

SCTR 27 • Digging Up Jesus
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Synopsis §18¹
Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17	Mark 1:9-11	Luke 3:21-22	John 1:29-34
<p>Then Jesus arrived from the Galilee to the Jordan, to John to be baptized by him. But John prevented him saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you would come to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it now, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted him.</p> <p>And when Jesus was baptized</p> <p>he immediately came up from the water; and see, the heavens were opened [to him] and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and come on him; and see, a voice from the heavens saying, "This is my son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased."</p>	<p>And it was in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of the Galilee</p> <p>and was baptized in the Jordan by John. And immediately as he was coming up from the water, he saw the heavens tearing and the Spirit like a dove coming down to him. And a voice was from the heavens, "You are my son, the beloved; in you I am well pleased."</p>	<p>Now it was when all the people had been baptized</p> <p>and Jesus had been baptized, and was praying,</p> <p>the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my son the beloved, in you I am well pleased."</p>	<p>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."</p> <p>And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."</p>

¹ Kurt Aland, ed., *Synopsis of the Four Gospels, Greek-English Edition of the Synopsis Quattuor Evangeliorum*, 9th ed. (Stuttgart: German Bible Society, 1989) 16.