



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

“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