When Jesus Was Baptized

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WHEN JESUS WAS BAPTIZED - Matt. 3:16

I. Here is a great drama. As a crutch to memory, let's see the Play and its three parts, all beginning with P.

II. The Players.
   A. John
      1. Great preacher.
      2. Not advocate of form or ritualism. Acts mean something - fruit meet for repentance. - Bapt. for remission
   B. Jesus.
      1. Mary pondered her strange son.
      2. Fourfold increase. Matt. 3:15 "becometh us"
      3. 18 years broken by solemn request.

II. The Parts.
   A. To be baptized - focal thing.
      1. I know the element of controversy involved. I'm familiar with the original meaning of "baptise", yet let's see facts here.
         a.) Jesus came voluntarily and expressly.
            1.) Some objected like John did.
         b.) To Jordan River (Mk. 1:9)
         c.) Came out of water, therefore must descent into. (Mk. 1:10)
         d.) Went up from e.) straightway.
B. Prayed.
   1.) Heavens opened.

IV. The Purpose.
A. Solemn and accredited way to begin ministry.
   1.) From distance – alone (?)
   2.) Fully decided before.
   3.) Audience – God, Christ, H.S., people.

B. Three parts Godhead seen.
   1.) Jesus baptized. Did they witness an event?
   2.) H.S. as dove (bodily form – Luke)
   3.) God spoke.

C. All recognition after baptism.
   1.) After baptism – H.S. came (Acts 2:38)
   2.) After baptism – sonship recog. (Acts 2)
   3.) After baptism – heaven opened
   4.) After baptism – went up straightway to serve.

D. Fulfilled all righteousness – not part.
   1.) If baptized, you follow Christ. If not, you don’t see His example.
   2.) Refuse baptism – refuse Father’s will

Luke 7:29–30 "And all the people that heard him..."
I am very sorry about myself because I have no gift to send to you people, but I have the interest of reading the books. I beg you people to consider my poor letter. I have nothing to say again, I stop there.

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I'm just trying to get you see the facts. Like Chas. Stratton told me. He's got muscles to push out the chest & draw air in. He's none to push the air out. The air pressure does that. Put you in a vacuum, even wearing oxygen mask— you could breathe in the oxygen but never exhale the carbon dioxide. Thus you'd die.
Now the conclusion I draw is not going up 50,000' also something on me to make me up here.