

One Step Behind Jesus

"Jesus Got Baptized . . ."

Luke 3:21-23

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Jesus got baptized. He modeled this so that we, too, might follow Him in baptism. However, in Luke's account, it wasn't only the baptism that was the main point. Rather, it was about the things that were said and experienced while the Messiah was being immersed.

Father God was telling Jesus something.
He wants to tell us something too . . .

ONE STEP BEHIND JESUS
**THE
BIG
IDEA**

**God wants my
attention!**

Let's explore four things that happened in Luke's account of Jesus getting baptized . . .



Jesus was praying.

"Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

Luke 3:21

John 16:24



Heaven was opened.

"...He (Jesus) saw Heaven being torn open."

Luke 3:21

Mark 1:10



The Holy Spirit descended like a dove.

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:29

Luke 3:22



God said something.

Luke 3:22

*God got Jesus' attention in the Jordan River
as He was getting baptized ...
now He wants your attention in your everyday life.*

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Are You Ready to Follow Jesus?

Good questions to ask yourself:

- ↪ Do you believe in God?
- ↪ What do you think He wants from you?
- ↪ Would it surprise you that God wants a relationship with you that starts now and lasts forever?

Here is a simple way to understand it:

God created us to be with Him.

Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. Genesis 1-2

Our sins separate us from God.

We all have broken God's laws and our relationship with Him is broken. Romans 5:12

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

All sins must be punished for God to be the just Judge. Romans 3:20

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

He lived the perfect life and took the punishment we deserve. Romans 5:6-8

Everyone who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life.

Admit you have sinned, ask God to forgive you, and trust that Jesus died for you! Romans 10:9-10

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

We are a new person spiritually. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Think about it:

- ↪ Does this make sense to you?
- ↪ Do you have any questions?
- ↪ Is there anything holding you back from putting your faith in Jesus right now?

Then talk to the Lord about your commitment:

Dear God, I know my sins have broken my relationship with You and nothing I could do could ever change that. But right now, I believe that Jesus died in my place and rose again from the dead. I trust in Him to forgive me for my sins. I accept Your offer of an eternal relationship with You and want to follow Your plans for my life. Amen.

Now connect with others who are following Jesus, too!