

7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)
The Baptism of Jesus
 Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus' baptism is one of the most _____ we know of in his life - attested by all four gospels.

Also a testimony to the _____ of the gospels - it was an embarrassment for early followers. This was one of those stories that are counterproductive to the spread of the Gospel. Why would Jesus be baptized? Surely, he didn't need to repent, did he?

What was _____ Baptism?

- John was preaching a baptism of _____ for _____
- John was announcing that the _____ was beginning and was inviting people to "Get on board"

Why did John _____ to baptize Jesus?

- He _____ who Jesus is
- He knows that his ministry is only _____ for the Messiah and now that Messiah is here (his ministry is being fulfilled)

Was Jesus _____ of sin?

- No. Jesus did not have sin of which to repent
- Jesus was experiencing a _____ - he was shifting from his old carpenter way of life and his past and becoming a part of this messianic kingdom that John was initiating.
- Jesus is _____
- If Jesus is going to die in our place, he must first _____ with us as one of us

3 Accompanying Signs

1. Heavens were _____ (Mark) or _____ (Matthew)
2. The _____ descends on Jesus like a _____
3. The _____ from _____

The _____ of Jesus' Baptism

1. Jesus is _____ to God's plan
2. Jesus is being _____ as _____ (Messiah = "anointed one")
3. Connection to _____ - Isaiah 42:1 - he is the fulfillment of what God had promised
4. New _____
5. New _____