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"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of **salvation** to his people, in the forgiveness of their sins…"

Luke 1:76-77

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"In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea…" v.1

"Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey." v.4

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"Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him…"
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"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them "You brood of vipers! Who warned you of the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our Father, for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham."

Matthew 3:7-9

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"Woe is me, for I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Isaiah 6:6

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"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit ad fire…"

Matthew 3:11

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"Sprinkle clean water on them, and they shall be clean from all uncleanness, and from all idols. And I will give them a new heart, and a new Spirit, removing their heart of stone… putting my Spirit within them, causing them to walk in my statutes."

Ezekiel 26:25-27

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"…the righteous one … will make many to be accounted righteous and bear their iniquities."
Isaiah 53:11

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- Jesus is baptized to identify himself with John's ministry
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- Jesus is baptized to receive the Holy Spirit as a helper

"When Jesus was baptized, immediately he came up from the water and behold the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending on Him like a dove and coming to rest on Him."

Matthew 3:16

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- Jesus is baptized to identify himself with John's ministry
- Jesus is baptized in obedience to the Father's Word
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- Jesus is baptized to receive affirmation from the Father

"… and behold a voice from heaven said, "this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:17