

# Matthew 3:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

## Analysis

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The widespread response to John's ministry demonstrates God's sovereign work in preparing hearts for Christ. The geographic breadth—Jerusalem, Judea, Jordan region—shows the Spirit's powerful drawing despite John's unconventional appearance and harsh message. True spiritual awakening creates hunger for God's Word regardless of the messenger's status or the message's difficulty.

## Historical Context

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This response occurred around AD 27-29, after 400 years of prophetic silence. John appeared during religious formalism under Roman occupation, yet people traveled miles through difficult terrain to hear him—showing genuine spiritual hunger.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does the widespread response to John's harsh message teach about authentic spiritual hunger versus mere entertainment-seeking?

2. How does God prepare hearts to receive the gospel before the messenger arrives?

## Interlinear Text

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Τότε	ἐξεπορεύετο	πρὸς	αὐτὸν	Ἱεροσόλυμα	καὶ	πᾶσα	ἡ	
<b>Then</b>	<b>went out</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>all</b>		G3588
G5119	G1607	G4314	G846	G2414	G2532	G3956		
Ἰουδαία	καὶ	πᾶσα	ἡ	περίχωρος	τοῦ	Ἰορδάνου		
<b>Judaea</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>all</b>		<b>the region round about</b>		<b>Jordan</b>		
G2449	G2532	G3956	G3588	G4066	G3588	G2446		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 1:5** (References Jerusalem): And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

**John 3:23** (Parallel theme): And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

**John 5:35** (Parallel theme): He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

**Luke 3:7** (Parallel theme): Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

**Luke 16:16** (Parallel theme): The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.