

Transformed Ministry of Jesus

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The Transformation of Baptism

Matthew 3:13–15 TLV

Then Yeshua [Hebrew for Jesus] came from the Galilee to John, to be immersed by him in the Jordan. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be immersed by You, and You are coming to me?” But Yeshua responded, “Let it happen now, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” So John yielded to Him.

Why did Jesus need to be baptized by John?

“To fulfill” in the NT usually refers to the realization of a specific Old Testament prophecy.

1 Corinthians 15:45–47 TLV

So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit...The first man is of the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven.

The Concept & Symbolism of Baptism

Mikva: Ritual Immersion, Conversion, & New Birth

Water Baptism is an Outward Sign of an Inward Reality

Titus 3:5 NKJV

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:17 TLV

Therefore if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

John 8:36 ESV

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Luke 3:22 TLV

You are My Son, whom I love—with You I am well pleased!

Matthew 28:19–20 ESV

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And remember! I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Disciple in Hebrew: *Talmid*

Disciple in Greek: *Mathētēs*

Discipleship occurs in the context of relationship and community.

Matthew 11:28–30 ESV

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Matthew 17:1–2 TLV

After six days, Yeshua takes with Him Peter and Jacob and John his brother, and brings them up a high mountain by themselves. Now He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Matthew 21:6–9 TLV

The disciples went and did as Yeshua had directed them. They brought the donkey and colt and put their clothing on them, and He sat on the clothing. Most of the crowd spread their clothing on the road, and others began cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. The crowds going before Him and those following kept shouting, saying,

“Hoshia-na to Ben-David! Baruch ha-ba b’shem Adonai! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hoshia-na in the highest!”

Are you riding the donkey?

Or

Is the donkey riding you?

