

### Early Judean Ministry—John Superseded by Jesus (April–November 30)

John 3:22–36

22 After these *things* Jesus and his disciples came into Judean territory, and there he spent time with them and was baptizing.

23 Now John was also baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and they were coming and were being baptized.

24 (For John had not yet been thrown into prison.)

25 So a dispute occurred on the part of John’s disciples with a Jew concerning purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you on the other side of the Jordan, about whom you testified—look, this one is baptizing, and all are coming to him!”

27 John answered and said, “A man can receive not one *thing* unless it is granted to him from heaven!

28 You yourselves testify about me that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I am sent before that one.’ [cf. [Mal 3:1](#)]

29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine is complete.

30 It is necessary for that one to increase, but *for* me to decrease.”

31 The one who comes from above is over all. The one who is from the earth is from the earth and speaks from the earth; the one who comes from heaven is over all.

32 What he has seen and heard, this he testifies, and no one accepts his testimony.

33 The one who accepts his testimony has attested that God is true.

34 For *the one* whom God sent speaks the words of God, for he does not give the Spirit by measure.

35 The Father loves the Son and has given all *things* into his hand.

36 The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the Son will not see life—but the wrath of God remains on him.

### Early Judean Ministry—John’s Imprisonment (November/December 30)

Matthew 14:3–5	Mark 6:17–20	Luke 3:19–20
<p>3 For Herod, <i>after</i> arresting John, bound him and put <i>him</i> in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip,</p> <p>4 because John had been saying to him, “It is not permitted for you to have her.”</p> <p>5 And <i>although</i> he wanted to kill him, he feared the crowd, because they looked upon him as a prophet.</p>	<p>17 For Herod himself had sent <i>and</i> arrested John and bound him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Philip his brother, because he had married her.</p> <p>18 For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not permitted for you to have your brother’s wife.”</p> <p>19 So Herodias held a grudge against him and was wanting to kill him, and was not able <i>to do so</i>.</p> <p>20 For Herod was afraid of John, <i>because</i> he knew him <i>to be</i> a righteous and holy man and protected him. And <i>when</i> he listened to him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he listened to him gladly.</p>	<p>19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him concerning Herodias, his brother’s wife, and concerning all the evil deeds that Herod had done,</p> <p>20 added this also to them all: he also locked up John in prison.</p>

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