

The Life and Passions of Jesus Christ

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⁴ And so John came, <u>baptizing in the</u> <u>desert region</u> and preaching a baptism of <u>repentance</u> for the forgiveness of sins.



1:⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." The Gospel of Mark