

Comparing the different Gospel accounts of the Baptism of Jesus.



Task -

Read the following Gospel accounts of the Baptism of Jesus and complete the table on slide 5.

Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus -Mark 1:9-11

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus-Luke 3:21-22

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

The Baptism of Jesus -Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came to **John the Baptist** while he was baptising people in the River Jordan. John tried to make him change his mind, but Jesus answered, “**In this way we will do all that God requires.**” So John agreed. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Heaven was opened and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, “**This is my own dear son with whom I am pleased.**”

Compare the different Gospel accounts of the Baptism of Jesus.

Matthew's Gospel	Mark's Gospel
Luke's Gospel	John's Gospel

Challenge -

Which part of the Baptism of Jesus do you think is the most important and why?

Write an overview of the different accounts – similarities, differences, style – anything else you notice.