

## DAY 3: JOHN THE BAPTIST BAPTIZED JESUS

As recorded in Matthew 3:13–17, Jesus Christ was baptized. As you study these verses, look for similarities between your baptism and the Savior’s.

# Jesus Christ is baptized

Jesus traveled from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John because John held the keys of the Aaronic Priesthood and had the authority to perform the ordinance of baptism.

Jesus coming “straightway out of the water” (Matthew 3:16) indicates that He was baptized by immersion—meaning He was covered completely by the water.

John the Baptist knew that Jesus’s position and authority were higher than his own. However, according to Matthew 3:15, Jesus said He needed to be baptized “to fulfil all righteousness.”

“To fulfil all righteousness” means to do all that Heavenly Father requires of us so that we can live with Him again. This includes receiving the ordinances of salvation. By being baptized, Jesus set the perfect example for us to follow. Read 2 Nephi 31:4–9, and write it as a cross-reference in the margin next to Matthew 3:15. Mark words and phrases that help you understand what “to fulfil all righteousness” means.

How does your baptism compare with the example the Savior set for us?

Another important doctrine in Matthew 3:16–17 relates to the Godhead. Reread these verses, looking for what they teach about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

It is important to understand that the Holy Ghost did not actually transform into a dove. Rather, the dove was a sign or symbol that the Holy Ghost had descended upon Jesus.