



Bible Study Luke 3.15-22 The Baptism of Jesus

- Q1** What can you remember of your own baptism? What did it mean to you at the time and subsequently?
- Q2** What do you know about John the Baptist? Why did people pay attention to him and why did his preaching have such an impact?
- Q3** John contrasts the baptism he gives with that which Jesus will give. What do the symbols of water, fire and the Holy Spirit mean here?
- Q4** Are we surprised that Jesus would even be baptized? Discuss in pairs the conversation which Jesus has with John in Matthew 3.13-15.
- Q5** What should we make of verse 17? Do you think this verse is about final judgement or about purification, and how does your answer affect your priorities? (Compare 1Corinthians 3.10-16).
- Q6** How many reasons or explanations for baptism are indicated in Luke 3.15-22?
- Q7** How does the baptism of Jesus relate to his subsequent ministry, his death and his resurrection?
- Q8** How does the baptism of Jesus relate to
(a) our baptism of infants?
(b) our baptism of believers?
(c) our sacrament of confirmation?
- Q9** A neighbour who does not attend church asks for your advice about whether or not to have her baby baptized. How would you reply?
- Q10** Are there any other lessons we can learn from the biblical account of the baptism of Jesus?