

Text: Luke 3:15-18

Mark's Use of Spirit Baptism

- Mark is primarily concerned with the _____ of God's rule.
- Mark sees Spirit baptism as both _____ and _____.

Matthew's Use of Spirit Baptism

- Matthew's focus is on _____.
- Matthew sees judgment as _____ and _____.
- Matthew sees Spirit baptism as the arrival of the King who will _____.

John's Use of Spirit Baptism

- John's primary point is that the Spirit _____.
- John illustrates this with Temple _____ language.

Luke's Use of Spirit Baptism

- For Luke, the Spirit's work is always _____ accompanied by _____.
- Jesus is the example of _____ living.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Why do you think Christians have spent the last century debating whether Spirit baptism was salvation or an experience that occurs after salvation? What motivated the dispute?
- How does one's perspective and reading of Scripture shape the side they take in the debate about Spirit baptism?
- Should readers of Scripture force Luke to say exactly the same thing about the Spirit as Paul, Matthew, or any other biblical author? Why, or why not?
- How do you feel about Craig Keener's proposal that both perspectives on Spirit baptism (it is salvation; and, it is empowerment for mission) may be biblical? Explain.
- What are the differences between the Gospel writers' use of the phrase "baptized in the Spirit?"
- How does their differing use of Spirit baptism complement each other?
- Does this broader perspective on Spirit baptism help you? How?
- What questions does this perspective raise?