

**THE MESSIAH KING BEGINS HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY:  
THE BAPTISM OF JESUS  
Matthew 3:13-17**

**I. JESUS ARRIVES FROM GALILEE TO BE BAPTIZED AND JOHN TRIES TO PREVENT HIM (13-14)**

A. Jesus arrives to be baptized by John (13)

B. John, recognizing He is the Lamb of God (Jn. 1:29), attempts to prevent it (14)

**II. THE PURPOSE OF HIS BAPTISM REVEALED IN JESUS' RESPONSE: Permit it, it is right for us to fulfill all righteousness (15)**

A. Permit it...let it happen now

B. Permit it ...because it is right for us (John and Jesus) to fulfill all righteousness (11a)

C. But what is the purpose? The sinless Son identifying with sinful man, ultimately to bring about righteousness

**III. THE PURPOSE OF HIS BAPTISM REVEALED IN THE RESPONSE FROM HEAVEN: Public, visible anointing for His redemptive work and audible approval of Him (16-17)**

A. Immediately after the Heavens were opened (16a)

B. Immediately after there was a visible anointing of Jesus by the Spirit for His redemptive work (16b)

C. The Fathers affirmation of the Son: Beloved and well pleasing (17)