

## Matthew 3:13-17 **Baptism of Jesus**

### Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist – Acknowledgement by God

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." NKJV

#### Facts Revealed:

### Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist – Acknowledgement by God

✚ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. [Matthew 3:13]

✚ John felt unworthy to baptize Jesus, knowing that Jesus is the One he was speaking of when he had said: [Matthew 3:14]

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” [Matthew 3:11-12]

✚ John said, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me? [Matthew 3:14]

✚ The answer Jesus gave reveals the truth that Jesus came to be our example in all things pertaining to our relationship with God, and righteousness. John accepted the answer. [Matthew 3:15]

✚ Baptism is a righteous thing to do.

✚ When Jesus had been baptized, He immediately came up out of the water. [Matthew 3:16]

✧ The Heavens were opened to Him, and John saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Jesus. [Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:22, John 1:29-34]

✧ Suddenly a Voice from Heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.” [Matthew 3:17, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22, John 1:29-34]

✚ The three persons of the Trinity are present and seen to be separate, yet together.

✧ Jesus had just come up out of the water and standing on the shore.

✧ The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended from Heaven.

✧ The Father speaking with a Voice from Heaven.

✚ God thus put His stamp of approval on this act of righteousness, and publicly acknowledged the person of Jesus to be His Son. [Matthew 3:17, 17:5, Mark 9:7, Luke 3:22, 9:35, 1 John 5:9]

✚ Mark is presenting Jesus as the servant and example, so he gives a very condensed version of the baptism and temptation. [Mark 1:9-11, and 12-13, Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-12]

✧ Mark includes the fact that when Jesus came up out of the water He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Jesus like a dove.

✧ Then the Voice from Heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

✧ Immediately after God audibly acknowledged Jesus as His Son in a testimony far above any testimony of any man, The Holy Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted.

✧ Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days with the wild beasts.

- ✧ Satan tempted Him.
- ✧ Angels ministered to Him.
  
- ✧ Luke Portrays Jesus in His Humanity as a man, Though the Son of God:
  - ✧ Luke gives a brief account of the Baptism of Jesus.
  - ✧ Like Mark, Luke records that the Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove and alighted upon Jesus as Jesus prayed. [\[Luke 3:22\]](#)
  - ✧ Personal Prayer is shown as part of the Baptism of Jesus. [\[Luke 3:21\]](#)
  - ✧ Then the voice from Heaven acknowledged Jesus as the Son of God and well pleasing to the Father. [\[Luke 3:22\]](#)
  - ✧ Thus showing all three members of the Godhead present at the same time and each individually separate from the other. Jesus in the water praying, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove empowering Jesus, and the Father's voice from Heaven declaring that Jesus is His Own Son, and well pleasing to the Father.