

DO YOU REALLY KNOW HIM?

LESSON 4: Getting started.....????

TEXTS: mt. 3:13-17; mk. 1:9-11; Lk. 3:21-22; John 1:32-34

Before Jesus began His _____ ministry, there were two “big” recorded events that took place:

1. His _____

2. The _____ in the wilderness

- It is interesting that Jesus lived some _____ miles away from where John was _____ but He still came. The following questions come to mind:

1. Why would the Son of God wait until He was _____ to be baptized?

2. Why is this particular event _____ or _____ by all four gospel writers, but we only got one _____ recorded event from Jesus' _____?

3. Why would a _____ man have to be _____ in the first place? If baptism is for the _____ of _____, why *would* Jesus be baptized?

LET'S ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ONE AT A TIME:

1. Why would the Son of God wait this long to be baptized?

a. Galatians 4:4 indicates that all of this happened according to God's _____.

b. Jesus often mentioned that His _____ had not yet come during His ministry (Luke 9:51; John 7:6, 8; Matthew 26:18; John 2:4; John 8:20; etc.)

c. Since Jesus had no _____ to be _____ of, the _____ of His baptism must be viewed in a completely _____ light.

d. Jesus' _____ was in no danger of being _____ here by waiting; ours would be.

2. Why is this event recorded by all 4 gospel writers when we have only one record of Jesus' life prior to this?

a. In a sense, the events that took place _____ Jesus' baptism are somewhat _____. We know this because if they were important, they would have been _____.

3. Why would a sinless man be baptized at all?

a. In answering this question, we can only go as far as Jesus' _____ to John.