

JOHN BAPTIZED JESUS

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1



John was leading people to confess their sins and be baptized in the Jordan River. Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee to be baptized in the Jordan River by John.

When John saw Jesus, he said, “Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I have been telling you about, the one who is greater than me, because he has always existed.”

When John realized that Jesus wanted to be baptized by him. John said, “I need to be baptized by you! Why do you come to me to be baptized?”

Jesus answered him and said, “Allow me to be baptized by you. This is God’s plan.” So, John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.

As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens opened up for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove onto Him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased.”

Christ Connection: Jesus obeyed His Father by being baptized. Later in life, He obeyed His Father by dying on a cross for our sins and rising again, so that all who trust in Him will receive eternal life.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Unscramble the names to discover who was at Jesus' baptism.

S U E S J

D G O H T E T A F R H E

O L H Y T P S I I R

H O J H H T E S B A T T P I

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Why did Jesus have to get baptized?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Jesus died on a cross in our place so we can be saved and have eternal life. Salvation through Jesus is a free gift, not something that can be earned by good behavior. We each have to make the decision to follow Him.



THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find John 1:14 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, praising God for sending His Son to be our example of faith and obedience.

READ THE WORD

Think about Jesus' act of obedience in being baptized. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Acts 2:38

John 3:5

Matthew 28:19

Matthew 3:11

Matthew 3:16

Colossians 2:12