

The Testimony of God

Week 15: Matt. 3:13-17 §27

Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. 14 But John tried to stop Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" 15 But Jesus answering said to him, "**Let this** (863 afes) **go for now**; for this way it is **stacks up** (4241 prepo) to **fulfill** (4137 pleroo) all **righteousness** (1342 dikaios)." Then he let Him.

From this conversation, what do you think it meant to John to be baptized by someone?

How did Jesus' words seem to change John's understanding?

What light does this shed on the idea of "servant-leadership" Jesus' understanding of His role? (see matthew 20:28)

For next time, **Luke 4:1-13**

16. After being baptized, Jesus came straight up out of the water; and **look** (2400 idou), the **sky** (3772 ouranos) was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove (or pigeon 4058) and lighting on Him, 17 and look, a voice out of the heavens said, "**This is My Son, my beloved, in whom I am very pleased.**"

This is the classic example given for the "Trinity"- where all three expressions of God converge in one scene. What role does each one play, and how does this affect our understanding of each one?

How is the Father's knowledge different that the Son's in Matthew 24:36, and what does this mean for our understanding of the "Trinity"?

There are two places in the New Testament where God the Father speaks so that all can hear. When He does speak, it seems He had one focus – what was it? (see, Luke 9:35)

In identifying the voice of God, this can be important to know. What do the following teachings tell us about discerning the voice of God:

John 6:44, 45 _____

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 _____

1 John 4:1-3 _____

Other observations from the text: _____
