



God's Son Revealed

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Key Scriptures : Matthew 3:13-17

LECTIO DIVINA/ STUDY GUIDE

Reading & Prayer

Jesus' Baptism

13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. 14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

15 But Jesus answering him said, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted him.

16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon Him, 17 And behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Notes

start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

Reading #1

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? In silence meditate on that.

start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

Imagine you are interviewing for a job, and on the job description it says amidst the qualifying description "**must be righteous.**" *What does this mean? How do you think righteousness is defined/determined in this scenario? Would you qualify?*

Can the word "righteous/ness" be used in a secular context?

Jesus told John that his baptism was for the purpose "**to fulfill all righteousness.**" *What do you think the word "righteousness" means in this context?*

What is the significant of Jesus "fulfilling" righteousness. Read Romans 5:15-21.

Coming up from the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus. **What might the role of the Holy Spirit's presence be in "fulfilling all righteousness?"**

start sharing. engage it with your story

Reading #2

What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.

What did the Holy Spirit speak to you personally about during the sermon? Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What do you think is the relationship between *righteousness* and *justice*?

Author Nijay Gupta writes, "The kingdom is not about this abstract thing called "heaven" or "salvation" or "justification." It is a society and people that are about righteousness - living rightly toward God and each other in honesty, fairness, compassion, and justice."

What is the relationship between your personal *discipleship* to Jesus and *righteousness*?

start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

What is Christ's personal invitation to you from the Scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or simply rest quietly in the Spirit of Jesus' presence.

start praying. be bold and pray with power

prayer requests: