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1. Jesus' baptism was not the same as our baptism.
  - a. Jesus' underwent John's baptism of repentance.
    - i. Luke 3:3
  - b. We undergo the baptism of belief.
    - i. Biblical Christian baptism always follows faith.
      1. Acts 8:35-38
    - ii. It is a symbol of how we have passed from death to life.
      1. 2 Corinthians 5:14-18
  - c. In some ways Jesus' baptism was similar to our baptism.
    - i. It is a baptism of immersion.
    - ii. It was conducted prayerfully and worshipfully.
  - d. In some way's Jesus' baptism was unique.
    - i. It was ratified by the entire trinity.

- ii. It revealed Jesus' identity.
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      - a. Psalm 2:7
    2. In Mathew the Father speaks to the crowds.
  - iii. It was the moment that God anointed Jesus for ministry
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      - a. This is the special indwelling of the Holy Spirit for ministry.
      - b. This is analogous to the Day of Pentecost
        - i. The disciples had already received the Holy Spirit.
          1. John 20:19-22
        - ii. They needed the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit.
      - iii. It is one thing to have the Spirit and another to walk in its power.
2. Why did Jesus submit to the baptism of repentance?
    - a. Practical Reasons:
      - i. It was a public and powerful declaration of the beginning of Jesus' ministry.
      - ii. It legitimized the ministry of John.
    - b. Theological Reasons:
      - i. "to fulfill all righteousness"
        1. It was God's will that the Jews respond to John's baptism.
        2. Jesus needed to identify with the people coming to John.
          - a. Hebrews 2:17
        3. It was the will of the Father.
3. What does the baptism reveal about the person of Jesus?
    - a. It reveals his obedience
    - b. It reveals his humility
    - c. It reveals his inner struggle.
  4. Conclusion:
    - a. The baptism of Jesus was a critical event in the life of Jesus when God the Father publically commissioned him for his ministry and the Holy Spirit anointed him in power.

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