

Jesus' Baptism: What Baptism Is All About

Mathew 03:13–17

(Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22; Jn 1:28-34)

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| <p>1. <i>The startling request of Jesus:
To be baptized</i></p> | <p>13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.</p> |
| <p>2. <i>The humbling reaction of John:
He needed Christ to meet his need</i></p> | <p>14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”</p> |
| <p>3. <i>The godly purpose of Jesus:
To fulfil all righteousness</i></p> | <p>15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.” Then John consented.</p> |
| <p>4. <i>The unusual signs of Jesus' baptism:
The Trinity is revealed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Jesus was baptized and the heavens were openedb. The Spirit descendedc. The voice of God was heard | <p>16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.</p> <p>17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”</p> |