

John the Baptist Preaching, Matt. 3:1-9

1. Why John preached in the wilderness
 1. The class of people who would go out there would be those sincere
 2. He would not incur the animosity and opposition of the Jewish leaders so quickly.
 3. The wilderness surroundings seems to have been more in harmony with the austerity of John's message and appearance than the city. See Matthew 11:8.

who would be

2. Who were those ~~7~~ baptized by John?

There were three classes....

1. Jesus who was without sin. John hesitated to baptize Christ, saying he had need to be baptized of Jesus. Matthew 3:14.
2. John was baptizing for the remission of sins; he regarded Jesus as a sinless person, therefore not in need of baptism.
2. The common people who confessed their sins and wished to be forgiven of their sins.
3. Certain Scribes and Pharisees who refused to confess their sins. Selfrighteous. These John flatly refused to baptize.

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