

Bereans Bible Institute

Module VI – The Life of Christ

Lesson 4 – The Baptism of Jesus

- I. John baptizes Jesus (Matt. 3:13-17)
 - A. Jesus came for baptism at beginning of His 30th year on Rosh Hashanah (Luke 3:23)
 - B. Jesus did not need to repent
 - 1. *“It is proper for us to fulfill all justice”* (vs. 15)
 - C. A “Messiah” (Christos) is an “anointed” priest or king
 - D. A Prophet must “anoint” the Messiah (Matt. 3:13-17; Acts 4:27; Acts 10:38)
 - 1. When David was anointed the Spirit left Saul and came upon David (1 Sam. 16:13-14)
 - 2. When Jesus was baptized by John, the Spirit came visibly upon Him, accompanied by the voice from heaven. (Matt. 3:16-17)
 - a. The voice from heaven confirmed His Son-ship (Psalm 2:7-9)
 - b. Jesus received the indwelling Spirit *“without measure”* (John 3:30-36)
 - c. Jesus received the AUTHORITY to heal & cast out demons (Acts 10:38)
 - d. He did miracles by the POWER of the Spirit (Matt. 12:28; Luke 11:20)
 - e. Jesus was granted the AUTHORITY to decree “life” or “death” (John 5:24-30)
 - 1. He could do nothing by His own inherent power (v. 30) *“I am powerless to do from Myself – not one thing.”*
 - 2. The AUTHORITY demonstrated by calling forth Lazarus (John 11:23-27)
 - 3. He will call forth the dead with a “shout” (Jn. 5:25; 1 Thess. 4:16).
 - 4. We will “come forth” to life by the power of the Spirit in us (Rom. 8:11).
 - 3. The Dove was a sign that God would give the Spirit through water baptism (Acts 2:38-39).
 - a. Peter and the rest baptized vicariously on Jesus’ behalf (John 4:1-2)
 - b. The great commission passes the authority to Jesus’ servants who proclaim the Gospel (Matt. 28:18-20)
 - E. Jesus was “filled” and “led by ***the Spirit*** into the wilderness” to be tempted (Luke 4:1-13; Heb. 4:14-16)
 - F. Jesus returned from wilderness “in the POWER of the Spirit” after passing the test as a man (Luke 4:14)