



BAPTISM

The Baptism of Jesus Matthew 3:1-17

Key Thought: For believers, baptism is a step of _____ that symbolizes the work of Christ in our hearts.

1. John prepares the way for Jesus. (vv. 1-6)

"People went out to him ... confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River."

- Baptism is a _____ to faith in Christ.

2. John's baptism pointed to an inward work of God. (vv. 7-12)

"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance ... but after me comes One who is more powerful than I ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

- Baptism is the _____ expression of an _____ transformation.

3. The baptism of Jesus symbolizes our need for God. (vv. 13-17)

"Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.'"

- Baptism is our _____ with Christ.