



commissioned

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What was Jesus commissioned to do?

Principle one:

Jesus was commissioned to identify with our

_____.
Luke 3:21 (cf. Matt. 3:15; Hebrews 2:10)

Application one:

Trust that he is _____ than your _____.

Principle two:

Jesus was commissioned to identify with our

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Application two:

Trust that he is _____ your _____.

TAKE HOME TRUTH

*Jesus was commissioned to _____ his
Father in heaven. Luke 3:22 (cf. Matt. 3:17; Heb. 2:17)*

Simple ways to please the Father...

- A. Spend time in _____.**
- B. Obey His _____.**
- C. Identify with His _____.**

Today's Core Belief:

Jesus Christ: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin – that He suffered, was crucified and buried, but rose on the third day, after which He ascended into heaven where He sits at the Father's right hand." (from Hebrews 1:3)



Deeper Connection Study

As John was preaching and baptizing people in the Jordan River, Jesus came on the scene. The One of whom John spoke was now here! It must have been an interesting meeting for these two distant relatives who were committed to living out their respective callings for the kingdom of heaven. As we discuss this event, it is important for us to discover Jesus' desire for baptism as well as its practice by Christians today.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Trinity.

Read Luke 3:21-37 (vv. 21-22 par. Matthew 3:13-17; Mk. 1:9-11; Jn. 1:29-34)

1. What supernatural phenomena occurred at Jesus' baptism? What do these things indicate about Jesus' status and ministry?
2. How is the Trinity evident in this event (cf. Matt. 28:19)? Why is this significant?
3. Read Matthew 3:15. Why did Jesus want to be baptized? What is the meaning of Jesus' words concerning this (cf. Ps. 40:7-8)?
4. Why does Luke mention Jesus' age at the start of his ministry (v. 23a)? Why does he include Jesus' genealogy (vv. 23b-37)?
5. How were people baptized? What is the meaning and importance of baptism for Christians (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:4; I Cor. 2:12; II Cor. 5:17)? How was it included in Jesus' command to make disciples (cf. 28:18-20)?
6. When were you baptized after your conversion to Christ? If you are a Christian and have not yet been baptized, are you willing to do so? Why are baptisms a community event celebrated by the church?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that Jesus is our perfect model of righteousness. Pray that God would be glorified when believers are baptized.



When one thinks of Jesus' baptism a number of things probably come to mind: things like John the Baptist being reluctant to baptize Jesus, or the heavens parting and the Spirit descending like a dove, or more than likely, the voice from heaven that spoke. These are all part of the narrative, but there is another important element that is often overlooked: Jesus' commissioning. That is right, this event marks Jesus' commissioning into his formal ministry. Because this historical event is followed by Jesus genealogy (3:23-28) and subsequent temptation (4:1-13), it marks a transition in Luke's gospel. This transition then presents a few allusions to the purpose of Jesus' coming to earth and taking on human flesh. These allusions have direct application to our lives today, which is certain to produce a heightened level of comfort for the believer. So what are these allusions? You will find them in Luke's endearing Christology!