

Jesus Was Baptized

Matthew 3: 13 – 17



Key Concept

Jesus, the Second person of the Divine Trinity, set an example for us in humility.

John the Baptist is born to prepare the way for the Messiah (Luke 1:57-80)

Jesus is tempted in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

John the Baptist calls people to repentance in preparation for Jesus (Matt 3:1-12)

John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River (Matt 3:13-17)

Jesus, the Son of God, is born and grows in favor with God and Man (Luke 2:1-52)

Jesus calls disciples to follow Him (John 1:35-51)



JORDAN

Jordan River

Amman

Jerusalem

ISRAEL

Dead Sea

**Baptism Site
"Bethany
Beyond the
Jordan" (Al-
Maghtas)**

Red Sea

100 miles

Al-Maghtas: The Site of John the Baptist's Ministry and the Baptism of Jesus







•What are three key aspects of Jesus' actions at His baptism?

- 1) Jesus said it was to fulfill all righteousness**
- 2) He identified with humanity**
- 3) Start of His public ministry**

•What did all the people coming to get baptized by John do that Jesus didn't?

They needed to confess their sin (repent) before being baptized.

•All four recorded gospels of this event used what symbolism to describe it?

They all describe the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven

•What marks this occasion as a first in the recorded Bible?

God specifically identified Jesus as His Son

•(T/F) Present day Church of Christ believe Baptism is necessary for salvation.

True – They believe water baptism by immersion is necessary for forgiveness of sin and salvation.

•What is another significant event about Jesus' baptism in the Bible?

It was a foundational event that revealed the Holy Trinity working together.

•Can you list other Christian faiths that believe baptism is necessary for salvation?

Roman Catholic Church

Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox

Some factions of Episcopalian/Anglican