

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

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Mark 1:9–11

(ESV)

[9] In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10] And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

INTRODUCTION

Guiding Thought: Jesus represents his people before God by identifying with his people symbolically through baptism.

HUMILITY (v. 9)

“Mark recounts Jesus’ baptism in a mere fifty-three words in the original Greek. The significance of the event is vastly disproportionate to its size, however.” —**James Edwards**, *Gospel of Mark Commentary*

Mark is displaying Jesus identifying with the common man.

John 1:45-46—[45] Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” [46] Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

1 Corinthians 1:26-27—[26] For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27] But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong...

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Matthew 3:15 “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Priests would wash themselves as they prepared to stand before God, pleading for his righteousness, on behalf of the people.

Exodus 40:12–13—[12] Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall wash them with water [13] and put on Aaron the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest.

Hebrews 7:26–27—[26] For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. [27] He has no need, like those high priests, to offer

sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

2 Corinthians 5:21—For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As John baptizes Jesus, Jesus is baptizing John and all of us who come to him by faith.

EXALTATION (vs. 10-11)

The Trinity is the divine Godhead. Christians have historically and biblically described the Trinity as God being one in essence and yet three in persons.

The Father and the Spirit appear in order to exalt the Son.

The Spirit anoints the Son.

The Spirit descends on Christ to empower him for his ministry.

Hebrews 2:17—Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Isaiah 11:1–2

[1] There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

[2] And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him...

Romans 8:11—If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The Father affirms the Son.

Exodus 4:22—Thus says the LORD, “Israel is my firstborn son...”

Hosea 11:1–2

[1] When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

[2] The more they were called,
the more they went away;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning offerings to idols.