

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

## Tonight's Lesson: "Why was Jesus Baptized?"

### Introduction

- Why was Christ baptized by John in the River Jordan?
- What was the real purpose and meaning behind it?
- What was the significance of Christ's baptism in water?

### Christ's baptism was a \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Jesus said the purpose was to fulfill all righteousness. Matthew 3:15
  - Where was the righteousness of God revealed at this time? It was revealed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Moses.
2. Christ would be the complete fulfillment of all the Old Testament sacrifices. Hebrews 9:11-12, 25-26, 10:11-12
3. What did the law require that Israel do to the sacrifices before they offered them? They had to \_\_\_\_\_ them in water. Leviticus 1:1-3, 9; cf. Ephesians 5:2; 2 Chronicles 4:6
  - Christ was perfectly fulfilling the requirements of the law when He submitted to baptism.

### Christ's baptism was an \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Who was John baptizing? According to Mark 1:4-5, he was baptizing the people of Judea and Jerusalem.
2. Christ numbered Himself publicly with the \_\_\_\_\_ remnant of the nation of Israel. Luke 3:21
3. He was demonstrating to Israel that He was, in fact, a part of Israel Himself.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ baptism was an essential part of Israel's program at this time. Luke 7:29-30
5. Christ came and submitted Himself to baptism to \_\_\_\_\_ with that believing remnant of Israel and to separate Himself from apostate and unbelieving Israel.

**Christ's baptism was a \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. When Christ was baptized, it would be evident that He was Israel's Messiah.  
John 1:32-33
2. Christ's baptism is one of three major events used to manifest Jesus as the Christ.
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 2:8-20
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ - John 1:31-33
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ into Jerusalem – Luke 19:28-40

**Christ's baptism was an \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. Christ's baptism was His \_\_\_\_\_ entrance into ministry. Christ was the nation of Israel's prophet, priest, and king.
2. Each of these offices required an anointing before assuming office. In Exodus 40:12-13, the priests had to be \_\_\_\_\_ in water and then anointed.
3. Jesus was washed and anointed at His baptism. He was anointed with the \_\_\_\_\_ . John 1:32-34

**In Conclusion:**

1. What does Christ's baptism in the Jordan River have to do with a Gentile believer today who has been placed in the body of Christ by God's Holy Spirit? Absolutely \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Yet we can see, recognize, and appreciate what it **did** mean for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.
3. But there is **another** baptism of Christ that we do participate in and that affects us greatly. Next week we will examine this!