

# Jesus' Baptism Harmonized

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-13; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:24-34 NIV

**John 1:24-28** Now some of the Pharisees who had been sent questioned John, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**Luke 3:21** When all the people were being baptized, **Mark 1:9** Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee to be baptized by John in the Jordan.

**Matthew 3:14-15** 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.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, as Jesus was coming up out of the water, **Luke 3:21** and as he was praying, **Mark 1:10** he saw heaven torn open, and he saw the Holy Spirit descending on him **Luke 3:22** in bodily form like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, **Mark 1:11** "You are my Son, **Matthew 3:17** this is my Son, whom I love; **Mark 1:11** with you, **Matthew 3:17** with him, I am well pleased."

**Mark 1:12-13** At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

**Luke 3:23** Now Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph.

**John 1:29-34** 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.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

