

Text: Matthew 3:1-17
Topics: Baptism, Repentance, Righteousness
Series: The Promised King

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Why Was Jesus Baptized?

I. Baptism Crowds (1-6)

Repentance is a prerequisite for entrance into God's kingdom.

II. Baptism Clarified (7-12)

True repentance is accompanied by evidence and Christ will confirm it.

III. Baptism of Christ (13-17)

The baptism of Jesus identified Him with the message of John and the Messiah of people.

Is the righteousness of Christ, mine?

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. What is the most memorable baptism you've attended? Why?
2. What was John's message in Matthew 3:2, and the peoples' response in 3:6? How often do you think about applying the responses in these verses to your life?

Why should we be motivated to respond this way? See 1 John 1:6-10.

3. Read Luke 3:8-14. How might John answer church people today who ask him the same question as these people asked (verses 10, 12, 14)?

If that message were given to you, what would God be asking you to turn from? Be specific.

4. Why did John confront the Pharisees & Sadducees coming for baptism? (Matthew 3:7-9)

How might a Christian today be guilty of the same thing?

5. In Matthew 3:11 John pointed to a coming twofold baptism of Jesus. What is the relationship of repentance to that baptism?

If a person is in either one, or the other, baptism above, how do you explain the Christian that repeatedly sins? See 1 John 3:9-10.

6. Jesus came to John for baptism to fulfill all righteousness, and God demonstrated His approval (Matt. 3:15-17). Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Philipians 3:8-9. What do these verses say about your righteousness?

How do you apply this? What effect does it have on your everyday living?

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?

