LESSON 2 Matthew 3:1-17

I.	Describe the work of John the Baptist.
2.	What connections can we draw between John the Baptist and Elijah the prophet?
3.	Why did John rebuke the Pharisees and the Sadducees?
4.	Where had these Jewish leaders placed their faith and what does John say to attack that?
5.	Research question: What did baptism mean to a Jew?
6.	Thought question: Is John the Baptist an Old Testament prophet, or a New Testament prophet?

What reason did Jesus give for His baptism? What do you make of this?
"This is my beloved son." Compare that phrase with 2 Sam. 7:12-14 and Psalm 2:4-9. What connotation does the phrase carry in those contexts.
"In whom I am well pleased." Compare this phrase with Isa. 42:1-9. What is the subject matter of the phrase in that context?