THE GOSPEL   
   
   
 ACCORDING TO   
   
   
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 ame. nie. J..1 Toe beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, \* the Son   
 vent of God. °® As it is in \* the prophets, » Behold, I send   
 fore. my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy   
   
 way [before thee]. %¢The voice of one crying in the   
 cles. wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his   
 paths straight. 4° John did baptize in the wilderness, and   
 preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.   
 5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judmwa, and   
 they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the   
   
   
 river of Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 And John was   
 clothed with camel’s hair, and with a girdle of a skin   
 4iev.xi.% about his loins; and he did eat ‘locusts and wild honey;   
 \* Acte 8. 7 and preached, saying, \* There cometh one mightier than   
   
 ® read, Esaias the prophet. » omit.   
 ® vead, John the Baptist was in the wilderness preaching.   
   
 N.B. Throughout Mark, the parallel simpler, and gives more majesty to the   
 ces in Matthew are to be consulted. opening, to put a period the end of   
 ere the agreement is verbal, nearly ver. 1, and make the citation from   
 80, no are here appended. prophet a new and confirmatory title.   
 Cuar. I. 1—8.] THE PREACHING AND of Jesus Christ] as ite of   
 BaPTisM OF JOHN. Matt. iii. Luke as ite Subject, the context may deter-   
 iii.1—17. The object St. Mark being to mine. Here probably it the latter:   
 relate official and ministry of our so will mean, the glad Sidings con-   
 Lord, he begins with baptiem ; and as a cerning Jesus Christ. 2, 3.]   
 aes hearers it,with the citation here is from two prophets, ls.   
 ing of John the Baptist. His account of and Mal.; see ref. The fact will fail   
 John’s baptism has many phrases in com- to be observed by the careful and honest   
 mon with both Matthew and Luke; but student of fhe Gospels. Had the citation   
 from the additional prophecy quoted ver. from Isaiah stood first, would have been   
 > 2, is independent and distinct of no note, as Meyer observes. Consult   
 Introduction to Gospels). 1. be- notes on Matt. xi. iii. 3. 4.) See   
 This is probably a title to on Matt. iii.1. the baptism of repent-   
 what as Matt. i. 1, and not con- ance, the baptism symbolic of repentance   
 nected with ver. 4, with ver. 2. It is and forgivenese—of the death unto and