

Inauguration Day

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1. Jesus received John's baptism to...

a. To _____ with John's kingdom message.

b. To _____ His kingdom mission.

2. The Holy Spirit anointed Jesus as...

a. The promised _____.

b. The purified _____.

c. The consecrated _____.

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And when He began His ministry,
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Jesus received John's baptism...

To *Identify* with John's kingdom message.



Jesus was baptized by John

Luke 3:21

Now when all the people were baptized,
Jesus was also baptized [by John].

Matthew 3:14

But John tried to prevent [Jesus], saying,
“I have need to be baptized by You,
and do You come to me [to be baptized]?”

John's message was about the coming King

Luke 3:15-16

Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ, John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Jesus received baptism from John to identify with John's message of a coming King and to be identified as that "One who is coming."

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Jesus received John's baptism...

To Identify with John's kingdom message.

To *Inaugurate* His kingdom mission.



Luke 3:21 and 23

Now when all the people were baptized,
Jesus was also baptized...

When **He began His ministry**

Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age.

Jesus' baptism inaugurated or marked
the beginning of His ministry.

Luke 16:16

The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed **until John;**
from then the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached...

John's message concerned the coming kingdom; Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His work to establish it.

Jesus began His work in the wilderness.

Luke 4:1-2

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led about by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.

Jesus was the new Adam and the new Israel empowered to do battle for the restoration of the kingdom!

Luke 4:13-14

And when the devil had finished every temptation,
he departed from Him until an opportune time.

And Jesus returned to Galilee **in the power of the Spirit...**

Jesus was victorious over Satan,
and He immediately began exerting
His power to free the captives and
restore the kingdom.

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The Holy Spirit anointed Jesus.



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Peter links this to the Spirit's anointing.

Acts 10-37-38

You yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed. You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power...

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The Holy Spirit anointed Jesus **as...**

The promised Prophet



The Lord had promised a Prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15

The LORD your God will raise up for you
a prophet like me from among you,
from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

How do we know that Luke wants us to connect the Spirit's descent upon Jesus with the anointing as the promised Prophet?

A Clear Connection to Ezekiel

Ezekiel 1:1

Now it came about in the thirtieth year,
on the fifth day of the fourth month,
while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles,
the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

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A Continued Connection

Ezekiel 2:1-3

Then He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet that I may speak with you!” And as He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me. Then He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel...

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Luke designates Jesus as the “Son of Man”
26x!

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Remember the Promised Prophet?

Deuteronomy 18:15

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a prophet like me from among you,
from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

*Peter applies this to Jesus in **Acts 3:22***

“Moses said, ‘The Lord God shall raise up for you
a prophet like me from your brethren;
to Him you shall give heed in everything He says to you.’”

As the promised Prophet, Jesus
proclaims that which is true and good.

Listen to Him!

A warning!

Acts 3:23

“And it shall be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.”

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The promised Prophet.

The purified Priest.



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Priests were brought into service
around the age of 30 (Num. 4:23).

Ezekiel was a prophet **and** a priest.

Priests were ritually cleansed when
brought into office.

Jesus is declared Priest!

Hebrews 5:5

So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brethren,
partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus,
the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

As your High Priest, Jesus has made a way for you into the presence of God.

Entrust yourself to Him!

Hebrews 10:19-22

Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **let us draw near** with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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The promised Prophet.

The purified Priest.

The consecrated King.



The details of Jesus' baptism clearly connect Christ to both the Royal Decree of Psalm 2 and the promise of a Servant/King in Isaiah.

Psalm 2 Connection

Psalm 2:7

I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me,
“You are My Son, today I have begotten You.”

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...heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended
upon Him in bodily form like a dove,
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The LORD's declaration to His Son in Psalm 2 is clearly a statement of inauguration to His kingship.

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A Servant/King Connection

Isaiah 42:1

Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold;
My chosen one in whom My soul delights.
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the nations.

Luke 3:21-23

...and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form
like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven,
“You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”

Jesus, the Servant/King, has achieved
victory over all His enemies and will
establish His eternal reign as
King of kings and Lord of lords.

Submit to Him now!

Revelation 17:14

These will wage war against the Lamb,
and the Lamb will overcome them,
because He is Lord of lords and King of kings,
and those who are with Him
are the called and chosen and faithful.

Are you with Him?

Jesus' baptism announces Him to you
as the Prophet you should listen to,
the Priest you should run to,
and the King you should submit to.

The King's Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe
all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.”