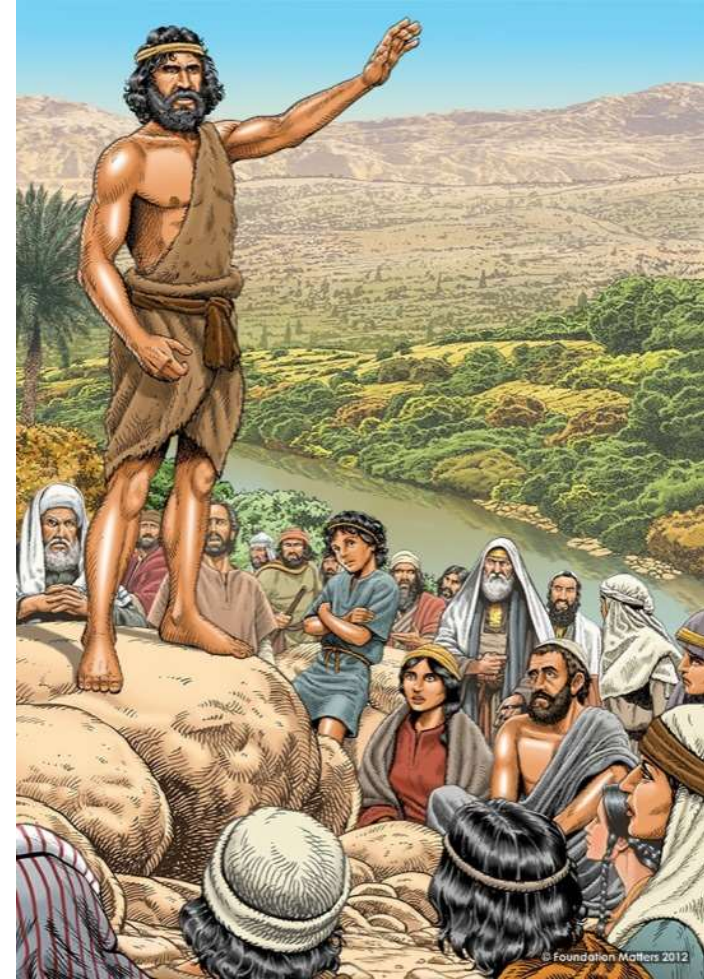
Many people repented.

\* John said they must be baptized.

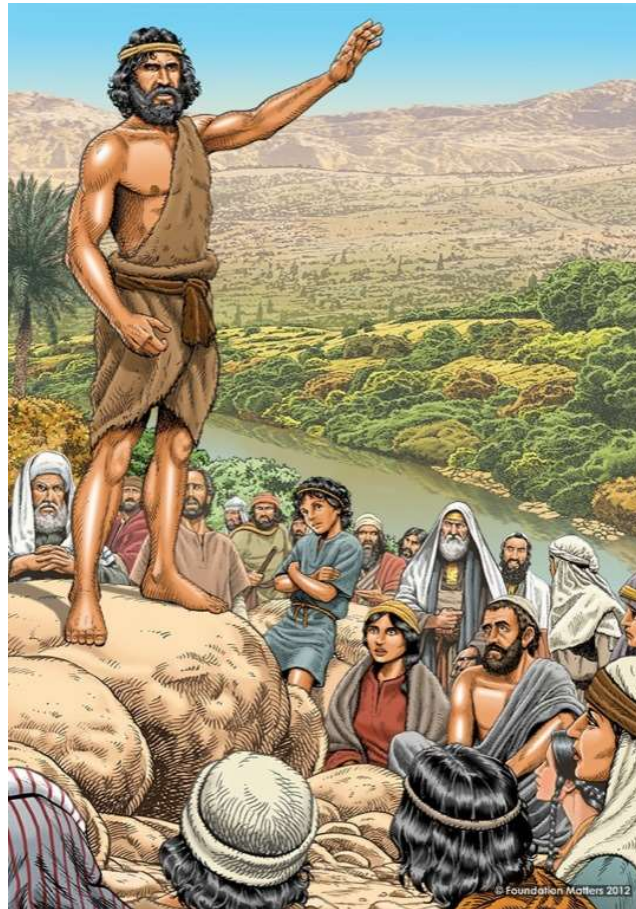
\* Baptism was how people could tell other people that they repented and believed God.

\* Baptism does not make any person good to God.

\* Only death is the payment for sins; baptism cannot pay for sins.



### 3. John Preached to Proud— NOT Repenting Religious Leaders.



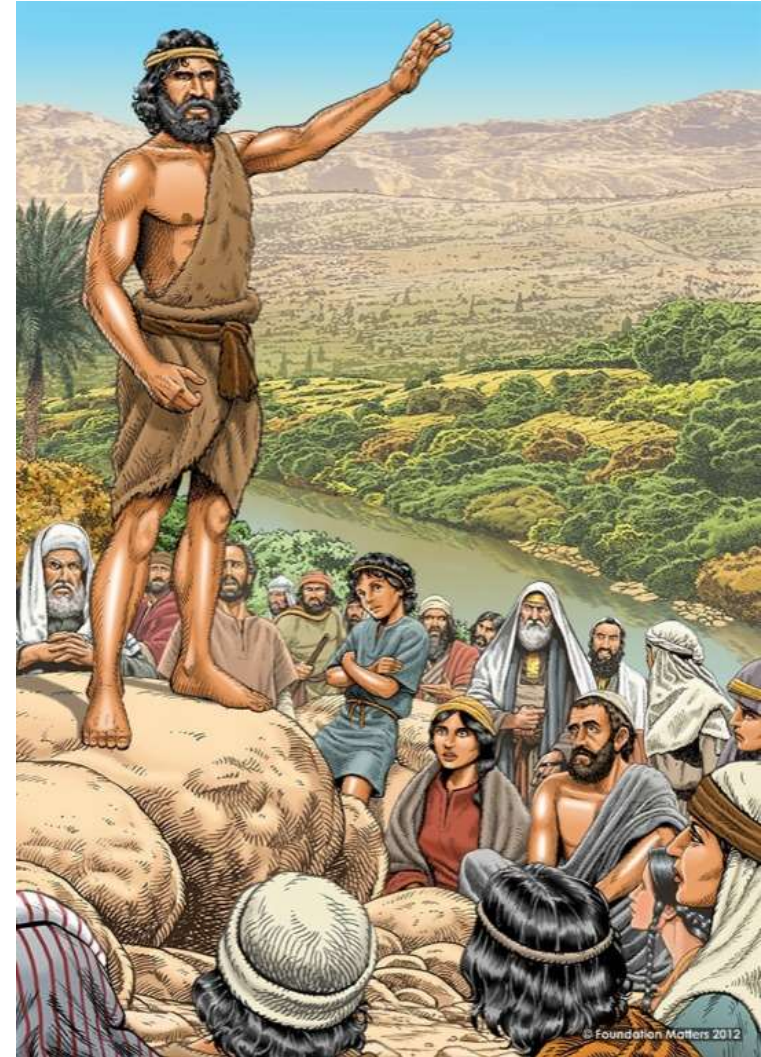
(Matthew 3:7)

Religious leaders (**Pharisees, Sadducees, and Scribes**) came to hear John preach.

**Pharisees** = try own power/good to earn salvation

**Sadducees** = want earthly power and riches

**Scribes** = follow own thinking; not follow God's thinking



**GOD**

**MAN**  
Self-improvement  
Religious Acts  
Good Works  
Ten Commandments



(Matthew 3:7-9; James 4:6)

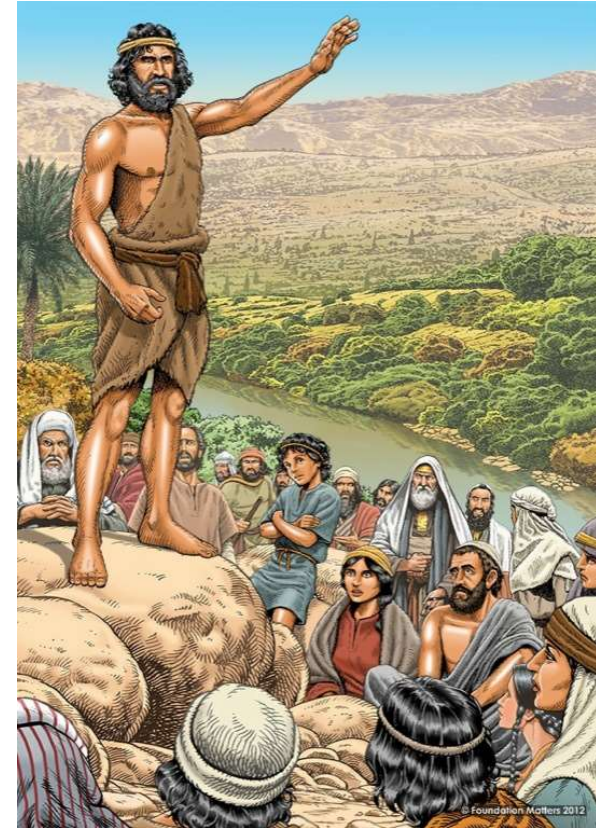
God is against proud people. God only helps humble people.

\* Pharisees and Sadducees were **proud** they were in Abraham's family.

\* This is wrong thinking.

\* God only judges each person—not by your family/group.

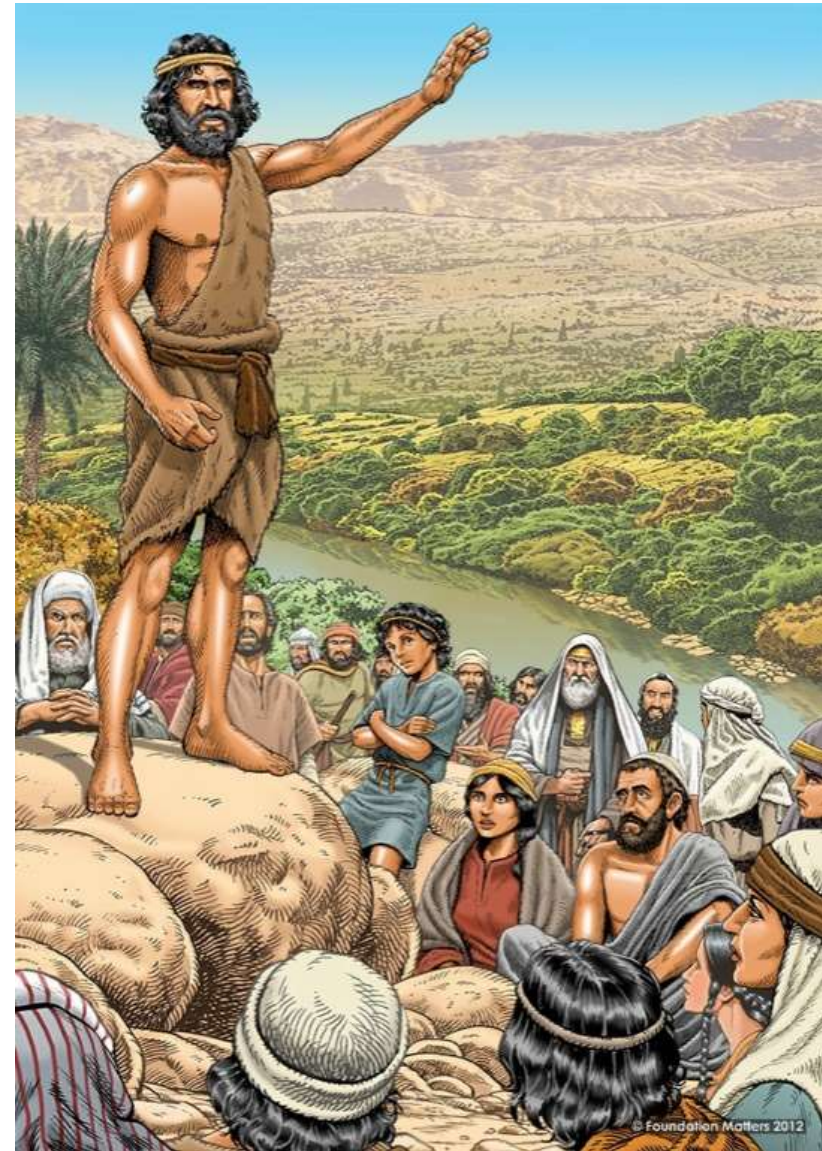
\* God looks at each person's heart.



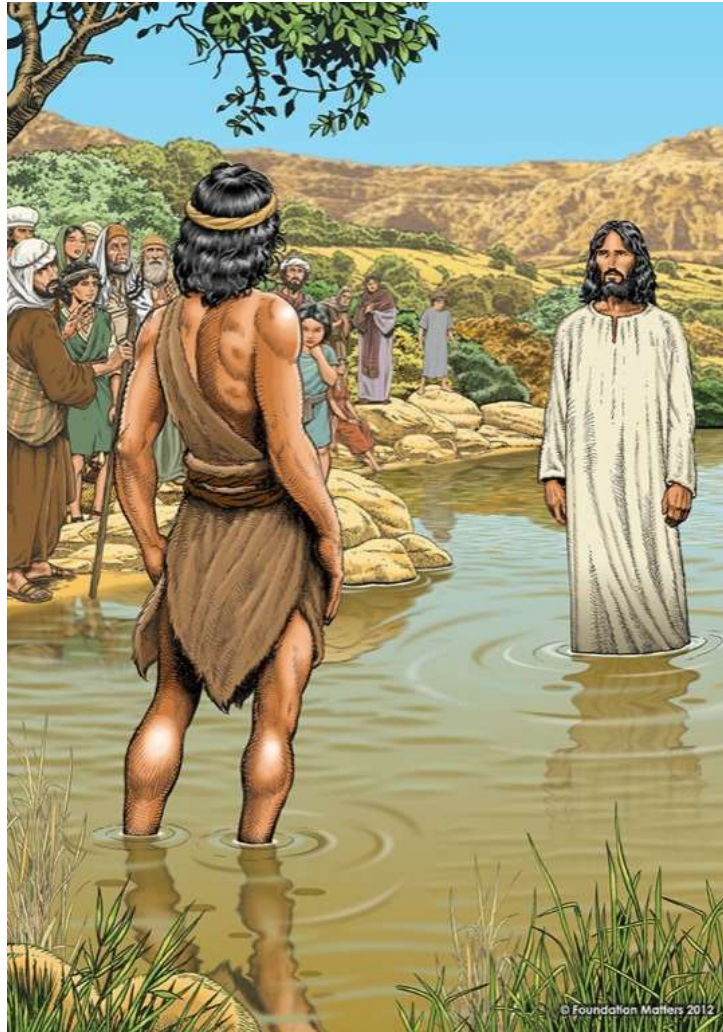
(Matthew 3:10; Romans 3:23)

All people are sinners.

\*God will punish all sinners  
who NOT repent.



## 4. John Preached About Jesus Coming.

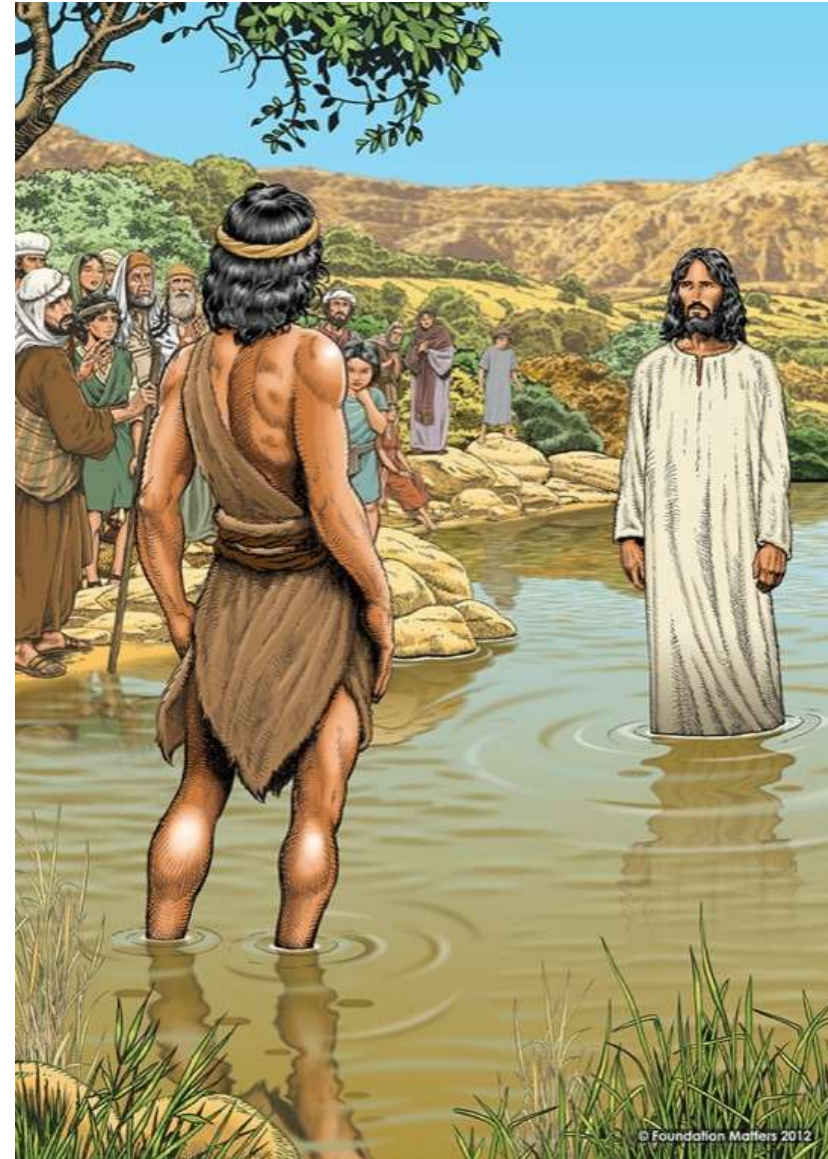


(Matthew 3:11)

John said that Jesus is better than he (**John**).

\*John said that Jesus was NOT ONLY a great man; Jesus is Son of God—YES.

\*John said that he (**John**) only baptized with water; but Jesus would baptize with Holy Spirit.



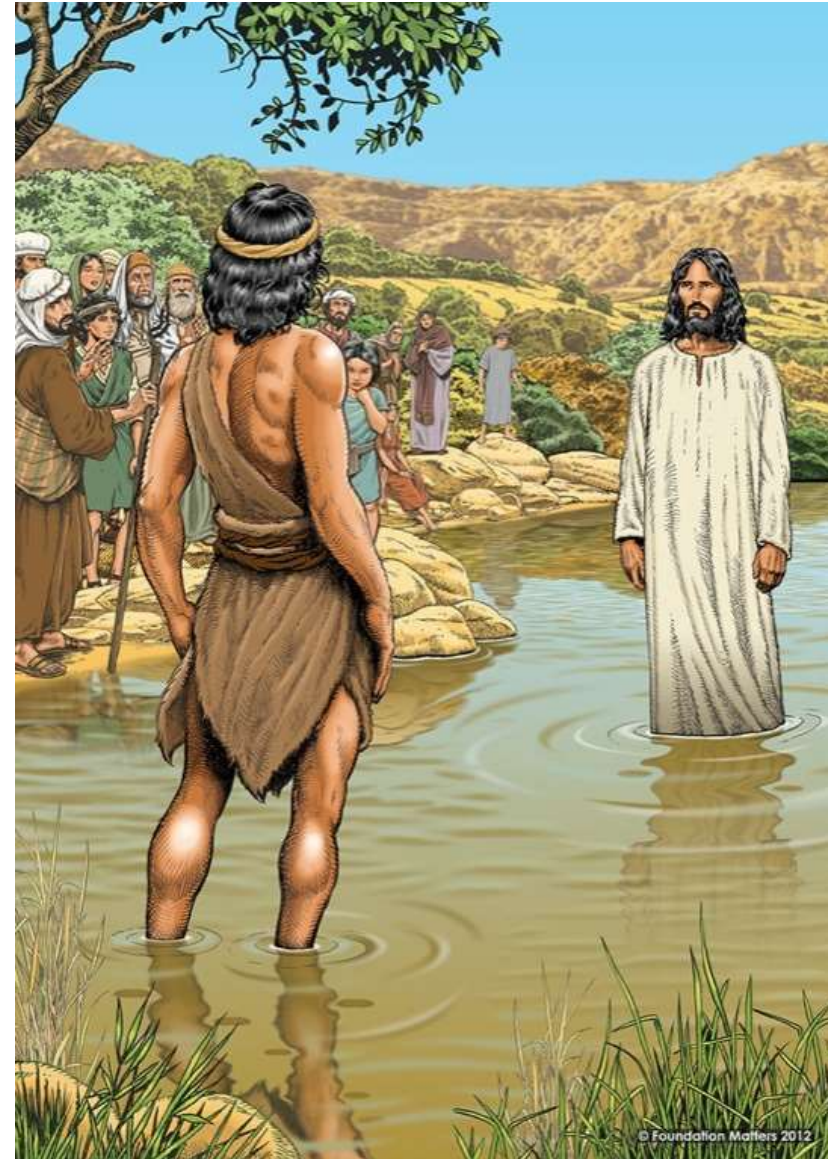


(Matthew 3:12)

John said that Jesus will separate unbelievers from believers.

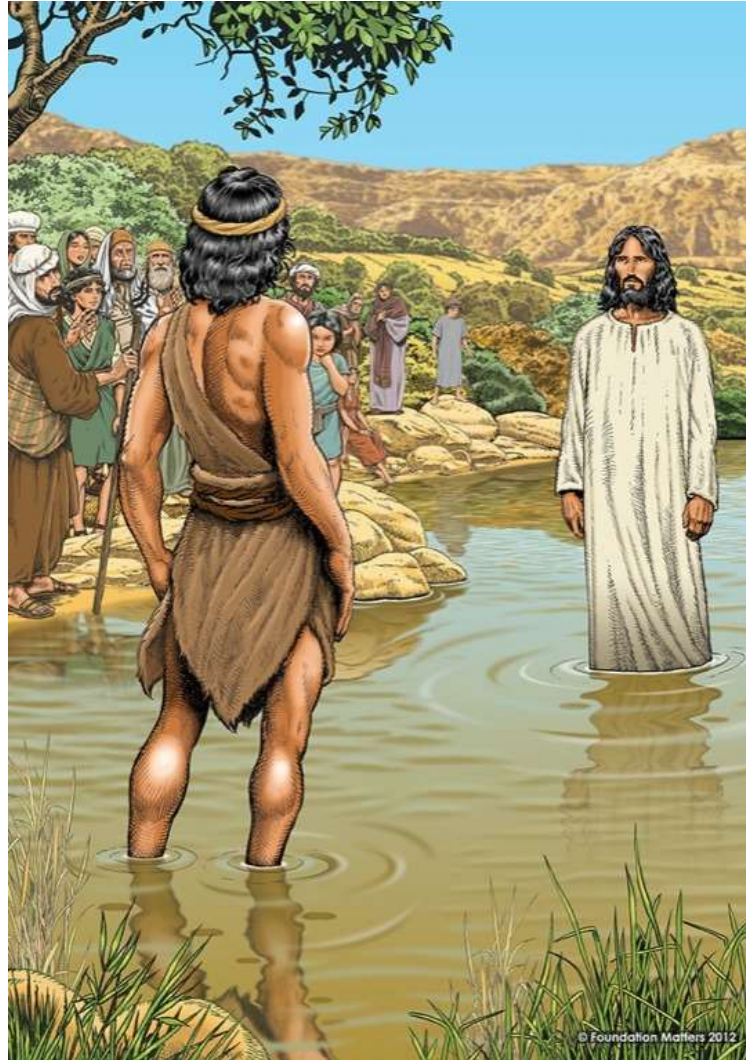
\*Jesus will judge between unbelievers and believers.

\*Jesus will cast unbelievers into a Lake of Fire (**Hell**).



## 5. John Baptized Jesus.

(Matthew 3:13-17)  
\*Jesus age was  
near 30 years.



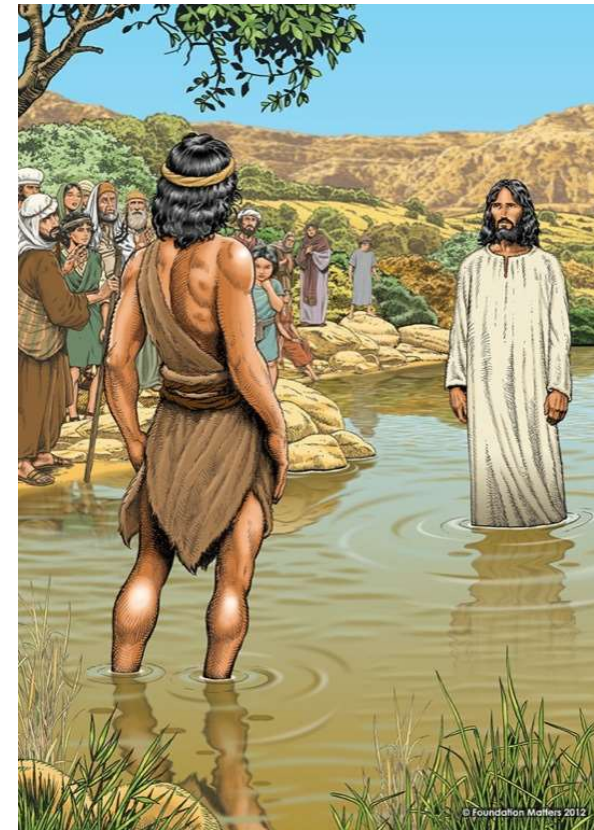
(Matthew 3:13-17)

Jesus was NOT a sinner.

WHY did Jesus receive baptism?

\* Baptism showed that people agreed (**think same**) with John's message.

\* Jesus baptism showed all people that John's teaching was GOOD and John is God's prophet.

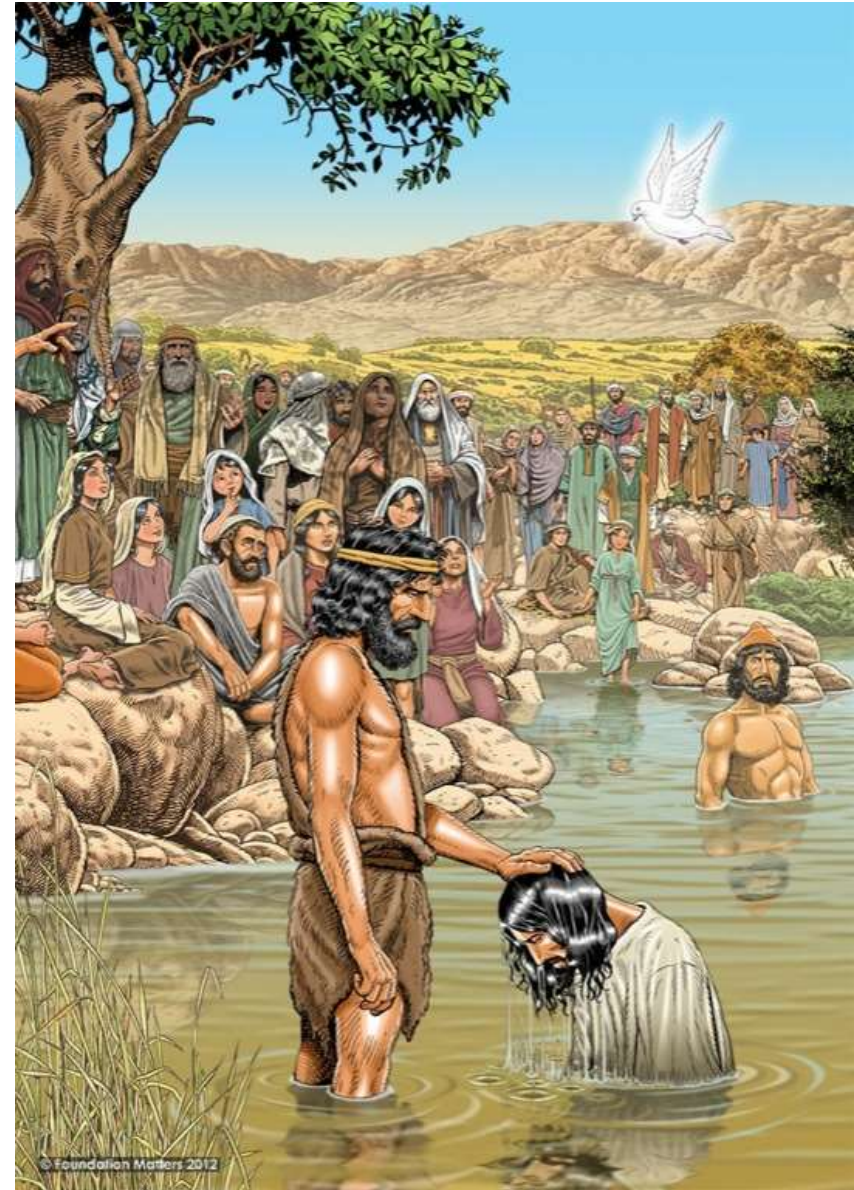


(Matthew 3:13-17)

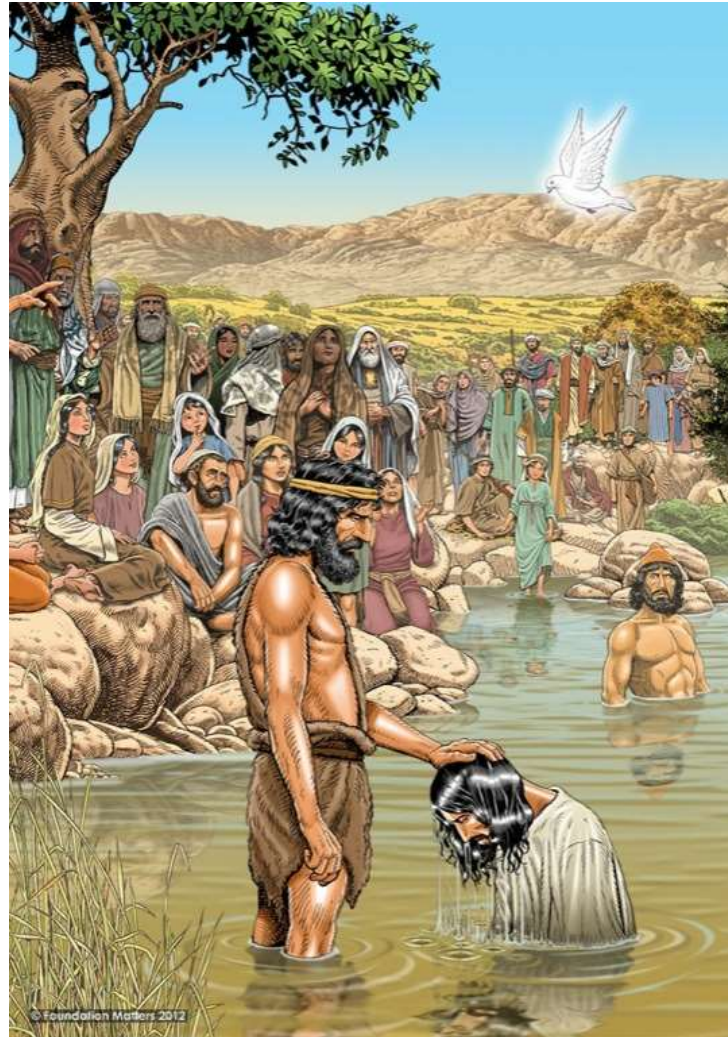
The Holy Spirit came to help Jesus work.

\*Jesus depended on God to give us a perfect example for how we should live.

\*God the Father spoke from Heaven when Jesus was baptized saying that He was happy with Jesus (**God the Son**).



## 6. The Lamb of God



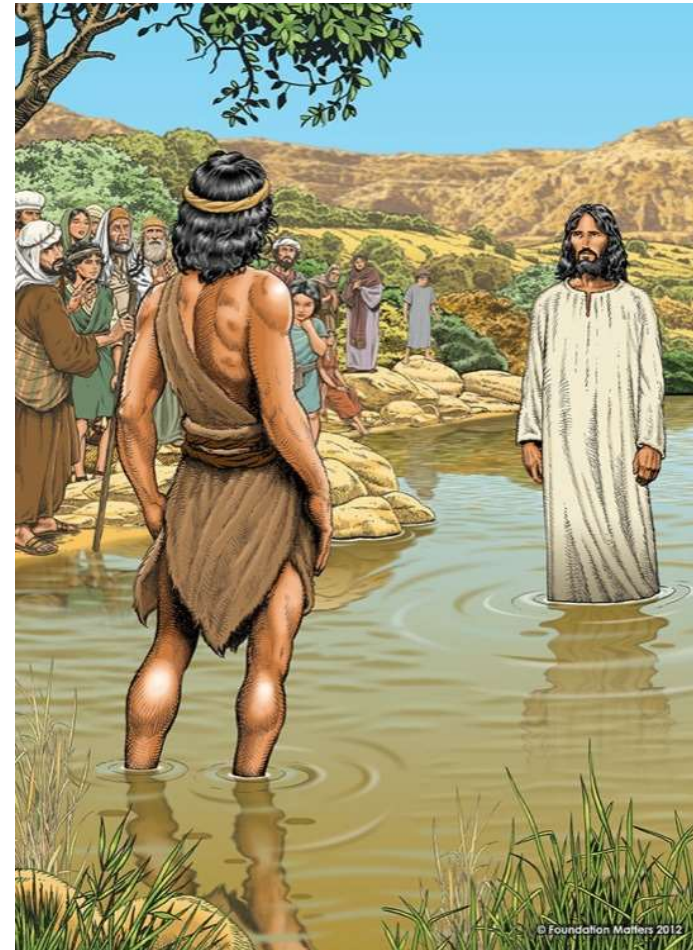
(John 1:29) John said that **Jesus** was the **Lamb of God**.

\*Punishment for sin is death, but God accepted animal sacrifices to show people's faith.

\*Abel was accepted by God by offering a lamb sacrifice.

\*Isaac's life was saved by offering a lamb sacrifice.

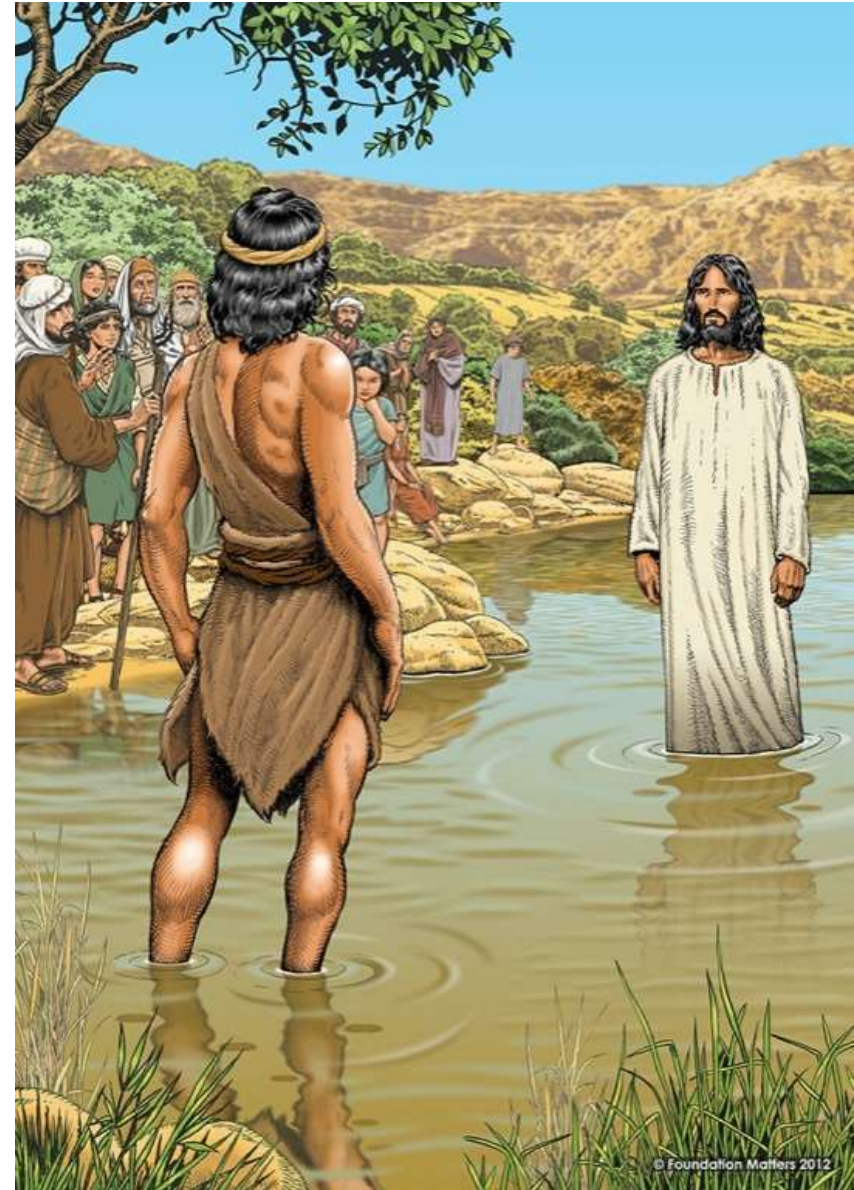
\*The firstborn in Egypt could live by offering a lamb sacrifice.



\*The blood of animals could not pay for sins.

\*God sent His Son into the world to pay for sins.

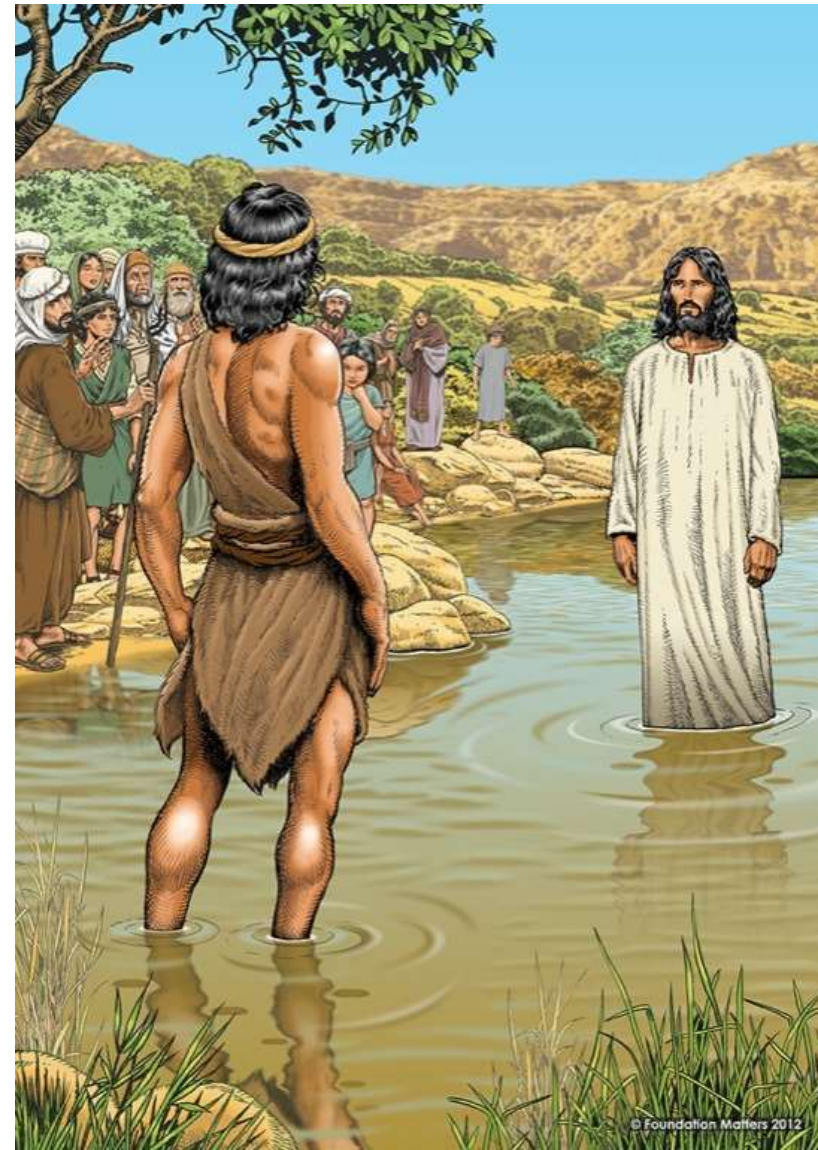
\*John told the people that Jesus was the Saviour—God before promised.



(John 1:30-34)

God gave a special sign  
(**proof**) to John, so John could  
know who is the Saviour.

\*The Holy Spirit like a dove  
(**bird**) came upon Jesus; this  
showed that Jesus is the  
One—before God had  
promised.





\*Today the Bible is our proof that Jesus is the Saviour God has given for us.

\*Today, we do not need miraculous signs because we have the Bible.

\*The Bible is the greatest miraculous proof that Jesus is Saviour and God.

