

Jesus Revealed the Kingdom of God



CHAPTER 12 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 12**.

John the Baptist baptized people, allowing them to show sorrow for their sins. The baptism John practiced was different from our Sacrament of Baptism today.

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Jesus' miracles showed that he was the Messiah. They showed that Jesus had power over nature and that he could overcome all evil.

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Jesus was the Son of God. He had never sinned, and he did not need to be baptized before he began his public mission. Jesus' baptism was the Divine Revelation of God's will. As Jesus came out of the water, the heavens opened, and God said that Jesus was his Son and that he was pleased with him.

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Jesus revealed the Kingdom of God in his preaching. In parables he told, Jesus used everyday language and examples to help people understand.

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In one parable, Jesus compared God's kingdom to a mustard seed. The mustard seed starts out tiny but grows into something large.

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After his baptism, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert. For 40 days, he fasted and prayed in order to prepare to do his Father's work. Satan tempted Jesus, offering Jesus earthly power if Jesus would bow down and worship him. Jesus rejected Satan's temptations.

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In another parable, Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a pearl. The pearl is of such a great price that a merchant sells all that he has in order to buy it. God's kingdom is also so valuable that we could never pay enough to get it.

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