

Mat 3:13-17, Mk 1:9-11 – The Baptism of Jesus Christ, Part 1

Introduction:

1. John the Baptist's Baptism was a Baptism of Repentance
2. Baptism is for sinners who are brought to the Savior, Jesus
3. Jesus' Baptism is Different
4. Jesus' Baptism is an Answer from God in fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophets, of which John is the Last
5. John is a Witness to Jesus as the Messiah

Main Truth: Jesus is the Messiah who came to fulfill all righteousness as our representative and head. Before and at His baptism, three witnesses made this fact clear and true: Scripture, John, and God.

Jesus' Aim: Go to John to be Baptized (v 13, Mark 1:9)

1. Jesus intentionally traveled 70 miles from Nazareth to the Jordan where John was baptizing – it was planned

John the Baptist's Amazement: I am the Sinner! (v 14)

1. The Contrast between John and Jesus
 - a. John is baptizing sinners – *Who warned you to flee?*
 - b. John admits he too is a sinner – tries to prevent Jesus from being baptized
2. John at this point does not know Jesus is the Messiah (**John 1:33**) – it becomes clear after Jesus is baptized
3. The Prophets of the Old Testament Promised the Age of the Messiah would be Characterized by Two Promises: The Judgment of All Men & the Outpouring of the Spirit
 - a. The Judgment of All Men (**Isaiah 4:4, 1 Pet 3:20-21**)
 - b. John the Baptist declared this of the Messiah (**v 12**)
 - c. The Outpouring of the Spirit (**Ezekiel 11:19-20, Isaiah 44:3, Joel 2:28-29; cf. Acts 2**)
 - i. Implications for the Church – Unity in the Spirit!
 - ii. One Body, One Faith, One Baptism (**Eph 4:4-5**)
 - iii. The Fellowship of the Saints (**Galatians 3:26-29**)
 - d. Our Baptism declares to the World: We are One with Jesus Christ, and We are One in Jesus Christ
4. John tries to deter Jesus: I need your Baptism, You do not need MINE! – He recognized himself as a sinner
 - a. Baptism: for confession of Sins & repentance (**v 6, 11**)
 - b. The Proper Subjects for Baptism are those who turn to God through Faith in Jesus Christ, and turn from the world in repentance from Sin (**see v 8**)

Jesus' Adamancy: We must Fulfill all Righteousness (v 15)

1. It is a Divine Necessity to Follow the Will of God NOW
2. Why does Jesus have to be Baptized? He came to do His Father's Will – born under the Law of God to accomplish the Law and thereby Fulfill the Law
 - a. Let us do what God the Father calls us to do:
 - i. John as forerunner, Jesus as Messiah
 - b. Jesus approves of/endorse John and his ministry when He goes to his baptism = What John is preaching is true
 - c. At John's Baptism, Jesus does not repent of His own Sin, but identifies Himself with the people He came to Save
 - i. Adam, our head/representative – all Sin because he did
 - ii. Second Adam, Jesus is our head/representative
 1. Jesus' Baptism: He represents all those who would repent from Sin and turn to Jesus by Faith
3. Baptism is an image of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
 - a. Our Baptism displays our death IN Christ, and our future resurrection from the dead (**Romans 6:3-5**)
 - b. In our Baptism, we admit we are sinners, and our union with/IN the Sinless Messiah the Lord Jesus
 - c. Jesus obediently followed the Father's will to be baptized; We should obediently do the Father's will and be baptized
4. Baptism is associated with Faith in God
 - a. The NT associates Baptism with Belief (**Mk 16:16, Acts 2:38**) – Baptism does not save, but is associated with faith
5. Jesus Humiliated Himself in Baptism, Identified with Sinners
 - a. **See Philippians 2** – Jesus emptied Himself

The Spirit's Anointing: Rests on Jesus like a Dove (v 16, Mk 1:10)

1. Baptize means to Immerse – Jesus came up Out of the Water
2. The Heavens were torn, rent – God came down (**Isaiah 64:1**)
3. The Spirit & Creation: **Genesis 1:2** – Before God created the Spirit hovered over the waters – Jesus begins a new creation
4. The Dove & A New Humanity: **Genesis 8** – Noah sends out the Dove after the Flood, it comes back signaling a new earth to be inhabited by a new humanity – Jesus is head of a new humanity
5. Jesus would be a man of the Spirit and at His baptism He is anointed by the Spirit – He is Prophet, Priest, King (**Is 11:7**)

The Father's Admiration: This, My Beloved Son (v 17, Mark 1:11)

1. The Servant Songs of Isaiah begin w/ God's delight in His Son (**Isaiah 42:1, see also Psalm 2:7**) – Jesus was Obedient
2. To oppose God's Son (Jesus' Commands) is to oppose God
3. Three Witnesses Declared Jesus as the Messiah: The Scriptures, John the Baptist, & God the Spirit & Father (**2 Cor 13:1**)