

# Evangelism (Be a Big Mouth) – Lesson 4

## Make Room for Jesus

### Verses to remember

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: (Matthew 3: 11 KJV)

#### Ask yourself these questions:

- Does your family act differently when you have guests at your house than they do when it’s just you? How so?
- If the President of the United States, or a famous actor or actress were going to come and have dinner at your house, how would your family act differently?
- How would you act differently?
- What is it about anticipation that causes us to focus on preparation?
- Why do we make extra effort when we are more excited?

### TRUTH 1 - We must make room for Jesus first Matthew 3: 1-6

1. How does Matthew describe John?

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2. If you lived in Judea and heard John speak, what would you think of him?

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3. Can you think of a modern-day equivalent to John?

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4. What is John’s message in verse 2, and what does that message mean?

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5. Based on his appearance and what he was preaching, why do you think people came to him?

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6. Why do you think they listened to what he had to say?

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7. What does it mean to you to make room for Jesus in your own life?

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8. What house cleaning needs to be done in your heart to make more room for Jesus?

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9. How can you get people to listen to you when you say, "make room for Jesus."

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**TRUTH 2 - We must tell others to make room  
Matthew 3: 7-10**

1. What is his attitude? Is it fair or unfair?

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2. Regardless of his tone, what is he saying to the Pharisees and Sadducees?

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3. What does he tell them to do?

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***Repentance is Necessary***

1. What does it mean to repent?

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2. Practically speaking, how can sin keep people from Jesus?

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***What you currently have is not good enough***

1. What did the Jews celebrate as validation of their religious commitment?

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2. What do some people you know fill their lives with, to the point that they don't think they need Christ?

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3. What good things can detract from our own relationship with Jesus?

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4. How can we help others see that the good they do is not as good as what Jesus can do?

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5. What's the difference, if there is one, between a "good" person and a Christian?

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**TRUTH 3 - If you make room for Jesus, He will make room for you  
Matthew 3: 11,12**

1. Does that message of judgment sound harsh to you? Do you believe it's true?

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2. What about this image of "chopping down" the unbeliever strikes you as unloving?

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3. What is comforting about the image of being baptized with the Spirit?

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**Homework:**

- Memorize Matthew 3: 11
- Examine yourself to see if you need to do any "housecleaning" and let Jesus take up full residence.
- Continue to focus on your list of 5 this week, and encourage them to make room for Jesus.