

## Sermon Notes

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## The Bible Study

### Questions:

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2. Read Matthew 3:1-12. The baptism John baptised people with was different to Christian Baptism commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:16-20. How are they different?
3. Why do you think John was confused about Jesus wanting to be baptised by him?
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