

Day Three

Read Luke 3:21-23

1. Why was Jesus baptized?
2. What do you think is the significance of the Holy Spirit descending on Him?
3. What do you think it meant for Jesus to hear the Father say, “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased?”

Day Four

Read Romans 6:1-4

1. In baptism, we are “identified” with Jesus. What does that mean according to this passage?
2. Have you been baptized?
3. Are you living the new life?

Day Five

Read Matthew 25:14-30

1. What is the point Jesus was making in telling this story?
2. Just as Jesus heard the Father say, “...with you I am well pleased,” we may some day hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Is this what you live for?

Ready for The Battle

Luke 3:15-23

A. Learn From John The Baptizer.

1. In Humility, he Remembered His Place.

“The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.’”

Luke 3:15-16

2. With Boldness, he proclaimed both Judgment and Good News.

“His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’ And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.”

Luke 3:17-18

3. With Clarity, he Pointed People to Jesus.

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”

John 1:29-30

B. Understand The Significance of Jesus’ Baptism.

1. Identify - Although He is without sin He Identifies with us in our sin.

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin.”

Hebrews 4:14-15

2. Exemplify—He lived in Complete Obedience to the Father’s will.

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ Jesus replied, ‘Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then John consented.”

Matthew 3:13-15

“But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed!”

Luke 12:50

Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read Luke 3:15-20

1. How do you see John's humility in this story?
2. How do you see his boldness?
3. What do you think is meant by the image of the "winnowing fork?"

Day Two

Read John 1:29-34

1. John was clear on his purpose - to point people to Jesus. Picture what it must have been like to be there when John said, "Look there He is!"
2. What is meant by calling Jesus "The Lamb of GOD?"
3. What could you do to point people to Jesus?

3. Anointed - He was Crowned with Authority and Prepared for Battle.

"When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph," Luke 3:21-23

C. Receive The Son and Live For Him.

1. Be "baptized" with Him in His Death and Resurrection.

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Romans 6:3-4

2. Join with Him to do the Work of the Father.

"And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'"

Luke 3:22

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Matthew 25:21

When God is Pleased, Nothing Else matters.