

Beginning of Jesus' Ministry - part 2 - Baptism - Jan. 13, 2021

Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; and Luke 3:21-22

Jesus comes from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

Notes: John is relative of Jesus; he's from hill country of Judea

John 1:28 - John baptizing in the Jordan beyond Bethany

Below Bethany is the dessert, likely temptation spot

1 - John the Baptist first identifies Jesus as the Messiah

John 1:32-34 - "the one on whom you see the Spirit is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

This is the **Trinity** together at Jesus' baptism.

2 - Voice from heaven: my son, whom I love, & will pleased.

3 affirmations:

- Part of God's family. Heirs of God. Beneficiaries of heaven. That never ends. We don't lose salvation.
- God loves us. Father says to us what He said to Son. What the Father feels was shown in Jesus' actions.
- God is pleased when we are obedient.

3 - Why was Jesus baptized?

He had no sin to confess. No need to be washed clean.

1) Jesus gave a model for us

Take an outward stand for the inward change of heart.

2) Jesus confesses sin on our behalf:

- "It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness"

Romans 5:8-9 - we are made righteous thru Jesus

2 Cor. 5:21

3) Jesus aligns with us, our humanity

- He is human - demonstrating need for a Savior

Baptism is symbolic of a repentant heart.

- Jesus aligns with the outsiders, penitent people and against the pharisees

4) Signifies the beginning of a New Life. (Ministry begins)

Baptism also signifies our new life. A new walk.

Final notes:

Notice that John tried to deter Jesus.

People, even those with great faith, may try to deter you.

Nobody knows your calling but you, and God.

Take your stand. Make your preparation. Then begin shining your light.

A voice from heaven is ready to say to us: "This is my Child, whom I love; and with whom I am well pleased."

Song of the week: