

Who Was the Historical Jesus

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Synopses: The Baptism of Jesus & the Beatitudes/Woes

The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17	Mark 1:9-11	Luke 3:21-22	John 1:29-34
<p>Then Jesus arrived from the Galilee to the Jordan, to John to be baptized by him. But John prevented him saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you would come to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it now, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted him.</p> <p>And when Jesus was baptized</p> <p>immediately he came up from the water; and see, the heavens were opened [to him] and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and come on him; and see, a voice from the heavens saying, "This is my son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased."</p>	<p>And it was in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of the Galilee</p> <p>and was baptized in the Jordan by John. And immediately as he was coming up from the water, he saw the heavens tearing and the Spirit like a dove coming down to him. And a voice was from the heavens, "You are my son, the beloved; in you I am well pleased."</p>	<p>Now it was when all the people had been baptized</p> <p>and Jesus had been baptized, and was praying,</p> <p>the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my son the beloved, in you I am well pleased."</p>	<p>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."</p> <p>And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."</p>

The Beatitudes/Woes

Matthew 5:3-12	Mark	Luke 6:20b-23	John
<p><i>[Jesus speaking]</i> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.</p> <p>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.</p>		<p><i>[Jesus speaking]</i> "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied.</p> <p>Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh.</p> <p>Blessed are you when men hate you and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.</p>	