

## Application

What might you need to do to demonstrate simple obedience, regardless of what's next?

## Prayer

Write out a prayer to God, including your thoughts about baptism and Jesus' remarkable act [and example] of baptism. Take time to express your gratitude for fulfilling "all that was required" for us to be in right relationship with Him.

**#WaterAsWorship**

## **Tweetable Tweet**

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Part 2

## Passage Study Guide

This week we will be studying The Baptism of Jesus. We have included the pertinent Scripture passages for you to read and study. We have also provided a series of exercises and follow-up questions for you to consider as you study this week.

## Study Exercises

### **1. What's the Same?**

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's the same in each of the Gospel accounts. When you identify something that is found in all of the accounts underline them.

### **2. What's Different?**

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's different in each of the Gospel accounts. When you identify something that is different go ahead and underline them in a different color.

### **3. What's Unique?**

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's unique to each of the Gospel accounts (if applicable). When you identify something that is unique go ahead and highlight them.

### **4. What concepts or Ideas are discussed?**

Make a list of the concepts or ideas that are discussed by the Gospel writers in regards to this passage.

### **5. Definitions**

What do you think the author was intending to communicate / get the reader to consider when writing the following —

## The Baptism of Jesus

- “John tried to talk him out of it” [being baptized by John]  
Matthew 3:14
- Jesus - “we must carry out all that God requires.”  
Matthew 3:15
- “He saw the heavens splitting apart”  
Mark 1:10
- “...and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on Him”  
Luke 3:22
- “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”  
John 1:29
- “I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed”  
John 1:31

### 7. ‘Wrong’ Reflections

As you consider some of the ‘wrong reasons’ to be baptized [don’t want to go to hell; it sounds cool; family tradition; to become a church member; struggling with sin; to gain God’s favor], what other wrong reasons might you add to the list?

### 8. ‘Right’ Reflections

As you consider some of the ‘right reasons’ to be baptized [to follow the example of Jesus; to align with the mission of Jesus; to publicly identify with Jesus], which of these do you find most compelling and why?

### Luke 3:21-22

#### *The Baptism of Jesus*

21 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

### John 1:29-34

#### *Jesus, the Lamb of God*

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 He is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’ 31 I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. 33 I didn’t know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.”

## The Baptism of Jesus

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

#### *The Baptism of Jesus*

13 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?"

15 But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.[f]" So John agreed to baptize him.

16 After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened[g] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

### **Mark 1:9-11**

#### *Baptism & Temptation of Jesus*

9 One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. 10 As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him[e] like a dove. 11 And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."