

Church of The Apostles
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“The Baptism of Jesus”

(Matthew 3:13-17)

I. Jesus’ Request to be Baptized

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.” (Matthew 3:13)

II. John’s Reaction to Jesus’ Request

John would have prevented him saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” (Matthew 3:14)

“After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.”

(Mark 1:7)

“Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word and my servant will be healed.”

(Matthew 8:8)

III. Jesus’ Reason for being Baptized

Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

(Matthew 3:15)

Lessons in Christ’s Request to be Baptized:

1. Righteousness
2. Surrender
3. Humility
4. Service

IV. The Trinity Revealed at Jesus’ Baptism

“When Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water (God the Son), 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 (God the Holy Spirit); and behold, a voice from heaven said (God the Father), ‘This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.’” (Matthew 3:16-17)