Getting Ready For Jesus

After hearing of Jesus birth, we hear very little about Him until John the baptist appears in the wilderness thirty years later. Matthew tells us that during those years Jesus “increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.” (Luke 2:52).

- What does Matthew mean when he says Jesus increased in wisdom and understanding?

- Why do you think Matthew tells us “John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.” (Matthew 3:4)

- What was John’s calling from God (Luke 3:4 – 6)?

- [ ] Describe John's simple message in a few words.

- [ ] What does proper repentance look like?

- [ ] What does John mean when He says Jesus "will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16)?

- [ ] Why was it so important that John's message should precede the coming of Jesus?