

John 3:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

Analysis

John notes Jesus' movement to Judean countryside where He baptized alongside disciples. This indicates a period of parallel ministry with John the Baptist. Jesus' early ministry included baptism—likely disciples performing the ritual (John 4:2). This geographical and chronological note shows Jesus' ministry gradually expanding while still overlapping with John's. The transition from preparation to fulfillment wasn't instant but progressive.

Historical Context

This period of concurrent ministry with John the Baptist is unique to John's Gospel. It shows Jesus didn't immediately replace John but allowed transitional overlap. The Jordan valley was associated with Israel's entry into the Promised Land; now it became the scene of new covenant inauguration.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does the overlap between John's and Jesus' ministries teach about spiritual transitions?
2. How did Jesus' early baptizing ministry prepare for later expansion?

Interlinear Text

μετ' ταῦτα ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτῶν
After **these things** **came** G3588 **Jesus** **and** G3588 **disciples** **his**
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εἰς τὴν Ἰουδαίαν γῆν καὶ ἐκεῖ διέτριβεν μετ' αὐτῶν
into G3588 G2453 **the land** **and** **there** **he tarried** **After** **his**
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καὶ ἐβάπτισεν
and **baptized**
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Additional Cross-References

John 3:26 (Baptism): And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.