

THE MESSIAH AND JOHN THE BAPTIST  
(Matthew 3:13-17)

- I. The BAPTISM of the SON (Matt. 3:13-15)
  - A. Jesus' ARRIVAL (3:13)
    - 1. It was what John had PREDICTED
    - 2. He came to be BAPTIZED by JOHN
  - B. John's OBJECTION (3:14; cf. 3:7-12)
    - 1. John knew he himself was a SINNER
    - 2. John knew Jesus was SINLESS
  - C. Jesus' EXPLANATION (3:15)
    - 1. It was appropriate at THIS TIME
    - 2. It was fitting for the TWO OF THEM
    - 3. They would "FULFILL all righteousness"
      - a. Jesus' IDENTIFICATION with sinful mankind
      - b. Jesus' PREPARATION for taking upon Himself our SINS
- II. The ANOINTING of the SPIRIT (Matt. 3:16)

- A. WHEN He appeared: Immediately after Jesus “came up...FROM THE WATER”
- B. HOW He appeared
  - 1. Through an OPENING of the HEAVENS (cf. Ezek. 1:1-19; Acts 7:56; Rev. 4:1; 11:19; 19:11)
  - 2. In the MANNER of a DOVE (cf. Mark 1:10; John 1:32)
  - 3. “Lighting UPON” Jesus
- C. WHY He appeared: Signified Jesus’ ANOINTING for KINGLY ministry (cf. Isa. 61:1)

III. The AFFIRMATION of the FATHER (Matt. 3:17)

- A. How He COMMUNICATED: as “a VOICE out of the heavens”
- B. What He SAID
  - 1. Identified Jesus as “My BELOVED SON”
  - 2. Affirmed that in Jesus the Father is “WELL-PLEASED”
- C. What this SIGNIFIED: Jesus is also the prophesied SUFFERING SERVANT (cf. Isa. 42:1)