

Jesus Is Baptized

Lesson 15

Matthew 3:13-17

Memory verse

Change your ways and be baptized. Acts 2:38a

Opener

When Jesus was 30 years old, He went from his home to a river that was close by. There He met a man named John who was telling the people to change their ways and do what is right because the Lord was coming soon. John baptized the people who decided they wanted to change and follow God.

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-14

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Ask: Why did John refuse to baptize Jesus?

Jesus came to John and asked John to baptize Him. At first, John did not want to do this because Jesus was perfect and did not do wrong

Matthew 3:15

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

Discussion

Ask: What did Jesus say about His baptism?

Jesus then explained that being baptized was something that God wanted Him to do. It was a way to show everyone that Jesus was obeying God and following God. So John took Jesus into the river and baptized Him.

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Ask: What does baptism say about Jesus?

Jesus identifies with those who need forgiveness even though He never sinned.

Ask: What happened when Jesus came up out of the water?

When Jesus came up out of the water, the Heavens opened and God's Spirit came down like a dove. Then a voice from Heaven spoke and said, "This is my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with Him."

John told the people that Jesus was God's Son. He knew this because of what he saw that day. Jesus obeyed God. He did everything that His Father told Him.

Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Discussion

Colossians 2:12

...having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

Ask: What does baptism mean?

Baptism tells a story. As a person goes down into the water it is a picture of how Jesus died on a cross and was buried for our sins. When a person comes up out of the water, it is a picture of how Jesus rose again.

Acts 2:38

Repent and be baptized....

Ask: What should a person do before being baptized?

We must ask God for forgiveness. We must invite God to be a part of our lives (into our hearts) before we are baptized.

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Application

Ask: What does baptism say to people?

It gives testimony to the fact that we have decided to follow Jesus.

Ask: What does baptism say to people about the person being baptized?

Baptism tells people that we believe in Jesus and trust Him in our hearts. It also tells people that we have been changed and want to do what God wants us to do.

Being baptized also is a way we obey God, just like Jesus did. God tells us in His Word, the Bible, that we are to be baptized when we believe and trust Jesus.

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Ask: What do we promise when we are baptized?

We promise to follow Christ. We promise to try to live in a way that pleases God.

Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?

Jesus has kept every promise, so we know that he will come back one day. We can have hope and be sure that Jesus will come back one day. He promised that He would take everyone to Heaven that believes in Him.

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Application

Jesus died and rose again so that we can be with Him in Heaven if we believe in Him. You can believe in Jesus.

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.