

Matthew 3:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

Analysis

Jesus' arrival from Galilee to Jordan 'to be baptized of John' shows His identification with sinful humanity despite His sinlessness. This inaugurates His public ministry at about age 30 (Luke 3:23). Jesus' willingness to undergo John's baptism of repentance demonstrates His substitutionary role—standing in for sinners throughout His ministry culminating at the cross.

Historical Context

Galilee was about 70 miles north of the Jordan baptismal site (possibly near Jericho). Jesus' journey signals His deliberate, public commitment to His messianic mission. His submission to baptism models obedience and identifies Him with those He came to save.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' baptism teach you about identifying with others in their need?

2. How does Jesus' example of fulfilling righteousness challenge you?

Interlinear Text

Τότε παραγίνεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀπὸ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ἐπὶ¹
Then cometh G3588 Jesus from G3588 Galilee to
G5119 G3854 G2424 G575 G1056 G1909

τὸν Ἰορδάνην πρὸς τὸν Ἰωάννην τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι ὑπ'²
G3588 Jordan unto G3588 John G3588 to be baptized of
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 2:22 (Parallel theme): But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

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