



## **The Baptism of the Lord**

The Old Testament reading comes from the prophet Isaiah and there, God speaks of satisfying every need of His people. Whether thirsty or hungry or without money, all are urged to come and receive from the Lord all these things and much more. God promises an everlasting covenant and the renewal of life itself. The mandate is to seek the Lord while he may be found.

In the Letter of St. John, he instructs those listening that believing in Jesus as God's only begotten Son means following the commandments which ultimately brings victory. Jesus by His blood testifies to the Father and sends forth the Spirit to save us.

Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River not only fulfills the Old testament prophecy, but also allows a spectacular revelation by God with His voice coming from heaven to identify Jesus as His only Son, in whom He is well pleased.

The Christmas Season ends with a clear understanding of who Christ is and what faith in Him offers to us. May our commitment to following Christ ever grow within us and be visible to those around us.

Peace,

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