

Why Was the King Baptized? Matthew 3:13-17

Thesis: Jesus' baptism was for the purpose that he might "fulfill all righteousness" and to be commissioned by God the Father and God the Spirit as the long awaited Savior of the world.

I. The King's Baptism Fulfilled all Righteousness (13-15)

- A. The lesser does not want to baptize the greater

- B. Jesus insists that this is vital "to fulfill all righteousness"

II. The King's Baptism Was God's Commissioning of His King (16-17)

- A. The Heavens are opened

- B. The Spirit of God comes to rest on Jesus

- C. God Speaks: The King is here!
 - 1. The King is God's Beloved Son (16; Ps. 2)

 - 2. The King is the Suffering Servant (17; cf. Isa. 42:1)