

# With the Holy Ghost



Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16 · This week: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3

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## START

John told the people that someone was coming who would baptize them "with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matthew 3:11).

## READ TOGETHER

John baptized with water. The baptism of fire is the gift of the Holy Ghost, given after baptism by the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17). Latter-day Saints receive it when they are confirmed.

### LUKE 3:16

<sup>16</sup> John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

### JOHN 14:26

<sup>26</sup> But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

## WHAT IT TEACHES

Fire burns away what is impure, the way a refiner purifies silver. Nephi taught that after baptism comes a remission of sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost (2 Nephi 31:17). The Holy Ghost cleanses us as well as comforting us.

Jesus called the Holy Ghost the Comforter, who "shall teach you all things, and bring all things to

your remembrance" (John 14:26). He helps us remember what we have learned when we need it.

Elder Gary E. Stevenson described how the Holy Ghost speaks. *"He can be our constant companion, but He speaks in subtle, quiet tones."*

Elder Gary E. Stevenson, "Promptings of the Spirit," General conference, October 2023

Fire also gives light and warmth. Two disciples who walked with the risen Lord said afterward, "Did not our heart burn within us?" (Luke 24:32). That burning is one way the Spirit testifies.

## TALK ABOUT IT

**Jesus said the Holy Ghost would teach us and help us remember. When has the Spirit helped you remember something right when you needed it?**

## TAKE TO CHURCH

John promised a baptism with the Holy Ghost and with fire. The gift of the Holy Ghost cleanses us, comforts us, and helps us remember what the Savior taught.