

# 30 DAYS IN THE BIBLE

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Key Verse – Matthew 3:16-17

Have you ever felt prompted by the Lord to do something, but listened instead to a voice in your head that said, “You don’t want to make a scene!”? Or maybe it was, “You’re just going to be a bother.” I know I’ve felt a nudge to ask friends if they need prayer or encouragement, but have talked myself out of it. In the moment, it didn’t seem like a big deal, but looking back, I wonder what kind of impact I might have had if I’d chosen obedience over my own comfort. What if I’d chosen to trust God’s voice, instead of fearing I might come across as awkward, or odd?

The baptism of Jesus might seem a little odd if you think about it. After all, one of the main reasons we are baptized is to make a public declaration of our repentance from sin and our choice to follow God. And Jesus, the son of God, never sinned! So why did He insist John baptize Him? In verse 15, after John objects, Jesus says, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” What is He saying? In the Bible, righteousness is defined as living in a way that is acceptable to God, seeking Him and obeying Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Jesus’ baptism was a public declaration of His obedience and submission to the Father. Jesus knew the Father wanted Him to obey in this particular way – and when He did, the Father poured out His blessing and Spirit upon Him.



Choosing to obey God could mean doing something that might make you, or others, uncomfortable. But isn't it worth it to show you trust God and will obey him even when it's not easy? Asking someone if they need prayer, striking up a conversation with a stranger, or standing up for what you believe in, can feel awkward. You might question whether it's really the Holy Spirit guiding you. Don't give in to fear – the same Spirit that rested on Jesus is alive in you! Choose obedience, and you might be surprised what God does in and through you.

**What Scripture can I meditate on today?**

**What did God speak to me today?**

**How can I respond in obedience?**

**How can I pray?**