

Jesus, Son of God

An Inauguration Like No Other

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¹ The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”—

³ “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. **Mark 1:1-13, NIV**

_____ - An official _____...

1. the introduction of a _____.
2. the formal _____ of someone to office.
3. a _____ to mark the beginning of something.

⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” **Acts 19:4, NIV**

Jesus’ inauguration invites me to _____:

1. to _____ sin and _____ oneself to the _____ of one’s life.
2. to feel _____ or _____.
3. to _____ one’s _____.

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2:36-38, NIV**

Jesus’ inauguration invites me to spiritual _____.

1. Have I gotten the _____?
2. Have I taken a _____ and put on my inauguration _____?

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. **John 1:11-13, NIV**

Jesus’ inauguration invites me to be _____ to this:
He is who he claimed to be—_____.

MEMORY VERSE

¹ The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. **Mark 1:1, NIV**

My next step: I want good news and a new beginning. I will begin today by being repentant, ready and receptive to Jesus.

What’s your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.