

"The Baptism of Jesus"

Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (January 12, 2014)

Introduction: As we have entered the New Testament portion of ***The Story*** we find many interesting prophecies, people, miracles, and drama. After the birth of the King the next big event is Christ's baptism. Some have asked, "Why was Jesus immersed at the hands of John the Baptizer?" It is our goal tonight to read the account (**Luke 3:1-22**) and find out exactly what took place on that day and then figure out why Jesus did it. I want us to consider four false arguments that some people make, and then we will notice four reasons true reasons for Jesus' baptism. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Flawed Arguments Concerning the Baptism of Jesus

- A. Jesus was submitting to His peers.
Matthew 3:6-8, Mark 1:4, Hebrews 4:15, I Peter 2:22
- B. Jesus was acknowledging His position.
Galatians 3:26-27, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16, Acts 2:38-39
- C. Jesus was identifying with His people.
John 1:29-36, Matthew 3:15, II Corinthians 5:21, Romans 6:1-11
- D. Jesus was submitting to His pastor.
Luke 3:1, 7, 12, Matthew 16:18, Matthew 3:2, Daniel 2:44, Romans 16:16, Isaiah 2:2-4, Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2, I Timothy 3:15, Micah 4:1-3

II. Definitive Reasons for the Baptism of Jesus

- A. Jesus was baptized as a prophetic fulfillment.
Isaiah 40:1-2, Malachi 4:5-6, Luke 1:17, Mark 9:13, Matthew 17:11-13, John 1:1-14, 29-31, Matthew 3:14, 17, John 1:34
- B. Jesus was baptized as a pattern of obedience.
Matthew 3:15, Psalm 119:172, Psalm 40:8, Hebrews 10:5-7, Matthew 26, I Peter 2:21-25
- C. Jesus was baptized as a priestly washing.
Luke 3:23, Numbers 4:34-37, Luke 3:22, II Samuel 7:14, Psalm 2:6-7, Hebrews 7:1-3, Numbers 3:38-51, Hebrews 4:14, 5:5, Psalm 2:7, Luke 3:23-38, Ezra 2:61-63
- D. Jesus was baptized as a preview of the gospel.
I Corinthians 15:1-4, I Peter 1:19, Luke 2:52, John 1:1-14, Luke 2:35, 49, 51-52, Mark 1:9-10, Luke 16:24, John 13:26, Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:12

Conclusion: We may not understand all the reasons why Christ submitted to baptism, but we can rightly divide the world of God (**II Timothy 2:15**). We have a limited view of that wonderful event, but we have enough to know that it was significant. Have you submitted to the baptism "*for the remission of sins*" (**Acts 2:38**)? Come to Jesus now!