



Four Voices, One Story

“From the Water to the Wilderness”

Matt 3:13-17, 4:1-11; Mark 1:9-13

Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13; John 1:29-34

And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

Call to the Word: Jhn 1:32-34



Introduction

John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world, and there we see a Lamb who would be offered for the world.

Behold the Lamb! Jhn 1:29, Mat 3:13, Mrk 1:9

John's baptism was a baptism of repentance and a pointing to Jesus as the Messiah

metanoēō: changing one's mind and one's direction... implying godly sorrow for unbelief and sin and a turning from them unto God and the gospel of Christ.

John's Testimony.

Jhn 1:30-31

Jesus Christ, though equal with God in every respect, did not appear on the surface to be an extraordinary man. But make no mistake; He is the Word, the Author of truth in a human body.

“Truth often stares us in the face and we fail to acknowledge Him.” (Swindoll)

John’s Testimony. Jhn 1:30-31

Beautiful picture of the Trinity

Father speaking to the Son

Son being baptized with the Spirit

Spirit descending on the Son

Identification....Jhn 1:32-33; Mt 3:16; Mrk 1:10; Luk 3:22

Mat 3:14 “kept on hindering Him...”

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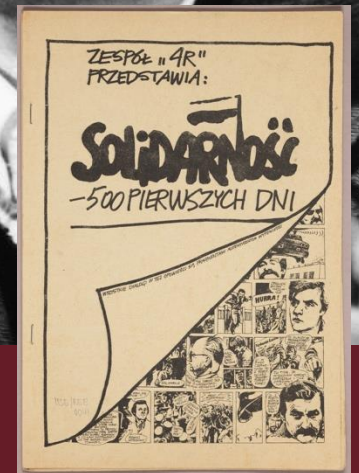
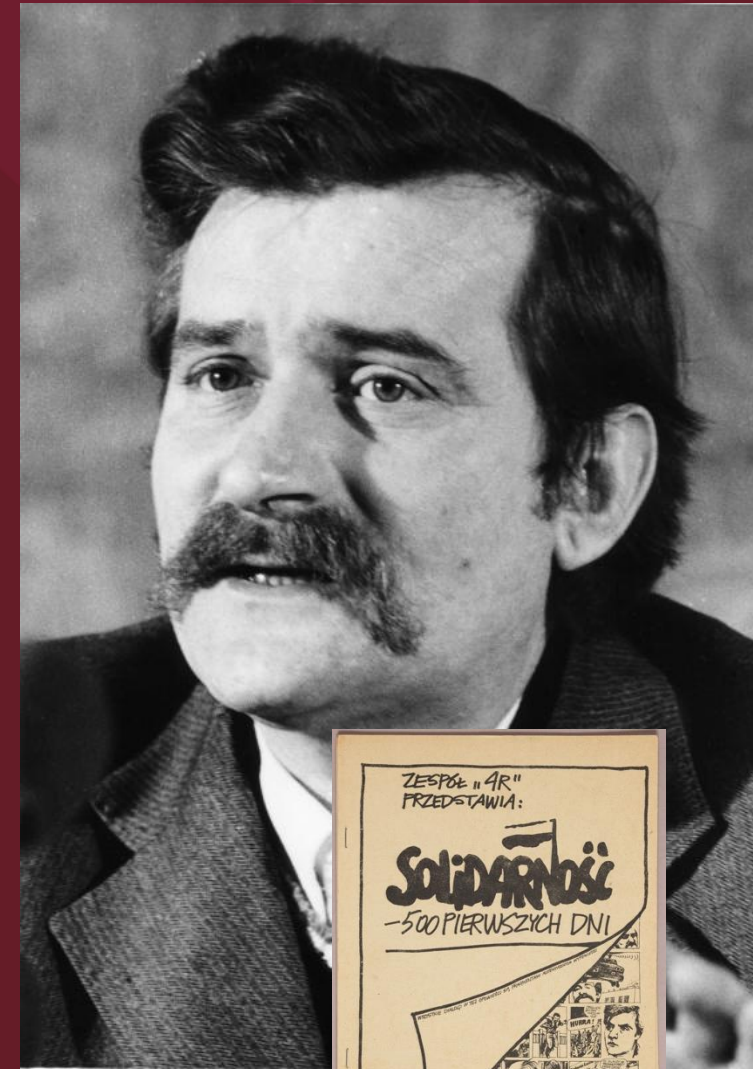
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Why is Jesus Getting Baptized?

2Co 5:21

“We obviously stand at the brink of a great mystery and our understanding of it can only be minimal.” (Kruse)



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*“It was the Spirit of God who gave success to
Jesus Christ’s ministry.” (Spurgeon)*

Confirmation....Mat 3:16; Mrk 1:10; Luk 3:21-22

The Father's Approval

Ps 2:7

Act 13:33

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God the Father publicly demonstrates that Jesus' baptism was *not* a display of repentance, but instead it was a righteous identification with sinners.

Confirmation....Mat 3:16; Mrk 1:10; Luk 3:21-22

**Jhn 1:34 “And I have seen and testified that this is
the Son of God.”**

“Are you ready for something different?”

Conclusion....Jhn 1:34



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