

**Matthew Series "Immersed"**  
**Matthew 3:13-17**  
**Feb 6, 2022**

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**13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" **15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. **16** And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; **17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew positions Jesus baptism as the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

Creation.

Isaiah 43:18-19

**18** "Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
**19** Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

The Ark.

Exodus.

Isaiah 64:1

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

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Isaiah 42:1

**1** Behold 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.

Ps 2:7-8

7 I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

Isaiah 11:1-2

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 53:11

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see[i] and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Jesus is God's plan for sin substitution through the Spirit filled, servant Son.

Jesus joins us in our sorrow and shame.

Jesus' first miracle is a miracle of humility.

Jesus is baptized to baptize us into a new identity

Ephesians 1:6

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

### **Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- John was surprised to see Jesus in the lineup to be baptized. What does it mean that Jesus would join God's people in John's baptism? How can this adjust our thinking about the way Jesus wants to come alongside us?
- How does the baptism of Jesus reveal his heart and humility?
- How have you understood your shame and sorrow over sin as a place that Jesus is willing to meet you in?
- Have you considered that being "in Christ" brings a similar declaration of love and pleasure from God over our lives?
- Be sensitive to doctrinal differences that could exist in your group about baptism and take some time to discuss the circumstances connected to each person's baptism story.
- How does Jesus baptism add or clarify the meaning of baptism for you?