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¹¹John the Baptist said, “I baptize you with water for repentance, but after me will come One more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in His hand to clear His threshing floor, and to gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

¹³At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to prevent Him, saying,

“I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?”

¹⁵“Let it be so now,” Jesus replied. “It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness in this way.” Then John permitted Him.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. Suddenly Heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. ¹⁷And a voice from Heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!” Matthew 3:11-17

1. **Jesus has His**

2. **Jesus is**

Exodus 29:1, 4. Only get baptised.

Priests get baptised at age...

John introduces the Priesthood of

1 Peter 2:9. You are a...

3. **Jesus' baptism and**

Matthew 21:23-27. Who gave you...

Matthew 7:28-29. He taught as one who...

Matthew 28:18-19. All authority... Therefore...

1 Peter 2:9. You are...

My prayer priorities for this week

S 12 May & Peter. Taina. **Myanmar morning tea**

M 13 Our 1,140 YouTube subscribers. **Church Council**

T 14 Paula & Paul

W 15 Diane J. **Home Group at Stuart & Kaye's**

T 16 Joan J

F 17 Lyn K

S 18 Elsie & Bert

S 19 Our political leaders of all parties

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. What is the earliest, or the most memorable birthday you can remember?
2. What is the value in celebrating birthdays, or other anniversaries?
3. Why, in Matthew 3:14, was John the Baptist reluctant to baptise Jesus?
4. What makes baptism the fulfilment of all righteousness, Matthew 3:15?
5. What was the point of the voice from Heaven at Jesus' baptism, Matthew 3:17?
6. Suggest why the religious leaders might object if people other than qualified priests were baptised and granted priestly authority.

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