

³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.
⁴Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.

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By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. —1 John 2:3-6 ESV

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Obedience to Christ is the greatest evidence of knowing and loving Christ.

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If you love me, you will keep my commandments. —John 14:15 ESV

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The Steps of Jesus
Jesus began His ministry by being baptized.

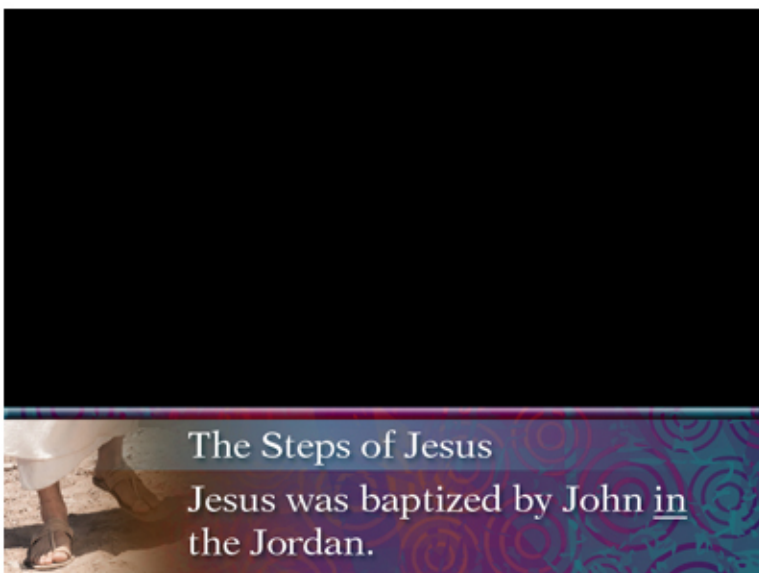
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¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

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¹⁶And 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; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
—Matthew 3:13-17 ESV

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The Steps of Jesus

Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan.

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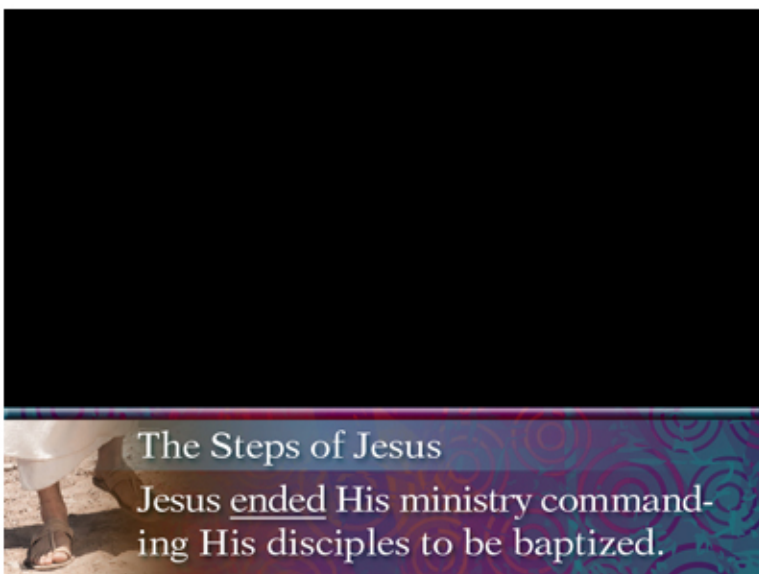
⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.
—Mark 1:9-10 ESV

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John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized...

—John 3:23 ESV

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The Steps of Jesus

Jesus ended His ministry commanding His disciples to be baptized.

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¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." —Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

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The Steps of Jesus
Early believers followed in this "example" in the book of Acts.

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So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.
—Acts 2:41 ESV

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³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. —Acts 8:35-38 ESV

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³⁰Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.
—Acts 16:30-33 ESV

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What is baptism?

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Baptism is the public registration (declaration) and identification of someone's faith in and surrender to Jesus Christ.

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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 2:38 ESV

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Aren't there different ways to be baptized?

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Why is immersion so important?

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What is the Gospel?

³...that Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the
Scriptures, ⁴that he was
buried, that he was raised on
the third day in accordance
with the Scriptures...
—1 Corinthians 15:3-4 ESV

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When should someone
be baptized?

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Have you been baptized?

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³Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into
Christ Jesus were baptized into
his death? ⁴We were buried there-
fore with him by baptism into
death, in order that, just as Christ
was raised from the dead by the
glory of the Father, we too might
walk in newness of life.
—Romans 6:3-4 ESV

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