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Read each of the passages below.

Matthew 3:6 - and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Who is doing the baptizing here? What is the reason they were coming to be baptized? How is this different than believer's baptism?

Matthew 3:11 - "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

1. What does John say is the difference between his baptism and Jesus's? In what sense is "baptism" being used here?

Matthew 3:16 - "And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,^[a] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;"

2. Obviously Jesus did not need to submit to a baptism for repentance since he had nothing to repent of being sinless. Why then did Jesus submit to baptism?

Matthew 28:19 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

3. What type of baptism is Jesus referring to here? (water!) Why is water baptism commanded by Jesus? (The believer is identifying with Jesus)

Mark 10:38 - "Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

4. What baptism is Jesus speaking about here?

5. What have you learned about baptism so far in this study?