

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Baptism of Jesus

¹³At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴But John tried to prevent him, and said:

—How is it you come to me: I should be baptized by you!

¹⁵But Jesus answered him:

—Let it be like that for now that we may fulfill the right order.

John agreed.

¹⁶As soon as he was baptized, Jesus came up from the water. At once, the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God come down like a dove and rest upon him. ¹⁷At the same time a voice from heaven was heard: “This is my Son, the Beloved; he is my Chosen One.”

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