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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



Gospel References: [Matthew 3:13-17](#), [Mark 1:9-11](#), [Luke 3:21-22](#), [John 1:29-34](#).

As [baptism](#) (1) is a foundational element in the earthly journey of a [Christ follower](#) (2), one may surmise that the [Holy Bible](#) (3) would have devoted an extensive narrative about the Baptism of [Jesus Christ](#) (4). This is not the case, as the longest reference in the [four Gospels](#) (5) is six verses long. However, the pointed narratives in the [New Testament](#) (6) hammer home the relationship between [God](#) (7), Jesus Christ and the [Holy Spirit](#) (8).

The account of Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River two thousand years ago appears in the 3 synoptic Gospels of [Matthew](#) (9), [Mark](#) (10), and [Luke](#) (11). While the Gospel of [John](#) (12) does not directly reference Jesus being baptized, it does record [John the Baptist](#) (13) identifying Jesus on the banks of the Jordan as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" and "The Man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

As Jesus is being baptized by John, the three synoptic Gospels record the Holy Spirit cascading down upon Him, shepherded by God's voice speaking from Heaven. The accounts in [Mark 1:9-11](#) and [Luke 3:21-23](#) record God addressing Jesus directly by saying, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." In [Matthew 3:13-17](#), God addresses the crowd as He tells them, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

After His baptism, Jesus is driven into the Judean desert to fast for [40 days and 40 nights](#) (14). While there, He is tempted by [Satan](#) (15) but rebukes his evil advances. The Baptism of Jesus is the launch point for [His earthly Ministry](#) (16). After His 40 days in the wilderness, Jesus commenced healing bodies and souls while preaching and teaching the Good News of Eternal Salvation.

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- (9) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/matthew>
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