

Chad Bird on the Baptism of Jesus

The Hebrew Stories Swimming Beneath Jesus's Baptism

Co-Missioners,

Today's post is the briefest ever, at least where our own writers are concerned. It consists of a link we want you to follow to a little essay by Chad Bird. Bird will be one of the key presenters at our [forth coming conference](#) (January 26-29). Here, then, is a foretaste of what to expect if you come, or a foreboding of what you'll miss if you don't. We hope you'll be there, of course. It's not too late [to register](#). Such joy it will be to see you again—or to meet you for the first time.

Aside from this, Bird's essay sheds some plain-speaking light on [Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism](#), the Gospel text that lots of us will be listening to this coming Sunday. The light emanates from the Old Testament, Bird's academic specialty. It will come as a reminder to some of us that there are depths of Gospel in that older testament that ache to be explored.

[Here's the link](#). Plunge in!

Peace and Joy,

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