

# Here is Our King!

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## Baptism – It's a Slam Dunk!

### Matthew 3:1-12

#### John the Baptizer

##### Who is He?

- \_\_\_\_\_! - shadows of \_\_\_\_\_ **Mt. 17:10-13**
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Relative of \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 1:36-45**

##### What was his Message?

- \_\_\_\_\_ and be baptized!
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is Near!
- WARNING! – There's no \_\_\_\_\_!
- Fruit = \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Relationship with God!

##### What is Baptism?

*baptizo* – \_\_\_\_\_

Symbol –

- Ritual washing for the Jews
- For John - Once and for all declaration of repentance and \_\_\_\_\_.
- For Us – outward picture of \_\_\_\_\_
  1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 22:16** (NIV) *And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_!

**Romans 6:4** (NIV) *We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

### Matthew 3:13-17

#### Why did Jesus get Baptized?

- To Fulfill all righteousness
  - follow \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- More Evidence of Jesus' Divine Place as King!
  - \_\_\_\_\_ on Him
  - \_\_\_\_\_ from Heaven

#### What's the Big Deal about Baptism?

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ **Mt 28:18-20**
3. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus and His Church.
4. It is a symbol \_\_\_\_\_ of what has already happened internally.

#### What does this mean for you?

1. Realize that Baptism does not bring salvation but is a \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Check and Make sure there is \_\_\_\_\_!
3. If you have not been baptized – there is \_\_\_\_\_.

**December memory verse: Philippians 1:6** (NIV) *Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*