

Notes

Questions for Further Application:

1. John had his own understanding of what Jesus should have done, and Jesus opened his eyes to see things in a different light. What connections can you make from this short discussion to your own prayer life?

2. What are three ways you can make your baptism and its impact on your life more obvious to others?

3. If you were to paraphrase God's declaration of Jesus as His beloved son, what words or phrases would you use? How does that apply to your understanding of your identity in Christ?

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ 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 alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”