



## I. REVIEW

### A. Miraculous series

**Psalm 77:14 (TLB)** You are the God of miracles and wonders! You still demonstrate your awesome power.

**Romans 8:11a (NLT)** The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

### B. All Christians baptize in response to the words of Jesus

**Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)** <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

### C. You probably have an opinion about baptism

## II. LEARNING FROM SCRIPTURE AND HISTORY

### A. Baptize – (Greek word) βαπτίζω

- Didn't start as a “religious” word
  - Baptizo – Wash, plunge, soak, dip (ship sinks, drowned)

**Mark 7:4 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> *When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.*

**Luke 11:38 (NKJV)** <sup>38</sup> When the Pharisee saw *it*, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner.

### C. How did we get here?

### D. John the Baptist

- Message was pretty simple
- If you're ready to do this – repent – step into the Jordan river with me

He became know as John the Baptist Ἰωάννης ὁ βαπτιστής

## III. IDENTIFYING WITH A NEW WAY



- A. You need to go public
- B. It was necessary for John to baptize Jesus
- C. The disciples baptized people in the name of Jesus

**Acts 19:3-5 (NLT) <sup>3</sup>“Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked. And they replied, “The baptism of John.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

#### **IV. THREE BAPTISM STATEMENTS**

- A. Baptism is a public declaration of a new association
- B. Baptism is a personal declaration of a new associating
- C. Baptism isn't a condition of salvation it's the evidence of salvation

#### **V. CONCLUSION**

- A. The Jordan River was an intersection of public life
  - Sunday morning an intersection of life at Joy – where we all meet