

The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17

John's "No" and Jesus' "Let it be so":

John was _____ than Jesus (3:11a)

John's _____ was lesser than Jesus' (3:11b)

John explains his baptism as "a baptism of _____ for the _____ of sins" (Mark 1:4). The essence of his message is, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt 3:2).

And Jesus did not need to _____ ...

So why did Jesus come to John for baptism?

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Jesus, Our Righteousness

Jesus is the _____, succeeding where the first failed.

Scripture separates humanity into two groups: those in Adam and those in Christ (Hos. 6:7; Rom. 5:12-21). To regain for us what Adam – our representative head – lost for us, Christ must be perfectly _____.

Jesus is the _____, keeping perfect covenant with God, unlike failed Israel.

He came up out of Egypt, passed through the waters, and was tested in the wilderness (2:13-15; 3:13-4:11; Ex. 12:40-42; 14:1-31; 16:4). Unlike Israel, He _____ every test!

Jesus is the revealed _____ and Son of God of Isaiah 42:1 and Psalm 2:7.

At the onset of his public ministry, he is powerfully identified as the Son of God, promised Messiah, and Suffering Servant who submits to the Father's will for the sake of those he came to _____.

Jesus did not _____ God's Son upon his baptism. He is publicly _____ as such.

Likewise, he did not _____ the Holy Spirit upon his baptism, but was _____ and _____ for righteousness and ministry. (This same _____ provided by the _____ is also given to _____ upon our salvation!)

Ultimately, we can only understand Jesus' baptism in light of his _____ (2 Cor. 5:21)

He did not "need" to be baptized. He did not "need" to be crucified, either. That was for us!

His baptism was an act of _____. He, though sinless, consents to be counted as if he were sinful, alongside of us and for us. (Phil. 2:8)

Why should I be baptized?

God _____ it. (Acts 2:38)

It is the public _____ of every true believer. (Gal. 2:20)

It displays the _____ of our faith. (Rom 6:3-6)

And we go and tell others because it is at the heart of our _____ as Christians. (Matt. 28:18-20)

My Response: