

INTRODUCING



BIG Questions

Who am I?

Where did I come from?

Why am I here?

What is **wrong** with the world and me?

What is the **solution**?

worldview questions

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Obviously human, surprisingly divine

Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he *made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

** emptied, poured out*

(Philippians 2:5-7)

Mark 1

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. **Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.**

... ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Dirty **WATER**



Mark 1

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.”

IDENTITY

“In the social jungle of human existence, there is no feeling of being alive without a sense of identity.” (Erik Erikson)



Daniel Bonnell, The Baptism of the Christ

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Identity given vs identity earned

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1)

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A FRESH IDENTITY

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