Who is God? Key Moments of Revelation

Lecture 3

The Revelation of the Trinity

Three key moments of revelation in Mark's Gospel

Prologue

Jesus' vision at his baptism (1:9-11)

Miracles
Peter's confession

1st passion prediction

Transfiguration of Jesus (9:2-8)

2nd and 3rd passion predictions Triumphal entry Crucifixion

Temple veil and centurion's confession (15:37-39)

Burial and empty tomb

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¹¹And a voice came from heaven,

"You are my beloved Son; with you I have been well pleased."

Mark 9:2-8

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- ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.
- ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
- ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.
- ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him!"
- ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

"Truly this man was God's Son!"

Baptism

A voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I have been well pleased."

Transfiguration

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Death

The centurion said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Baptism

he saw the heavens torn apart (schizomenous)

Death

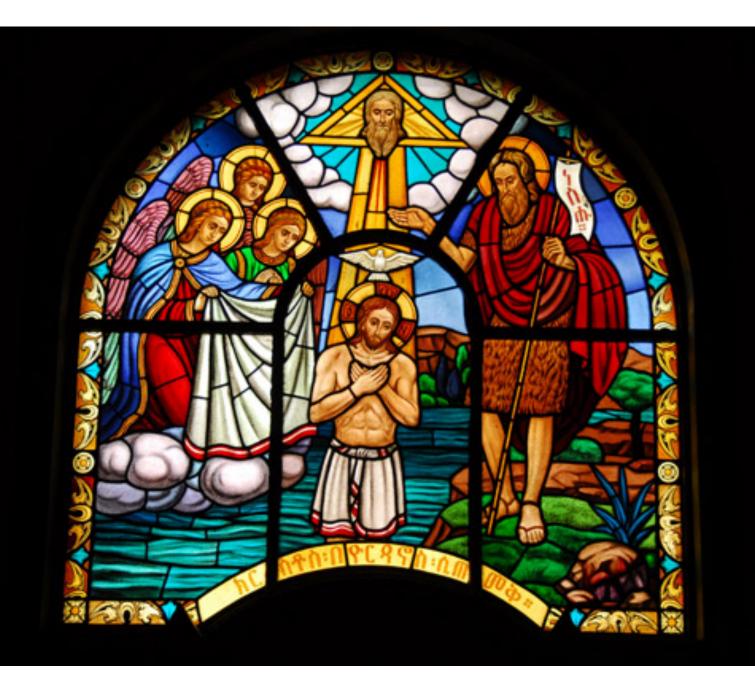
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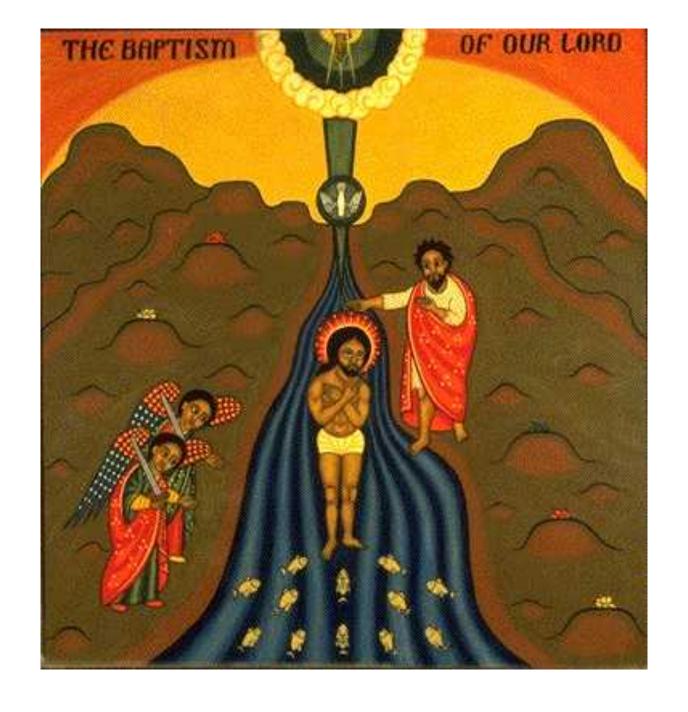
Baptism

the Spirit (to pneuma)

Death

breathed his last (exepneusen)





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- Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and glorious habitation.
- Where are your zeal and your might?
 the yearning of your heart and your compassion?
 They are withheld from me.
- ¹⁶For you are our father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not acknowledge us;
- you, O YHWH, are our father; our Redeemer from of old is your name.
- ¹⁷Why, O YHWH, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you?....
- ¹⁹We have long been like those whom you do not rule, like those not called by your name.
- ^{64:1}O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

YHWH

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Yônâ (dove)

יונה

'ehyeh (I will be)

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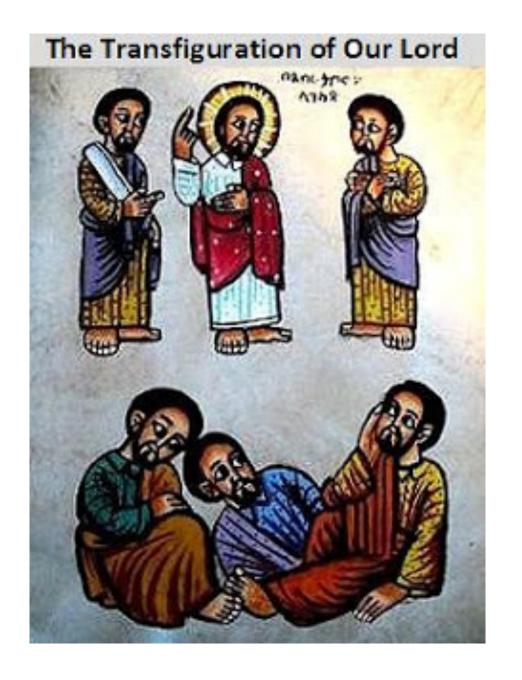
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Isaiah 42:1

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.



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Baptism

Death

Jesus 'expired' (exepneusen)

Heavens torn apart

Veil of temple torn apart

Spirit (*pneuma*) descends

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Centurion:
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