

The Baptism of the Christ

Luke 3:21-22



Review

What was John's Baptism?

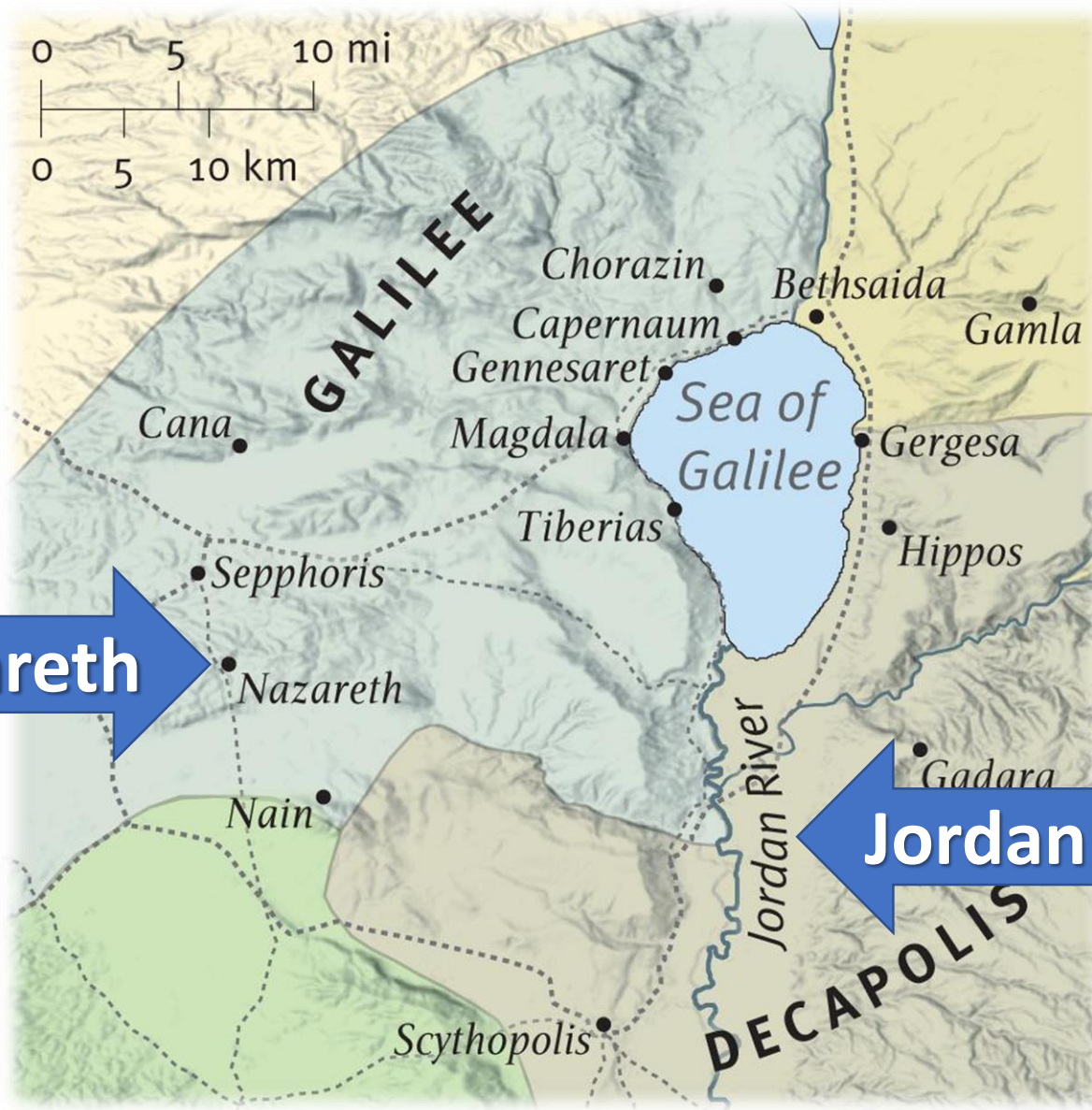


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Ministry of John the Baptist	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:1-18	1:15-31
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The Temptation of Christ				
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Matthew 3	Mark 1	Luke 3
13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.	9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.	21 Now when all the people were baptized,

This is a harmony of the synoptic gospels.



Nazareth

Jordan River





βαπτίζω

Transliteration

baptizō (Key)

Pronunciation

bap-tid'-zo



Part of Speech

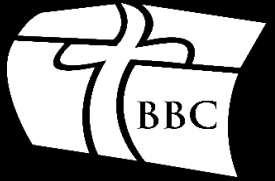
verb

Root Word (Etymology)

From a derivative of βάπτω (G911)

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John 13:26



- Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have **dipped** it.”
- So when he had **dipped** the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

This word should not be confused with *baptô* (911). The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C.



It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (*baptô*) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (*baptizô*) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptizing the vegetable, produces a permanent change.

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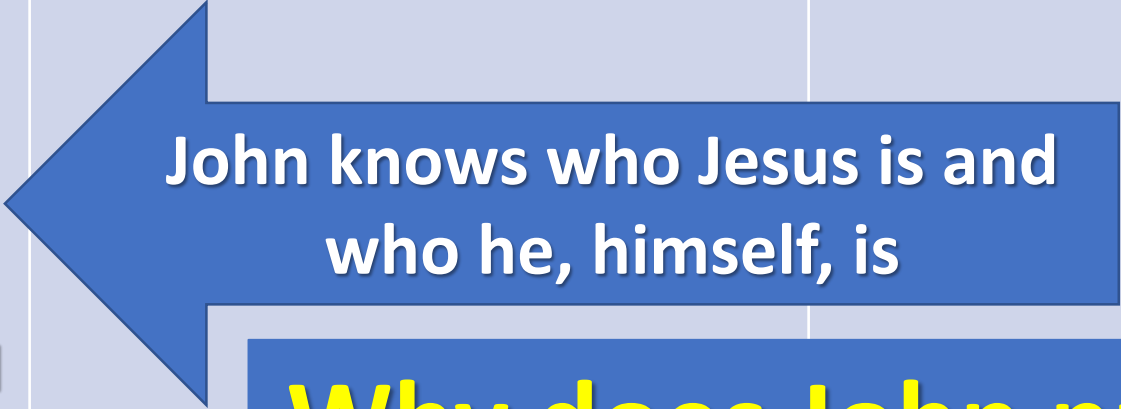
Matthew 3

Mark 1

Luke 3

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

¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.



John knows who Jesus is and who he, himself, is

Why does John push back?

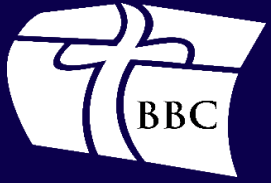


What does it say
about the importance
of baptism if Jesus
insisted on getting
baptized?

**Let me remind you: John was not
pleading with people to get baptized.**

**John's message was "bear fruits
in keeping with repentance."**

Luke 3:7



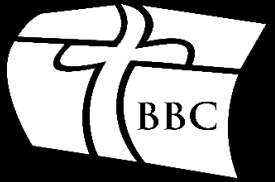
- He said therefore **to the crowds that came out to be baptized** by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”



What is meant by
“to fulfill all
righteousness”

‘To fulfill all righteousness’
succinctly describes the necessity that
Jesus do everything His Father required
of Him even **“to the point of death, even
death on a cross.”** (Philippians 2:8)

Romans 5:19

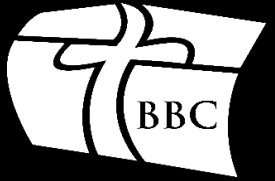


- For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, **so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.**

**Concerning Matthew 3:15, DA
Carson writes that Jesus is
modeling God's will for his people
in his baptism by John.**

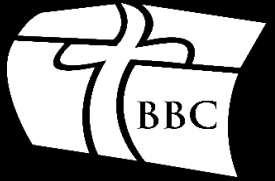
Think About That

John 4:34



- Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”

John 2:17



- His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”



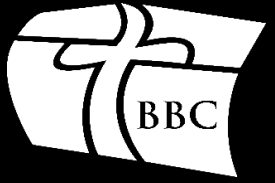
Look @ Christ's focus on righteousness

Righteous

1. acting in accord with divine or moral law: free from guilt or sin
2. morally right or justifiable

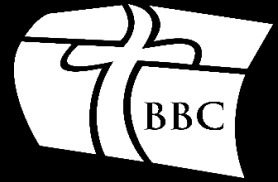
(Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1996)

Matthew 5:6



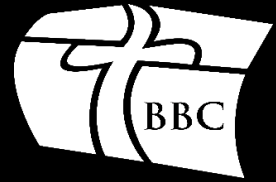
- “Blessed are **those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,** for they shall be satisfied.

Matthew 5:20



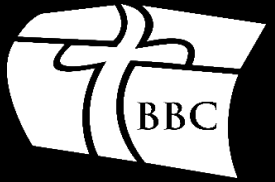
- For I tell you, unless your **righteousness** exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 6:1



- “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:33



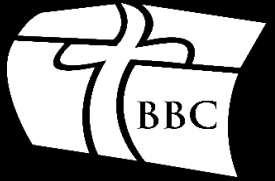
- But seek first the kingdom of God **and his righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you.



Righteousness

86x in 82 verses

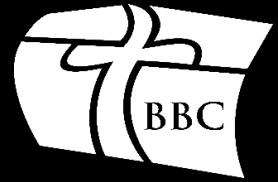
1 John 3:7



- Little children, let no one deceive you.

**Whoever practices
righteousness is righteous, as
he is righteous.**

1 John 3:10



- By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: **whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God,** nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Contemporary Jewish Bible

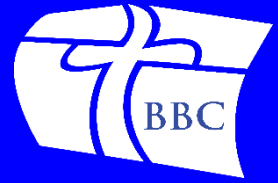
15 However, Yeshua answered him, “Let it be this way now, because we should **do everything righteousness requires.” Then Yochanan let him.**

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15 So Jesus replied to him, “Let it happen now, for it is right for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John yielded to him.

If Jesus said prior to his baptism— “it is right for us to fulfill all righteousness...”

Can I say, “It is a righteous thing to get baptized”?



Why does Jesus
need to be baptized?

This is Jesus'
Red Sea Event

MOSES

OUT OF EGYPT

CAME UP OUT OF THE
RED SEA

WILDERNESS FOR 40
YEARS

RECEIVES THE LAW ON
MT. SINAI

JESUS

OUT OF EGYPT

CAME OUT OF THE
JORDAN RIVER

WILDERNESS FOR 40
DAYS

GIVES THE LAW ON A MT.

Matthew 3	Mark 1	Luke 3
And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water,	¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water,	and when Jesus also had been baptized

**to Baptists the specific language here
is a big deal**

The literal understanding of the Greek word βαπτίζω (bap-tid'-zo) combined with the specific language in the text “came up out of the water” requires that mode of baptism be by immersion whenever a body of water is available.



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Matthew 3	Mark 1	Luke 3
and behold, the heavens were opened to him,	¹⁰ immediately he saw the heavens being torn open	the heavens were opened,

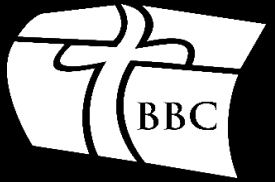
Psalm 2:4

- He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Psalm 103:19

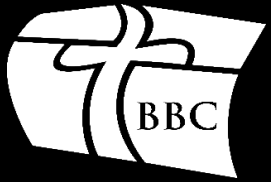
- The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Acts 7:56



- And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

Acts 10:11



- and saw **the heavens opened** and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth.

Matthew 3	Mark 1	Luke 3
and he saw the Spirit of God descending <u>like a dove</u> and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷	and the Spirit descending on him <u>like a dove</u> .	and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, <u>like a dove</u> ;

Turn to
John 1:32-34



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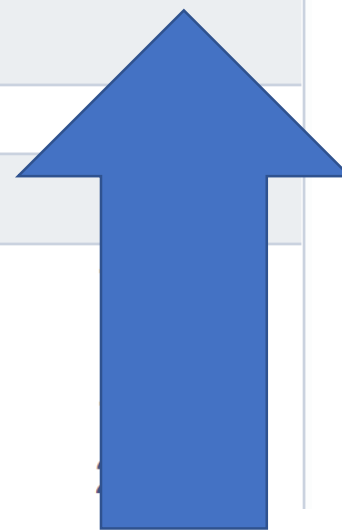
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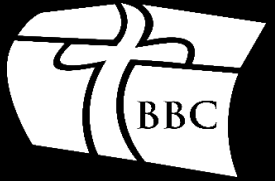
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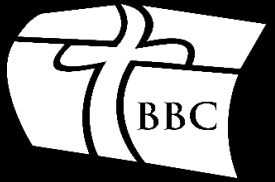


John 1:32



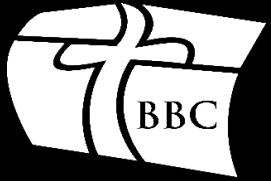
- And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

John 1:33



• I myself did not know him, but he
who sent me to baptize with water
said to me, 'He on whom you see the
Spirit descend and remain, this is he
who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

John 1:34



- And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

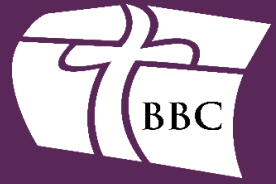
**How does John know this
is the Son of God?**

**John made a connection between the
‘he’ of v. 33 to the voice of the One
speaking from heaven saying,
‘this is my beloved son’ and the Spirit
descending upon Jesus.**

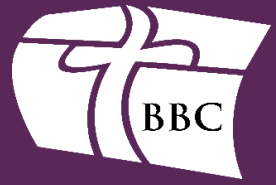
Matthew 3	Mark 1	Luke 3
and behold, a voice from heaven said,	¹¹ And a voice came from heaven,	and a voice came from heaven,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”	“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”	“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Psalm 2:7 & Isaiah 42:1

Psalm 2:7



• I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.



Isaiah 42:1 (NET)

- “Here is my servant whom I support, my chosen one in whom I take pleasure.
- I have placed my spirit on him; he will make just decrees for the nations.

Matthew 3
is our
Tri-Unity
of God
go-to passage.
Why?

