

Here is Our King!

December 30, 2007

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.*