Insights from Jesus' Baptism

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READING: Matthew 3

As we look at the reading today, we can gain so many insights from this chapter. I specifically want to focus on the baptism of Jesus.

First, we see the humility of Jesus demonstrated in His baptism. Jesus' life and ministry were marked with the example of humility. He was God and He allowed Himself to be baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus did not deny that John had a need to be baptized by him yet declared that He will be baptized by John.

Second, we see the biblical example of Jesus being baptized by immersion. Baptism plays no part in our salvation but is a public demonstration of our faith. It is a testimony to others that you are a believer in Jesus Christ. The Greek word for baptism is *baptizo,* which is a verb that translates to "to immerse or submerge." As Southern Baptists, we follow the example of Christ by baptism through immersion.

Third, at Christ's baptism we see the manifestation of the Trinity--the Son is baptized; the Father speaks to the gathered crowd.; the Spirit descends upon Jesus to rest upon Him. This passage, along with others, is an example of the triune God.

This passage marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry which eventually led to His death on the cross. There is so much to this chapter but much we can learn about humility, the meaning of baptism and the Trinity.

Today, spend some time in prayer that your life would point others to Christ.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.
MONDAY'S READING: Matthew 4

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