



Jesus Is Anointed

DAILY DEVOTIONAL 76



LET'S PRAY Dear God, please help me to understand Your Word as I study it today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - 1 PETER 2:21

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Mark 1:1-8.

KEY TEXT: Mark 1:4

"John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."

In our study this week, we again hear about John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin. John was the one who was "more than a prophet", because His mission was to announce that the Messiah had come!

While he was growing up, John had been living in the desert. He wore simple clothes, and ate healthy food. At just the right time, he went to the Jordan River, and began to preach there. He told the people that they needed to "repent". That meant they needed to turn away from all sin in their lives, and love and obey God instead.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Test your knowledge about John the Baptist by answering the questions and circling the words in the Word Search below.

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LET'S PRAY Dear Father, please help me to see that Your way is always best. I ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:

Acts 2:38; 5:29; 22:16; Colossians 3:20

KEY TEXT: Matthew 3:17

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus' life on Earth is a perfect example for us. He obeyed God at every moment. Jesus' baptism is part of His perfect example. God's plan is that we copy Jesus in everything, including His baptism.

Some people wonder, "why is it so important that I obey God? Why can't I do what I feel like?". In Devotional 68, we learned about the sad consequences of sin. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, every person is born with a love for sin. But, it causes pain, suffering and eternal death. God does not want those things for us. He wants us to live and be happy. That is why it is so important to obey exactly what He says—in everything—even if we can't always understand why.

HOW TO PLEASE GOD

Circle every second letter in the puzzle below. Write the *circled* letters in the first set of spaces, to find out how we can please Jesus. Write the *uncircled* letters in the second set of spaces to learn how Jesus pleased His Father. Check your answer in John 15:10.

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LET'S PRAY My dear God, I choose to live for You today. Please help me to obey You in everything. In Jesus' name I ask You, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - 1 PETER 2:21

"For to this you were called, because _____, also suffered for us, leaving us an _____, that ____ should follow His ____."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Luke 2:22-24; 3:21-23; John1:32-34.

KEY TEXT: Luke 3:23.

"Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age."

Jesus' baptism teaches us important things about how to be baptised. The first point is to think about how old Jesus was when He was baptised.

As a baby, Jesus was *dedicated* to God by Joseph and Mary, according to Moses' Law. That was a choice made by them, but Baby Jesus didn't know anything about it. Jesus did not get *baptised* until He was about thirty years old. That doesn't mean every person should be thirty years old when he or she is baptised. It does mean a person should be old enough to know the meaning of baptism, and decide for themselves whether or not they want to follow God and all that He has told us. Young people can be baptised if they seriously want to repent, give their hearts to God, and accept Jesus as their Saviour.

Jesus was baptised at the start of His public ministry. It was at this point that He was anointed by the Holy Spirit and officially became God's Messiah—The Anointed One.

GOD IS PATIENT

God gives each person the choice of whether or not to be baptised and follow Him. Unscramble the letters and write the correct words into the blank spaces below, to find out how many people God wants to save. Check your answer in 2 Peter 3:9.

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LET'S PRAY Dear God, I want to understand what the Bible teaches about baptism. I ask for the Holy Spirit to help me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Ephesians 4:5; Matthew 3:13-17.

KEY TEXT: Matthew 3:16.

"When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water."

Yesterday we learned that a person should be baptised when they have chosen to follow God and obey His Word. It is a special ceremony to show we have repented of our sins, and we want to live for God for the rest of our lives.

How should I be baptised? The Bible tells us there is only one way to be baptised. Baptism comes from the Greek word "baptizmo", which means to immerse something right into a liquid, like water, so it is completely wet. The only kind of baptism taught in the Bible is called "baptism by immersion", where a person is dipped right under the water. We know that Jesus was baptised this way, because the Bible says He "came up" from the water

BAPTISM ACROSTIC QUIZ

1. "Repent, and

Complete the acrostic below, to revise what we have learned about baptism.

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LET'S PRAY Heavenly Father, thank You that Jesus died in my place. Please help me to love You in return. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Isaiah 53:4,5; 1 Peter 2:21.

KEY TEXT: Mark 16:16.

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved."

So far, we know something about *when* a person is to be baptised, and *how*. But how important is baptism?

Mark 16:16 says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." This means baptism is an important part of being saved. But do you think," I haven't been baptised yet! Will I still be able to go to heaven?" To be ready for baptism, a person needs to understand what baptism is. Until a person has reached that point, he or she will not be lost because they have not been baptised. How can that be? Jesus is our example, and our substitute—His life stands in place of your life. That includes His baptism. If you have accepted Jesus as your Saviour, God will accept *His* baptism in place of all who have not been able to be baptised, or who are still preparing for it!

JESUS TOOK MY PLACE

Jesus died in our place, so that His perfect life could be counted for our sinful life. Use the code below to read a verse that tells you this. Check your answer in Isaiah 53:6, last part.

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LET'S PRAY Dear God, I ask for the Holy Spirit to help me understand Your word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Luke 3:21,22; 11:13; Acts 1:8.

KEY TEXT: Acts 10:38

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power."

Why is baptism so important? What happens at baptism that makes it so special? At Jesus' baptism, His Father spoke saying that He was pleased with Jesus. God the Father is pleased when we are baptised, too. Also, at His baptism Jesus received a special anointing from the Holy Spirit. Jesus had already been conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, but now the Holy Spirit gave Him *extra* power. It is similar with us. After accepting Jesus as their Saviour, a person will be obeying God, with the help of the Holy Spirit. But, when a person is baptised, they can also receive *extra* blessings from the Holy Spirit that they did not have before. We will learn more about these amazing blessings in later studies.

MORE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have already learned some important things about the Holy Spirit in our previous studies. Now we have learned something new. Revise what you know about the Holy Spirit by matching each Bible reference with what it tells you about Him.

Psalm 139:7,8	•

- 1 Corinthians 12·7–11
- 2 Peter 1:21
- Luke 1:35
- Galatians 5:22,23
- Genesis 1:1,2
- Matthew 3:16

- The Holy Spirit helped with creation.
- The Holy Spirit is everywhere at once.
- Jesus was born through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit looked like a dove when Jesus was baptised.
- The Holy Spirit gave God's prophets messages.
- The Holy Spirit gives special abilities (gifts) to God's people.
- The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of a good character in Christians.





LET'S PRAY Father in heaven, thank You that You always keep Your promises. Help me to be as honest and faithful as You are. I ask You in Jesus' name, Amen.

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THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 9:24; Luke 3:1,2.

KEY TEXT: Daniel 9:25

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An amazing prophecy is given in Daniel 9. It said that within 70 weeks, or 490 literal years, the MOST important events on earth would happen. Part of the prophecy told the *exact* year when the Messiah would begin His work. This would be 483 years, or 7x69 weeks, after the decree to restore and build Jerusalem. The decree was given by King Artaxerxes in 457BC. Take 483 years from 457BC and you get 26AD. Add one for the year 1AD and you come to 27AD.

Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit as Messiah straight after His baptism by John. In Luke 3:1–2, during the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar, four men are named who were ruling over the Jews that year. From this, we can know the *exact* year John baptized Jesus. It was 27A.D., and happened *right on time*. The prophecy of Daniel 9:25 is another prophecy fulfilled perfectly by Jesus.

JESUS WAS BAPTISED RIGHT ON TIME

Write out the prophecy of Daniel 9:25 by completing the blanks. Unscramble the letters in boxes and fill them into the blank spaces from Mark 1:15. What did Jesus say about time after He was baptized?

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In this study, we will learn about how Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit at His baptism.



Torchlight

"Jesus did not receive baptism as a confession of guilt on His own account. He identified Himself with sinners, taking the steps that we are to take, and doing the work that we must do."

- The Desire of Ages, p. 111



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