

THE BAPTIZER

Scripture:

Matthew 3:11

John 1:32-33. 16:7

Introduction

Of John the Baptist Jesus said, "Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist...."

Luke 7:28

John was a man with a powerful message whose ministry produced great results, but it was destined to be short for one greater was to follow.

I. The mission of John the Baptist

He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord....

John 1:23

- A. To preach repentance
- B. To prepare men for coming Messiah
 - 1. By exposing sin
 - 2. By proclaiming the coming ministry of Jesus
- C. The decline of his ministry

II. The mission of Jesus

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10b

- A. Saviour
 - 1. Redeemer
 - 2. Advocate
- B. Baptizer in the Holy Spirit

II. The mission of Jesus

B. Baptizer in the Holy Spirit

It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

John 16:7

1. Jesus returned to the Father to report "Mission accomplished"
2. Promised to send the Comforter
3. Upper room experience