

Saint John the Baptist

John the Baptist is mentioned in all four Gospels.
List the four Gospels in the order that they appear in the Bible:

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

(St. Luke 1:5–25)

John was the son of Zechariah and Elisabeth. Zechariah was the High Priest, he served God in the Temple in Jerusalem. Elisabeth was barren (she could not have children) but one day, while Zechariah was worshipping in the Temple, the Angel Gabriel appeared to him and told him that Elisabeth was going to have a baby and he would grow up to be a great prophet. Zechariah was shocked! He asked “How shall I know if this is so?” Because of his disbelief he was mute (unable to speak) until the day of the baby’s birth.



The Visitation

(St.. Luke 1:39–45)

Six months later, the Angel _____ appeared to the Virgin _____ in the town of _____ and told her that she was going to be the mother of _____ **(Luke 1:26–38).**



Soon afterward Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea to visit her cousin Elisabeth. When Elisabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

John Preaches in the Wilderness

(St. Mark 1:4–8)

When John grew up he wore shaggy clothes made of camel’s hair and he ate locusts and wild honey. He lived in the desert, baptising and preaching. “Turn away from your sins and be baptised,” he told the people, “and God will forgive your sins.”

People came from all over to confess their sins and to be baptised by him.

He announced to the people, “The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”



Who was he talking about? _____

The Baptism of Jesus

(St. Mark 1:9–11)

Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptised by John in the River_____.

As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him in the form of a _____. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved _____. I am pleased with you.”



The Death of John the Baptist

(St. Matthew 14:1–12)

John criticised King Herod because he did not live according to God’s Law. Because of this he was arrested and thrown in jail. Herod had John put to death by beheading.

Did you know Saint John the Baptist, along with Saint Joseph, is the patron saint of Canada?

A prayer for our country:

O God, who provides for thy people by thy power, and rules over them in love: Vouchsafe to bless thy servant our Queen, and her Government in the Dominion of Canada, that thy people may dwell in peace and safety, and thy Church serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Name: _____

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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COUSIN

ELISABETH

FORGIVE

GABRIEL

GOD

GOSPEL

HEROD

JESUS

JOHN

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PREACH

PROPHET

SPIRIT

TEMPLE

WILDERNESS

ZECHARIAH