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"The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River..."

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - MATTHEW -:

"Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John...At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert..." (Mark 1:9, 12)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, give us the grace every day to leave this river of worldly (or even liturgical) patterns, a little as Your Son Jesus did when he (in fact) left the Jordan river, to go into the silent desert of trial and knowledge. (cf. *SLC*, p. 395)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to leaving this river of worldly schemes to go into the silent desert of knowledge, St. Athanasius says: "Our Savior... invites to Himself those who have thirsty hearts, according to His word." (ATHANASIUS, Office of Read., Friday IV Week of Lent)

¹NABRE (USCCB)

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

(for a personal contribution to give to those who listen):

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Then follows ...

- 1 Our Father ...
- 5 Hail Mary
- 1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)
- Praised be,,, O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...
- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings: "Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria"