

The Baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:21–22

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”

Main Point: Jesus Christ is the Son of God who identified with our sinfulness so that He could bear our iniquities and earn our merit before God.

Why was Jesus Baptized?

I. Jesus was Baptized to Identify with Our Sinfulness

A. John’s baptism was for those who truly repented of their sins.

1. John protested Jesus coming to him to be baptized (cf. Matt. 3:14)

2. Jesus is the perfect, holy, pure, and altogether righteous One

B. Jesus came to be baptized by John to identify with sinful people (see the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53:12).

II. Jesus was Baptized to Inaugurate His Ministry (cf. Is. 64:1)

III. Jesus was Baptized to Demonstrate His Identity

- A. The Spirit of God descended like a dove.

- B. The Father proclaimed His pleasure and love (Is. 42:1).

- C. The Trinity demonstrates Who Jesus is.
 - 1. The Son obeys

 - 2. The Spirit descends

 - 3. The Father speaks