



# MATTHEW 3:13-17

### Introduction

- In the New Testament, to baptize (*baptizo*) is to \_\_\_\_\_ a repentant believer in water. Baptism with the Holy Spirit refers to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in believers. This is something that began at Pentecost and happens to every Christian (Matthew 3:11-12, Acts 2:1-4).
- The story of Jesus’ baptism contributes to our understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_ while also serving as a rebuke to the heresy of “modalism” (Sabellianism, Oneness Pentecostalism).
- “\_\_\_\_\_” is the art and science of understanding and interpreting the Bible.
  - Don’t make yourself the \_\_\_\_\_. Determine the meaning of a text before trying to apply the text to your life.
  - Read \_\_\_\_\_ (working all the way through a book of the Bible) and \_\_\_\_\_ (comparing the Bible to itself, using the Bible to interpret the Bible).

## The Big Idea

- Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ who came to \_\_\_\_\_ in the place of sinners (Psalm 2, Isaiah 42).

## What did Jesus' mean when he said, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness?"

- There is no Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ regarding baptism.
- Jesus being baptized by John provides us with an \_\_\_\_\_ to follow – but sinful people need more than a good example to follow (Philippians 2:1-11, 1 Peter 2:21).
- Jesus being baptized by John was a clear, public \_\_\_\_\_ of John's ministry (Matthew 11:7-19).
- Jesus being baptized by John shows us that Jesus is the true \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 2:13-15, 3:13-17, 4:1-11).
- Jesus being baptized by John teaches us that the Son of God \_\_\_\_\_ himself to suffer in the place of sinners (Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:13, 1 Peter 1:18-19 ... Matthew 1:21).

*A short list of places the Son of God did not "belong" ... (1) A manger in Bethlehem (Luke 2) ... (2) A student's seat in the temple (Luke 2) ... (3) The Jordan River with sinners (Matthew 3) ... (4) The edge of a cliff in Nazareth (Luke 4) ... (5) The ground of Gethsemane (Mark 14) ... (6) Corrupt human courts (John 18) ... (7) A Roman palace (Mark 15) ... (8) A Roman cross (Matthew 27) ... (9) A borrowed tomb (Luke 23) ...*

- Jesus being baptized by John confirms that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of kings, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, the Suffering \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 2:7, Isaiah 42:1 ... Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-7, 50:4-10, 52:13-53:12).

## Application

- Have I taken \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus (Psalm 2:12)? Have I been accounted \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus (Isaiah 53:11)?
- Have I been obedient to Christ's command to be \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:18-20)?