

The Baptism of Jesus

Mark 1:9-11

Introduction / Setting “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God...”

**Mark’s object in the Gospel is to present Jesus in His daily life “in the awe-inspiring grandeur of His human personality, as a man who was also the incarnate, the wonder-working Son of God...”

**Our passage presents the Lord’s first recorded appearance since He was twelve years old in the temple...

**He came in those days...as promised and long awaited... *Luke 2:25 cf. Isaiah 59:20; Psalm 98:4*

**When Jesus came everything changed...

I. The Special Significance of Jesus Baptism by John in the Jordan River

A. He came to John...

1. John’s baptism was one of repentance and confession of sins...
2. John humbly preached Christ... vs. 6-8
3. The people were baptized publicly confessing their sins...

B. Why then was Jesus Baptized by John in the Jordan River?

1. John had the very same question... I.E. *Matthew 3:13*
2. It was to fulfill all righteousness... *Matthew 3:15*
To make actual (fulfill) God’s plan of perfect righteousness...

C. Jesus was sinless... *II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:21-22; Hebrews 7:26-27*

D. The Reasons Consistent with fulfilling all righteousness for Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan River...

1. A public declaration of who He was...
2. A public dedication to the purpose for which He came...
3. A public demonstration of identifying with those He came to save...

Important Point:

II. The Supernatural Sequence of Events Following the Baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River

Note: “And when he came up out of the water...”

Lesson: Baptism is by immersion in water... *i.e. John 3:23; with Acts 8:37ff*

A. The Heavens opened...

B. The Spirit Descended...

Observations: Here we have an anointing...

1. A picture of sacrifice... *Leviticus 5:17 cf. Luke 2:24*
2. Doves are associated with gentleness and peace... *Isaiah 42:1-3 cf. Isaiah 9:6*

Lesson: Today is the day of salvation!

Question: Why was it necessary for the Holy Spirit to come upon Jesus at His baptism?

1. He came to live as a man—even a servant... He is the “second-Adam...” *Romans 5:12*

He needed the power of the Holy Spirit, see *Philippians 2:5-8*

2. He is not only our Savior, but our glorious example... *Ephesians 5:18 cf. John 14:12*

Observation: Every true believer in Christ has the Holy Spirit... *Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:13*

3. To fulfill perfectly the Scriptures... *Isaiah 11:1-5*

C. The Approval of the Father...

1. Here is eternal truth...

2. The Father will express public approval again in *Matthew 17:5*

3. He is pleased...

a. Encouragement for John and others...

b. Encouragement for Jesus...

Application: