

# Matthew 3

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



**1** Now in those days comes John the baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, **2** and saying, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn nigh. **3** For this is he who has been spoken of through Esaias the prophet, saying, Voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. **4** And John himself had his garment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins, and his nourishment was locusts and wild honey. **5** Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the country round the Jordan, **6** and were baptised by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

**7** But seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Offspring of vipers, who has forewarned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce therefore fruit worthy of repentance. **9** And do not think to say within yourselves, We have Abraham for our father; for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham. **10** And already the axe is applied to the root of the trees; every tree therefore not producing good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. **11** / indeed baptise you with water to repentance, but he that comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not fit to bear; *he* shall baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire; **12** whose winnowing fan is in his hand, and he shall thoroughly purge his threshing-floor, and shall gather his wheat into the garner, but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

**13** Then comes Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised of him; **14** but John urgently forbad him, saying, / have need to be baptised of thee; and comest *thou* to me? **15** But Jesus answering said to him, Suffer it now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffers him. **16** And Jesus, having been baptised, went up straightway from the water, and lo, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him: **17** and behold, a voice out of the heavens saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I have found my delight.