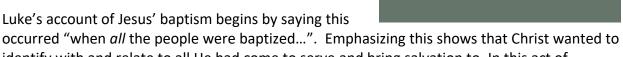


Weekly Scripture and Sermon Study: History & Context Guide Luke 3:21-22

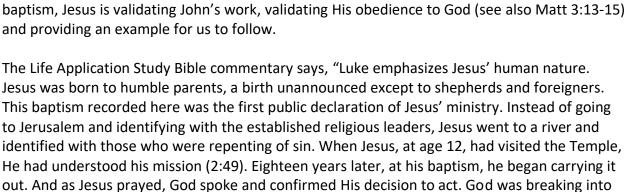
History, Culture, & Context

"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This section of Luke discusses the baptism of Jesus, which is also discussed in Matthew 3:13-17 and Mark 1:9-11. Jesus' baptism is a confirmation that He is the Messiah and Savior the prophets spoke of.



identify with and relate to all He had come to serve and bring salvation to. In this act of baptism, Jesus is validating John's work, validating His obedience to God (see also Matt 3:13-15)



Questions to Consider

- 1. Why did Jesus get baptized by John? What was the significance of Him doing so?
- 2. What is the significance of heaven being opened up in v. 21?
- 3. Why does Jesus pray in v. 21?

human history through Jesus the Christ."

- 4. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' baptism?
- 5. How do you rely upon the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's call for your life?