



Crossroads Winter Conference Sign-Up



Walking With Jesus- The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17





Why do you think Jesus was baptized?



Baptism in the Culture of Jesus

- In the OT: “Baptized” for cleansing and purification rituals. Such as: touching a dead body, a Priest cleaning their hands before entering the Temple
- For a Gentile: When a gentile would start to follow Yahweh they would be baptized.
 - A gentile is anyone that is non-Jewish.
 - When a Gentile was baptized into Judaism, he was identifying Yahweh as his only God, identifying himself with the Jewish people and with Judaism as his religion.



What is Baptism?

Baptism is “identification.” When one is baptized, he identifies himself with a person, a message, or a group.



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13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



1. Jesus' Humility

What is sin?

- Sin is anything that I think, say or do that displeases God.

Isaiah 53:12 it says that the Messiah would be, “numbered among the transgressors.”



1. Jesus' Humility

- Jesus can identify with us because He became one of us. Meaning that, Jesus came in our likeness.
- He took on humanity. He added humanity to His deity.
- Jesus experienced all of life just as we do except without sin.



2. Jesus' Obedience

- Jesus' baptism represents His complete obedience to God's revealed will and word!
- Righteousness from a biblical perspective is doing what God requires. Doing the right thing, God's way.



3. Jesus' Example To Us

- His baptism is an example for us to follow in his footsteps. To walk as He walked. Or to be baptized as Jesus was baptized.



4. Jesus was Baptized as a picture of our salvation

“I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!” (Luke 12:50)