



Why the Lord was Baptized

Code: 7/FE/2

(Matt.3:13-17, Mark1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34)

1. General Aims of the unit

To understand the holy events of the baptism of Jesus Christ and the celebration of the feast of Epiphany

2. Special aims of the lesson

1. To explore the narratives of the four gospels in details and stress
 - The message of John the Baptist as a forerunner and the main aim of his baptism(repentance)
 - The testimony of John the Baptist about Jesus
 - the declaration of the Father about Jesus Christ and the Dove.
- 2.To explain the meaning of to “fulfill all righteousness.”
- 3.To differentiate between the baptism of John and the baptism of Christ
4. To summarize the reasons behind Jesus baptism:
 - Represent the humans who are in need to repentance (He Himself is righteous and not in need to repentance.
 - John declaration about Jesus that He is “the Lamb of God”
 - The declaration of the Holy Trinity , the Father , the Son and the Holy Spirit.
 - The declaration that Jesus is the Son of God before starting His mission.
 - The humility of Christ being the model for all His followers

3. Outcomes:

By the end of this lessons the teens are able to:

1. Debate the necessity of baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ from the perspective of the teens in the 21st. century.
2. Debate the difference between the baptism of John the Baptist (baptism of repentance) and the baptism of Jesus Christ.(baptism of water and Spirit – crucifixion , burial , and resurrection with Christ)
3. Declare their faith in the “Trinitarian” nature of God through the events of Jesus baptism.
4. Debate why the church celebrate the feast of “Epiphany” and consider it one of the seven major Lordly feasts.

4. Verses : John 1:23-24 ; Matt. 3:15-17 ; Luke 3:21-22

5. References :Any commentary book about Matthew and Luke