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Our Faithfulness To Christ Command To Be Baptized Demonstrate Our Changed Life. Baptism Is Not Essential To Being Saved; However, Jesus Sets The Example And Command To Be Baptized.

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Matthew 3:11–17

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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Matthew 3:11–17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 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; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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CONFESSION

(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Need For Repentance

- The baptism of John the Baptist
 - Prophesied prophet (Isaiah 40:3)
 - Preparing the way for kingdom of heaven
 - Repent
 - Acknowledging guilt
 - Turn to God's design

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CONFESSION

(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Need For Repentance

- The baptism of John the Baptist
- Crowds gathered seeking
 - Coming to John the Baptist
 - Confessing sin

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CONFESSION

(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Need For Repentance

- The baptism of John the Baptist
- Crowds gathered seeking
- Religious leaders
 - Concerned observers
 - Called out motives of curiosity
 - Condemned fruitless practices

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CONFESSION

(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Need For Repentance

Greater Still To Come

- Not the baptism of water
- Baptism with the Holy Spirit

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(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Need For Repentance

Greater Still To Come

Humility In God's Purpose

- Unworthy of the lowest servant to carry Christ's sandals
- Christ will divide between believers and non-believers
(Believer – one who believes in Jesus and confess Him as Savior;
repented from sin; true follower of Jesus)

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Believer Or Non-Believer

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COMMAND

(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Plot Twist

- Recognizing Jesus is greater, John desired to be baptized by Jesus
- Jesus commands John to baptism Him
“Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

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COMMAND

(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Plot Twist

Why Did Jesus Need To Be Baptized

- Inaugurates His earthly ministry
- Fulfilment of God’s saving activity prophesied through the Old Testament that is completed on the cross
- Confirmation of John the Baptist message
- Links John the Baptist message to Jesus’s message about the kingdom of heaven
- Even though Jesus needed no repentance of sin, He identified with sinful people He was bring salvation to

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(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Plot Twist

Why Did Jesus Need To Be Baptized

The Trinity

Matthew 3:16–17

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; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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(Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21,22; John 1:32-34)

Plot Twist

Why Did Jesus Need To Be Baptized

The Trinity - Matthew 3:16–17

- The Son – Immanuel – God with us
- The Spirit – descending like a dove – God in us
- The Father – voice from heaven – God over all

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**Have You Outwardly Identified With
Jesus Through Baptism As A Believer?**

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CHARGE
Matthew 28:16-20

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Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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(Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:7,8)

All Authority

- Son of God
- Accomplished the will of the Father
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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CHARGE

(Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:7,8)

All Authority

Go Make Disciples

- “The commission is to ‘make disciples,’ not to talk about Jesus, preach the gospel, make converts, or start churches, although his commission assumes all of these.”
- Follow Jesus’s example
- Follow Jesus’s teaching
 - Love God
 - Love others

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CHARGE

(Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:7,8)

All Authority

Go Make Disciples

Maturing Disciples

- Baptizing – identifying as a believer
- In “the name” – singular
- Teaching the teachings of Jesus
- Believers are never alone

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