

Intro:

Last week, preparing way for King. This week, entrance of King Jesus into public ministry: vss. 1, 15.

Main Point of Text: Christ's baptism is an official ordination by the Trinity of His final, three-fold Messianic office.

1 Jn. 5:7 (see also Jn. 5:31ff.) John's baptism of Jesus anoints His messianic ministry, and affirms to you:

Sermon Point: *God's Son is His Final Prophet, Priest, and King.*

Move 1: There is no other prophet to whom you should be listening.

John's water baptism represented the Holy Spirit's (Mat. 3:11). So the Holy Spirit comes down in the form of a dove to provide the heavenly anointing on the Final Prophet from Heaven: vs. 16. The Holy Spirit is usually represented by oil (Zech. 4; Rev. 11), which was used to anoint priests, kings, and prophets: 1 Kings 19:16. So John, the last OT Prophet (Mt. 11:13-14; Mal. 3:1; 4:5), prepared the way for the Final Prophet. As prophesied to Moses in Deut. 18:15-19 and quoted as fulfilled in Christ in Acts 3:20-26 (See also Acts 7:37). Isaiah 42:1; 61:1-2 (see Luke 4:17-21). *For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.* (John 3:34) Vs. 17: similar audible voice of God also at Mt. 17:5, where God adds: "Here ye Him." Heb. 2:12 of Ps. 22:12. Heb. 12:25.

Move 2: There is no other priest to whom you should be praying.

In Lev. 8, priests anointed for formal service in Tabernacle. Vs. 12: Moses poured oil over head of Aaron, the high priest (see also Ex. 29:7). Official setting apart (consecration) to priestly office. Priests offer sacrifices to cover sins. John is a Levite: his father a temple priest. John is anointing Jesus the true High Priest. Heb. 5:1-5, 8-10. Relates to Vs. 15: "fulfill all righteousness": Heb. 10:4-10: of Psalm 40:5-8; Vss. 9-10 of Psalm 40: *I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.* Rom. 1:17-18. Thus, 1 Tim. 2:5. Heb. 7:26-8:2; 9:14-15.

Move 3: There is no other king to whom you should be bowing.

1 Sam. 16:13: God's chosen King David is anointed by oil. See also 2 Kg. 9:1-6 of Jehu. God is King of all the earth: Ps. 47:7. Only His Son also can be King. Vs. 17: "My beloved Son." Referring to His Own anointed (Messiah) in Ps. 2:2, the Father says of the Son from eternity looking at this day in human history: *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.* (Ps. 2:6-8, see especially vs. 7). He looked back at from where He came (vs. 16) and what He was bringing to earth (Mt. 3:2). John 12:28-30; Eph. 1:3-6.

Conclusion:

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