

Lesson #7: Supplement



Story of Jesus' baptism and Pentecost

[Just as Jesus began to teach and heal people, he went out to the Jordan River. A prophet named John was there calling people to turn from their sins because the savior they had been waiting for was coming soon. Jesus was the savior they were waiting for. Jesus had no sins to repent from, but he wanted to be baptized by John in order to give an example for us to follow. Initially John didn't want to baptize Jesus. John told him, "I need to be baptized by you." John knew that Jesus was greater and that he wasn't even worthy to carry his sandals. However, John agreed to baptize Jesus after he told John that it was the right thing to do. John baptized Jesus. Jesus went all the way under the water. When he came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove. Then he heard the Father's voice from heaven say, "You are my son whom I love; with him I am well pleased." After this experience the Bible says that Jesus was "full of the Holy Spirit", led by the Holy Spirit, under the power of the Holy Spirit and now anointed by the Holy Spirit to do miraculous things. Even though Jesus was "born of the spirit" from birth, Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit as he began his ministry. Later after Jesus had been raised from the dead, he breathed into his disciples and they received the Holy Spirit. They were born of the Holy Spirit. But then he told them to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came on them in power to be his witnesses. So that's what they did. One day as they were praying a violent wind began to blow and they saw what seemed like tongues of fire rest on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit (baptized by his Spirit) and then began to speak in languages they did not know. Many people from foreign countries heard them and put their faith in Jesus.]