

**Let's Go
Baptism
Mark 1:9-11
1-10-21**

Jesus' Baptism:

I. Announced His Public Ministry.

Mark 1:9 – “In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.”

Luke 4:18 – “Jesus said, ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to proclaim good news to the poor...liberty to the captives...recover sight to the blind...set at liberty those who are oppressed.’”

John 14:31 – “Jesus said, ‘I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.’”

John 8:26 – “Jesus said, ‘...what I heard from the Father, I say to the world.’”

II. Identified Him with Us.

Mark 1:9 – “...(Jesus) was baptized by John in the Jordan.”

Matthew 3:15 – “Jesus said, ‘...it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’”

Hebrews 5:8 (NLT) – “Even though Jesus was God’s Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.”

Isaiah 53:3-4 – “He was despised and rejected...a man of sorrows...acquainted with grief...as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

Hebrews 4:15 – “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses...who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Hebrews 5:2 – “He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and misguided, since he himself is beset by weakness.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 – “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

III. Revealed the Triune God.

Mark 1:9-11 – “...Jesus...was baptized by John in the Jordan...he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him...a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”

The Trinity Models:

1. Mutual love
2. Community life
3. Ministry together

John 17:23 (NLT) – “Jesus prayed, ‘May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.’”

IV. Showed the Father’s Approval of His Son.

Mark 1:11– “And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”

God’s approval of us means we possess:

1. Worth.

John 15:9 – “Jesus said, ‘As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.’”

2. Security.

John 6:39 – “Jesus said, ‘...I shall lose none of those (the Father) has given Me, but raise them up at the last day.’”

3. Significance.

John 15:5 – “Jesus said, ‘He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit...’”

Going Deeper This Week

1. Read Mark 1:1-11. What stands out to you from verses 9-11?
2. What comforts you about God being a Triune God? What doubts do you have? How does knowing the Triune God impact how we live in community?
3. Why was Jesus baptized? What happened the day of Jesus' baptism that impacts you today? Now read Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:32-34. What other truths do you see that add to Mark's account of Jesus' baptism?
4. Even though water baptism is commanded, God baptizing (immersing) us into His life by His Spirit is what is crucial for our daily lives. Read Romans 6:3-4. What is water baptism really declaring to others?
5. Jesus would have read Zechariah 4:6 many times and He lived by this scripture. Use this verse to pray for yourself and others.