

JESUS' BAPTISM & OURS Matt. 3:13-17 *Live w/ Jesus Everyday* 1-22-17

What do you see about Jesus waiting in line for baptism?

We feel for John at our church baptisms. Jesus seems invisible, silent.

Just what happens at baptism? To see our baptism, see Jesus' baptism 1st!

1. BAPTIZED FOR US

*** Vulnerably Human**

~ Mere mortal in w/ crowd ... treated like sinner. Incarnation mystery!

~ Human Jesus then goes to the desert to be tempted like real human.

~ Jesus is WITH US! ... in tempting evil in baptism's watery death.

*** What Happens in Jesus' Baptism?**

~ Spirit comes on Jesus & he hears: My Son I love; I'm pleased!

~ Jesus begins to save us in Spirit's power ... obeying to the finish.

~ Father applies Jesus' saving work to us as live under water baptism

2. LIVING UNDER WATER **Baptism water = music of Grace!**

*** God Pledges & Promises to Us**

~ In Jesus, I love my adopted sons & daughters; you belong to me!

~ In Jesus, I'm pleased w/ you!

*** How Do We Live Under Water?**

~ Listen to God's Word & Spirit in your life **3:11** Baptismal renewal

~ Answer w/ your life in the rhythm that Jesus gives us in his baptism!

Spirit: Die to your self-centered life & Rise to new life serving God

-Confess w/ Christ & his Church: I'm a sinner saved by grace

-Profess faith in Jesus! I love you, Jesus, & will to serve you!

Fire: Grow in Grace to Obey the Will of Father

Go to page 2 for more story & reflections on Jesus' Baptism

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Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

Matthew 3:1-17 John Prepares the Way & Jesus is Baptized

1. What was John like & why would people want to go out to see him?
2. What do John's images of judgment mean for his hearers & us?
What does the "fruit of repentance" look like for you?
3. Why did Jesus who is without sin come to John to be baptized?
4. What is the righteousness that Jesus fulfills?
How has God affirmed you as his child in Christ?
5. What would be the role of the Spirit in Jesus' ministry?

Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus is Tempted For Us

1. Why does Satan tempt Jesus with the phrase: If you are the Son of God?
See Matt.3:17
2. Which temptation seems to be the most legitimate?
Which temptation is the most shrewd?
Which temptation is basic to all of them?
3. What human need is at the heart of each temptation?
4. What kind of temptations are the most difficult for you to resist?
How can God's Spirit help you resist?

Matthew 4:12-17 Jesus Preaches in Galilee

1. How does Jesus respond to John going to prison?
2. Why does Jesus go the region of Galilee?
3. How is Jesus still preaching his message of 4:17?