



BEHOLD THE KING

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- That God's kingdom will remain our focus.

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.”

Matthew 3:13

“John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’”

Matthew 3:14

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“righteousness” = doing God’s will

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“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees ...”
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“‘This shall never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.’”

Matthew 16:22b-23

“If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”

John 13:8b

“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

“and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 3:16-17

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 - The trinitarian godhead appears together.

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“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

Psalm 2:7b

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“Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”

Psalm 2:11-12

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“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.”

Isaiah 42:1

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“Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

“But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought
us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

“All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned - every one - to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.”

Isaiah 53:4-6

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“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Rom. 5:8

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“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” Matt. 25:40

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“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

Acts 9:5b

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2. **Baptism** - We identify with Christ.

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“Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”

Matthew 12:48b

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“Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.”

Galatians 3:7

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“Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 2:37-38

Baptism Service



March 31



Kid's class (2nd - 6th grade)
Teen and adult class



Register online!



1. Substitution - Christ identifies with us.
2. Baptism - We identify with Christ.
3. **Affliction** - Christ walks with us.

The story of the water helps us
in the wilderness because it reminds us of
God's faithful delight in us,
regardless of our circumstances.

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

“But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

“When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

“For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

Isaiah 43:1-3a