

## Baptism

- Scripture Passage: Mark 1:4-11
- What do we learn from this passage of scripture?
  - verse 4: water baptism signifies repentance for the remission of sins (remission-pardon; forgiveness, as of sins or offenses; the relinquishment of a payment, obligation, etc.)
  - John preached repentance (Matthew 3:1-2)
  - verse 5: people were baptized as they confessed their sins
  - repentance is a prerequisite for baptism (Acts 2:37-38, 41, Luke 3:7-8)
  - verse 8: every time you see the words “baptize” or “baptism” does not mean that it refers to literal water baptism; here, it is used figuratively in reference to receiving the Holy Ghost
  - in the Bible, these words are used in both figurative and literal contexts
  - definition- to immerse/submerge, to make whelmed (i.e. fully wet), in New Testament, used particularly of the rite of sacred ablution (cleansing/washing)
  - verses 9-11: Jesus’ example that we should follow
  - verse 10: clarifies the mode of baptism- immersion (“coming up out of the water”)
- This account can be compared to Matthew 3:7-8, 11, 13-17