

§ 6 THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

MAT 3:13-17	MAR 1:9-11	LUK 3:21-22
¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened^w to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son,^x the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."	⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son,^x the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."	²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son,^x the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."^y

♦ MAT 3:17; MAR 1:11 cf. ISA 42:1; 44:2.

♦ ^v MAT 3:15 — *Then he consented; and when he was baptized a huge light shone from the water so that all who were near were frightened.* Two manuscripts of the Itala. ♦ ^w text: C D W λ ϕ R it vg sy^p bo; omit: to him: S B sy^c sy^s sa.

♦ ^x Or, my Son, my (or the) Beloved. ♦ ^y text: P⁴ S A B W Θ λ ϕ R it vg sy^s sy^p sa bo; *You are my son; today I have begotten you* (Psalm 2:7): D it Justin, Clement, Origen, Augustine, Gospel of the Ebionites.

• To § 6 cf. JOH 1:29-34.

♦ To MAT 3:13 cf. **Gospel according to the Hebrews** (in Jerome, *Against Pelagius III.2*). — The mother of the Lord and his brothers said to him, "John the Baptist baptizes for the forgiveness of sins; let us go and be baptized by him." But he said to them, "In what way have I sinned that I should go and be baptized by him? Unless, perhaps, what I have just said is a sin of ignorance."

♦ To MAT 3:13-17 cf. **Gospel of the Ebionites** (in Epiphanius, *Against Heresies*, XXX.13:7-8). — After the people were baptized, Jesus also came and was baptized by John. And when Jesus came up from the water, the heavens were opened, and Jesus saw the Holy Spirit descend in the form of a dove and enter into him. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." And again, "Today I have begotten you." And immediately a great light shone around the place; and John, seeing it, said to Jesus, "Who are you, Lord?" And again a voice from heaven said to him, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Then John, falling down before Jesus, said, "I beseech you, Lord, baptize me!" But Jesus forbade John, saying, "Let it be so; for thus it is fitting that all things be fulfilled." ♦ To MAT 3:16-17 cf. **Gospel according to the Hebrews** (in Jerome, *Commentary on Isaiah 11:2*). — When the Lord ascended from the water, the whole fount of the Holy Spirit descended and rested upon him, and said to him, "My son, in all the prophets I was waiting for you, that you might come, and that I might rest in you. For you are my rest; and you are my firstborn son, who reigns forever."

The Days in Jerusalem

Matthew 21—25; Mark 11—13; Luke 19:28—21:38

§ 196 THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

MAT 21:1-9	MAR 11:1-10	LUK 19:28-38
▲ 20:29-34 (§ 193, p. 149) ¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, ⁸ and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees	▲ 10:46-53 (§ 193, p. 149) ¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others	²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As

✧ MAT 21:5 — ISA 62:11; ZEC 9:9.

✧ ⁸ text: S B C W λ X vg sa bo; on it: D Θ ø it; on the colt: sy^p; phrase omitted: sy^c.

• To § 196 cf. JOH 12:12-19.

and spread them on the road.	spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.	he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,
⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him	⁹ Then those who went ahead	the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,
and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!	and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!	³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”	¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”	Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

§ 197 PREDICTION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

MAT	MAR	LUK 19:39–44
		³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.” ⁴¹ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

§ 198 JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

MAT 21:10–17	MAR 11:11	LUK 19:45–46
¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”	¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem	
¹² Then Jesus entered the temple ^T and drove out all who	and went into the temple; Cf. 11:15–19 (§ 200, p. 156)	⁴⁵ Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who

♦ MAT 21:9 = MAR 11:9–10 = LUK 19:38 — PSA 118:26. ♦ LUK 19:44 — PSA 137:9.

♦ ^T text: S B Θ ø sa bo; add: of God: C D W λ X it vg sy^c sy^p.

♦ To MAT 21:12 cf. Gospel of the Nazaraeans, quoted in a marginal note of a thirteenth century manuscript of the Gospel of Peter of Riga. — In the Gospel books which the Nazarenes use it is written: From his eyes went forth rays of light and he put them to flight.