

Jan 12 The Baptism of the Lord

ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: (=GOD)

Here is my servant whom I uphold,

**my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my spirit;**

A Jew never said the NAME "Yahweh".

Instead they said "ADONAI" -LORD

Son – servant; chosen one

Spirit: Holy Spirit, breath of LIFE

he shall bring forth justice to the nations,

not crying out, not shouting,

not making his voice heard in the street.

a bruised reed he shall not break,

and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,

until he establishes justice on the earth;

the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,

I have grasped you by the hand;

I formed you, and set you

as a covenant of the people

Covenant

The Messiah-XT will be the sign of NEW

a light for the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,

mentioned

These 3 signs of the Messiah are

to bring out prisoners from confinement,

NT

all the time in the

and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

PSALM 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God,

give to the LORD glory and praise,

Give to the LORD the glory due his name;

adore the LORD in holy attire.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,

the LORD, over vast waters.

The voice of the LORD is mighty;

the voice of the LORD is majestic.

peace.

The Lord will bless his people with

*Waters and Flood take us back
to Genesis and the Creation of the world.*

The God of glory thunders,

and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD is enthroned above the flood;

the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

ACTS 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the **house of Cornelius**, saying:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, **in every nation** whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the Israelites

as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,

what has happened all over Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism

that John preached,

how *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the #Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good

and healing all those oppressed by the *devil*,

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: *{from Mark's account 9:7}*

This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 3:13-17 *{This is Matthew's account as handed down in his tradition.*

Sometimes People are concerned that the Gospels don't completely agree on every detail.

Really the agreement in ESSENTIALS is stronger because of those minor differences.}

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan

to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying,

“I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”

Jesus said to him in reply,

“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized,

*he came up from the **water** and behold,*

the heavens were opened for him,

and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” *[clearly refers to Isaiah's Prophecy which Matt says is fulfilled!]*

*.. he came up from the **water** and behold,
the heavens were opened for him, . . .*

We too, when we emerge from the waters of Baptism, WE will have

the Heavens opened for us.

As happened with John & XT at the Jordan,

God will say (of us) *This is my beloved son. . .*

Cornelius was a pagan.

Note the words from Isaiah:

. . .until he establishes justice on the earth;

the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

= all nations!

*God = Father / Jesus = 2nd Person, SON

#Holy Spirit with the divine power of God

Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ

diabolou **διαβόλου** in Greek

{as in *diabolical*}

Remember I said this incident is in all 4 Gospels.

John's Gospel does not describe it, but refers to it.

Fitting: like the mitzvah washing makes us fit to enter the Temple;

XT is here washed

fit to BECOME the new Presence of God, to be HIS TEMPLE.

So a Blessing of Waters: Rivers and Lakes

[As at PGH]

often is done on this feast.