



### Chapter 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

### Observations

1. Read John 1:31-34 and compare it to our text in Matthew's Gospel. According to John the Baptist's testimony what was so significant about Jesus' baptism?

2. Why do you think John was hesitant to baptize Jesus?

3. Since Jesus had nothing of which to repent—why then was He baptized? (Hint: see Isa. 11:1-2 for one of the reasons that Jesus was baptized.)

4. If Jesus is God why was it necessary for the Holy Spirit to come upon Him?

5. What does the word “Messiah” mean? Now look at 1Sam. 16:13. How does David’s experience relate to this account of Jesus’ baptism?

6. How does our text in Matthew testify of the Trinity?

7. The Father says that Jesus is “My beloved Son.” Now look at Romans 8:32—what does these two verses communicate about God’s thoughts toward **you**?

8. Fun fact: Matt. 3:17 records the first example of **love** expressed in the New Testament. Compare that thought with Gen. 22:2 and record your insights about the parallels between the account in Genesis 22 & Matthew 3.

9. What can you take away from this text and apply to your life?