



For the Week of January 11, 2026

**SHARE:**

Have you ever gone through a season of doubt? Maybe even deconstruction? What was the life event or thing that caused this? How did you move through it?

Reflect on your baptism: How is baptism the ultimate form of deconstruction? Do you remember your baptism? What does your baptism mean to you? How is baptism at the same time building?

**READ:**

1). Read [Luke 3:1-6](#)

When was the last time God had spoken through a prophet? (Malachi 3:1-3)

2). What was John's message? (Read John 1:6-8) How are you to point others to the Light and Life?

3). Read [Luke 3:7-14](#)

Who has acted most like John the Baptist in your life, uncomfortably disrupting you, and clearly pointing you to Jesus. Maybe even directly calling you to repentance?

4). Read [Luke 3:15-17](#)

What did John say about the Christ? What is he pointing to? (Pentecost and judgement? )

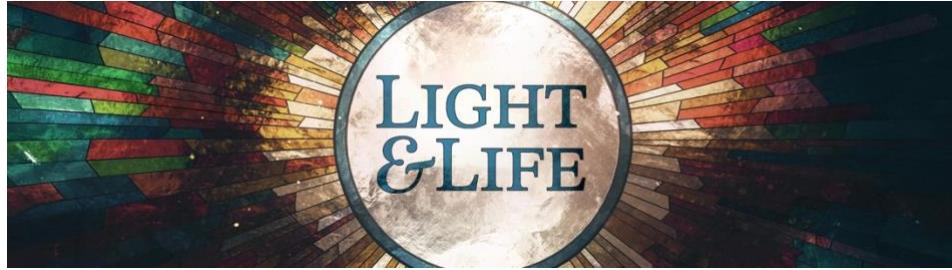
5). Read [Luke 3:18-22](#)

Why was Jesus baptized? (read matt 3:13-17)

6). Read [Romans 6:1-8](#)

How does your baptism give you a new identity?

**Pray:** Lord, we thank you for taking on the sins of the world...and specifically my sins...For demolishing the life I thought I had and giving me a life that is truly life. Thank you for my baptism and the identity I have in you.



## Baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 11, 2026 – Pastor Ben Schrank

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“There was a man sent from God, whose name was JOHN...He was not the light, but he came to bear witness about the LIGHT.” John 1:6,8

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘PREPARE the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ Luke 3:4

Christians can indeed sometimes go through periods of “DECONSTRUCTION” and yet emerge stronger. – Tim Keller

Jesus of Nazareth was not yet understood to be the CHRIST.

Jesus was BAPTIZED to identify Himself with us...  
We are baptized to find our IDENTITY in Him.

“For our sake he made him to BE SIN who knew no sin, so that in him WE might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

Sacrificial versus SACRAMENTAL view of baptism. Who is doing the VERBS?

- 1). Baptism DEMOLISHES our work.
- 2). Baptism CONNECTS us to Christ's work.
- 3). Baptism BUILDS us into Christ's body with work to do.

“Go therefore and make disciples of ALL nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Matt. 28:19

“For with you is the fountain of LIFE; in your light do we see LIGHT. Psalm 36:9

For next week please read Luke 4:1-13