

The Savior Is Jesus, the Son of God



CHAPTER 24 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 24**.

The Maccabees led the overthrow of the Syrian occupiers of Israel. Their victory is celebrated in the Feast of Hanukkah.

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Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. John's life would end when Herod had him beheaded.

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Elizabeth and Zechariah were the parents of John the Baptist, the last and greatest prophet.

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Mary was called to be the mother of the Messiah. When the angel Gabriel told her, she freely agreed. In Mary's special prayer of praise, the *Magnificat*, she thanks God for all that he has done and for all that he will do through Jesus.

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John the Baptist prepared himself for his mission by training in the desert. Many think John may have belonged to the Essenes, religious people who lived by strict rules to keep the covenant perfectly.

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Through Mary's Immaculate Conception, she was preserved from Original Sin.

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When the Holy Spirit came to John to tell him to begin preparing the people for the Messiah, he left the desert and began teaching, telling people to repent because the Kingdom of Heaven was near.

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The mystery of the Son of God becoming man without losing his divinity is called the Incarnation.

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The Israelites were exiled in Babylon for about 50 years.

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