

# The Baptism of Jesus – The Son of God

Scripture: **Luke 3:21-22**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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## Overview

Christians believe that a fundamental part of being human is our need to be saved. We also see that we are unable to save ourselves. God saves us not through ritual or even obedience but by his grace. Yet—however uncomfortable it sounds—**it is through obedience in baptism that God saves us.** (Spoiler: it is Jesus’ righteousness in baptism that saves us, not your own.)

## Corroborating Texts

Matthew 3:13-17, 5:17, 28:1ff; John 7:29; Isaiah 61:6; Romans 5:18-19, 6:1-4; Philippians 3:9; Acts 2:38, 10:48

## Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to believe that we fundamentally need a savior? Why is it important to continue believing that even after we are saved?
2. Read through the passage in Luke and compare with the corollaries in Matthew and John. What is the big picture significance of this event? (Jesus is announced, set apart, confirmed; declared the “lamb of God;” anointed for ministry.)
3. Now read Isaiah 61:1-6. What, specifically, is the good news Jesus brings if he fulfills this passage? (For similar theology, perhaps review Mary and Zechariah’s songs in Luke 1).
4. Discuss why Jesus was baptized and what it means to “fulfill all righteousness.” (Read Romans 5:18-19 and Philippians 3:9 for greater clarity.) How, then, is it correct to say that obedience in baptism saves us? (It is Jesus’ baptism, i.e. righteousness, which saves us.)
5. Why do we continue to baptize today? Do you value baptism as much as you ought? Do you view your own baptism as one of the foremost times in which you confessed Christ? If you confess Christ as your savior but haven’t been baptized, what is holding you back?
6. Baptism and repentance go together. It seems that baptism is often one of the first acts of repentance (Acts 2:38). What are some ways that your community group can further aid you in repentance?