

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV) Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Psalm 29 The Voice of God in a Great Storm A Psalm of David

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion (Mt. Hermon) like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

Mark 2: 5 – When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 4: 39 – He woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the seas, "Peace! Be still!"

John 8: 11 – "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

John 11: 43 – He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Luke 23: 34 – "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Acts 19:1-7 (NRSV) Paul in Ephesus

¹ Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Acts 2: 4 – All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 8: 17 – Then Peter and John laid their hands on them (the believers in Samaria), and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10: 45-46 – The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Acts 11: 15 – Peter to believers back in Jerusalem – "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning."

Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV) The Baptism of Jesus

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁷ He proclaimed, ⁸ “I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3: 16-17 – And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were open to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Luke 3: 21-22 – The heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

John 1: 29, 32, 33 – The next day (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” . . . John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. . . . The one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’”

Luke 7: 18-19, 22 – John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” . . . Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard.”

“The King’s Speech” – 2010 historical drama movie

“Our Heavenly King’s Speech” – 2011 sermon for the Transfiguration of our Lord

Jesus’ Baptism

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17: 5 – “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

Mark 9: 7 - “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

Luke 9: 35 – “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

Even though John was a witness to the Transfiguration, he does not include the event in his Gospel. But he does make such statements as John 1: 14 – “We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son.”

After some Greeks who had come to worship at the festival of Passover asked to see Jesus

John 12: 23-24 – Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

John 12: 27-28 – “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”