Jesus at the Jordan Sermon Review

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This is a review of my sermon from last week regarding the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan by John the Baptist



This message and others like it are based upon what we find in the Gospel of Mark Again, Mark begins with Jesus as an adult appearing at the Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist



The baptism of John appears to have been an act of purification that followed the renunciation of sin





The earliest Christian baptism was an act of initiation into Christianity



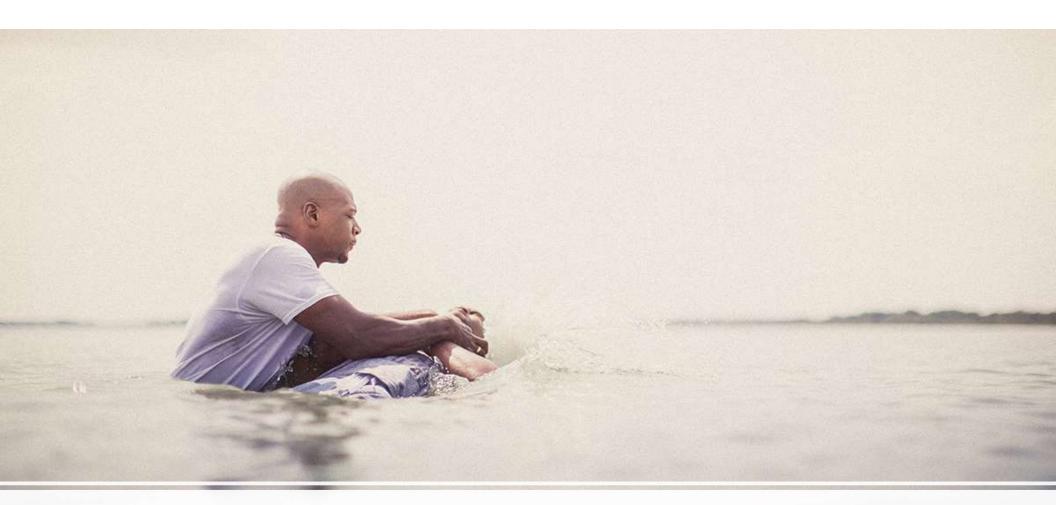
It also seems that baptism was used for converts to Judaism after the Babylonian Captivity



By the 4th Century baptism had become a sacrament and ritual and remained so until Martin Luther in the 16th century

ULRICH ZWINGLI 1484–1531

It would be Huldrich Zwingli that would return baptism to its earlier usage as a symbol and initiation into the church



Christian baptism was seen as happening only once and not repeatable



Mark's Gospel was used to argue that the ministry of Jesus was greater than the ministry of John the Baptist

The Mandeans and Hemerobaptist bathed daily and were loyal to John even after his death, most likely they were a branch of the Essenes



In the 2nd century the Valentinians adopted the baptism of the Mandeans



In recent years the apostolic baptism was used by 20th century "Oness" groups arguing that trinitarians were not legitimate in the first place



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