

SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

“If Jesus Was Perfect, Why Was He Baptized?”

Introduction

We've been working our way through different questions based on the book Quest 52 by Mark Moore. This week, our question is “If Jesus was perfect then why was he baptized?” As we read through God's word, we are hopeful that we can find an answer to this question and strengthen our faith in the process.

- Share a story in your life of someone who paved the way for you. It could be a sibling, parent, mentor, coach, teacher, etc.

Seek the Word

- Read Numbers 13-14. Where do you see yourself in the story? Are you the ten spies who feared? Like the crowd who refused to obey?
- Read Romans 6:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-5. How do these two descriptions of baptism relate to Jesus's Baptism?
- What does it mean to have your life absorbed in Jesus? (Colossians 3:3-4)

Go Deeper

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Do a short study on the person of John the Baptist. Using a Bible concordance or online tools like the free Blue Letter Bible website, learn what you can about John the Baptist's life and the messages he proclaimed.

Talk About It

- Have you ever willingly taken the blame or punishment for someone else or paid the price someone else owed? How did that feel?
- If you have not been baptized, what is hindering you from taking that step?
- If you have been baptized, tell a bit about the story of what led to that decision.
- What do you think you would have to do to be more committed to fully obeying God?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Jesus was baptized to show that your sins are forgiven through Him.

Challenge: This week, have a conversation with a spiritual mentor in your life about what your next steps in your faith journey could be (baptism, serving at church, mentoring someone, etc).