

Beloved Son of the Father
Gospel Reading for January 3, 2017
With Divine Will Truths
Saint John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'

I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him.

I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.'

Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

III. The Mysteries of Jesus' Public Life The baptism of Jesus

535 *Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan.*

*228*John preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."*229* A crowd of sinners*230*—tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes—come to be baptized by him. "Then Jesus appears." The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son."*231* This is the manifestation ("Epiphany") of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God.

From the Book of Heaven

V11 - Apr. 2, 1912 - "One who Lives in My Will vividly represents the period of My Life upon earth: on the outside I appeared just as a Man, but at the same time I was also the Beloved Son of My Dear Father. In the same way, the soul who does My Will has, externally, the skin of humanity; while internally there is My Person, inseparable from the Most Holy Trinity both in Love and in Will - just like Me. So, the Divinity says: 'This is another daughter that We keep on earth. For love of her, We sustain the earth, because she does everything in Our Place.'"

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