

# Series: Baptism – What Does the Bible Really Teach?

## Tonight's Lesson:

### “Common Misconceptions About the Baptism of Jesus”

#### Introduction

1. One of the most misunderstood subjects concerning baptism is the baptism of Jesus. Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:29-34
2. There are a couple of very common misconceptions that we need desperately to understand because many religions will use this event from the life of Christ to derive their teachings regarding water baptism.

#### First misconception: Christ was baptized according to a \_\_\_\_\_ Testament ordinance.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is baptism referred to as a New Testament ordinance.
2. Did you know it is utterly \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ to have been baptized according to a New Testament ordinance?
3. According to Hebrews 9:14-17, when does a testament go into force? **After** men are \_\_\_\_\_!
  - The New Testament could **not** go into effect until \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's death. Jesus' water baptism was three and a half years **before** His death.
4. Christ was actually \_\_\_\_\_ under the Old Testament economy and according to the Old Testament system of ordinances imposed under Moses' law. Hebrews 9:9-10
5. If a person believes the Bible, there is no way he can say that Jesus was baptized according to a New Testament ordinance.

#### Second misconception: Jesus was baptized as an \_\_\_\_\_ for people to follow.

1. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. What did John's baptism consist of? Mark 1:4-5 explains clearly.

- John's baptism of \_\_\_\_\_ summarized the gospel of the kingdom to Israel.
2. If people were following Christ's example in baptism, that would mean that Christ was also baptized for the remission of \_\_\_\_\_. It would make Him a \_\_\_\_\_ like everybody else.

### **In Conclusion:**

1. If Jesus wasn't baptized to fulfill a New Testament ordinance, nor was He baptized as an example for people to follow, then why was He baptized?
2. This is a crucial and important question.
3. Next week we will examine from God's Word four reasons why Jesus was baptized.