



Introduction: Have you ever been invited to someone's _____ ?

I. Jesus came to be _____ – v. 13

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

- *Then Jesus _____*

Last week we read...

Why didn't Jesus come _____ ? Why now? Timing is everything with Jesus.

- *From _____ –*

Galilee in the Bible – The region of Galilee is referred to ___ times in the Bible.

Jesus' boyhood town, _____ was in the region of Galilee. This is about _____ miles trip on foot.

- *To John at the _____ –*

Jesus came to John at the Jordan. The Jordan is a _____. It is a river that is _____ miles in length.

The Jordan River was central to John the Baptist's _____.

- *To be _____ by him –*

Some key Scriptures:

II. John tried to _____ Him from being baptized – v. 14

And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”

- *And John tried to _____ him,*

Why? Because he knew that Jesus didn't need to _____ – He was the sinless Son of God.

Bible translations render John's argument:

Why would John the Baptist who was busy baptizing people want to stop Jesus from being baptized? Because John knew himself well.

- *Saying, “I _____ to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”*

John the Baptist knew that he himself was a sinner and that if anyone needed to be baptized it was him. Jesus was sinless.

III. Jesus said to John to _____ Him to be baptized – v. 15

But Jesus answered and said to him, “ _____ it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.

- *But Jesus _____ and said to him,*

Jesus speaks directly to John the Baptist about his _____. We read...

- *“Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”*

As we turn to additional Bible translations, we get the big picture of what Jesus was saying to John the Baptist. He said,

What Jesus said to John provides us with a window into the _____ ministry of Jesus Christ. Jesus' baptism would "fulfill all righteousness."

- Then he _____ Him.

Why did Jesus have to _____ John the Baptist to baptize Him?

B.B. Barton writes,

IV. John baptized Jesus as He _____ – v. 16-17

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- When He _____ been baptized,

God's _____ for Jesus was accomplished and His Son was baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist in the wilderness of Judea.

- Jesus _____ up immediately from the water;

The Greek word for baptism is "baptizo" which means to ____ or ____ in water.

V. The Godhead _____ Jesus' baptism – v. 16-17

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God the Son was _____

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- *The heavens were _____ to Him*

God the _____ Came Down

- *The Spirit of God descended like a dove and _____ upon Him.*

Bible teachers tell us that the _____ of the Holy Spirit in the Bible is the dove.

God the _____ Spoke

- *A voice from heaven spoke saying, "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

Here we find the Father's _____ for the baptism of His Son.

Conclusion: In closing what are the _____ for us as the followers of Jesus Christ today?

1. Like Jesus, you must come to be _____ . Identify yourself as a follower of Jesus Christ.
2. Don't put baptism _____ Now is your time for baptism.
3. It is the _____ thing for you to do. It fulfills all righteousness. It is God's will for your life.
4. Once baptized _____ like you have been baptized.
5. Baptism is an outward sign of an _____ change.
6. Baptism is a picture of the _____ – death, burial, and resurrection.
7. Baptism is _____ approved.