

# Sermon Study Guide – January 8th, 2022

## *Today's Focus: "Baptism on the Resumé"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What does your baptism mean to you? How often do you think about the fact that you are baptized?
- ◆ Today we will talk about how Jesus was baptized. Why was Jesus' baptized? How did it differ from our baptisms? How was it the same as our baptisms?

2) Today's Message: Matthew 3:13-17

*<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. <sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

3) What does God want you to know today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

*Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...*

1. What did Jesus' baptism mean for him? (*Hint: you can answer in terms of what Jesus got from the Father and from the Spirit.*)
2. What problem do *we* have with the words God speaks to us?
3. How did Jesus take our place, whether in baptism or in other ways?
4. How does baptism offer us something more than just words?
5. How will baptism "on our resumé's" affect how we live our lives?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:*

**Monday:** *review* Is. 42:1-7, Acts 10:34-48

**Thursday:** John 1

**Tuesday:** *review* Psalm 45

**Friday:** John 3

**Wednesday:** Romans 6:1-14

**Saturday:** *read/review* Matthew 3