

The Baptism of Jesus

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Matthew 3:13-17 (page 1294)







Passage Context & Structure

- Jewish history of baptism
 - Proselyte (Gentile convert to Judaism)
 - Examples as far back as Abram, the Exodus, & through the Babylonian captivity
 - Immersion in water became normal after the return from exile as an extension/sign of ritual cleansing & purity from the sacrificial system

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 - Requirements:
 - Offering for sacrifice
 - Circumcision
 - Baptism

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 - Luke 1:76-77
 - Luke 3:2-3, 8, 15-16, 18

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2 Corinthians 5:21

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 - Anointing of the Holy Spirit
 - Affirmation from the Father

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