

Jesus On Purpose: The Path Of A Resurrected Heart

Part 4- "This Is My Beloved Son"

Texts: Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1

I. THE MOMENT HEAVEN SPOKE

After thirty hidden years, Jesus steps into public view for the first time.

No miracles yet.
No sermons yet.
No crowds following Him.

And before Jesus does a single public act, the Father speaks:

"You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)

This is profound.

God did not affirm Jesus after the cross.
God did not affirm Jesus after miracles.
God did not affirm Jesus after success.

God affirmed Jesus **before** ministry began.

****Truth:** Identity in God is not earned through performance.
It is received through relationship. ***Sonship precedes sacrifice.***

II. THE BAPTISM AS A PROPHETIC PICTURE OF RESURRECTION

Jesus' baptism was not just an act of humility.
It was a prophetic sign.

It was a picture of:

- death
- burial
- resurrection

Paul later explains baptism this way:

"We were buried with Him through baptism into death... that we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

Jesus entered the water:

- identifying with sinners
- submitting to the Father's plan
- symbolically embracing the path of death

And when He rose from the water:

- it pointed forward to resurrection
- it revealed the pattern of new life

Jesus begins His ministry with a subtle promise through symbolism. That is willful, obedient death, there is a promise of New life.

III. A HEART OF OBEDIENCE AND IDENTIFICATION

John tried to stop Jesus:

¹⁴And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"¹⁵But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. (Mt 3:14,15)

Jesus was not confessing sin. He was **identifying with sinners**. He was stepping into humanity's place.

The heart of Jesus is first **Obedience**, then **humility**, then **identification** (know who you are and who has your back...this gives you boldness) and those things allow you to fully **surrender**.

** If your constantly told, or you just flat out recognize you have a surrender issue it's very easy to fall in the trap of going down the list and making amends with your life with the things you think you have. ("well I know who I am, I love Jesus" or "I am a humble man") But the reality, the one thing you can lie to yourself about is obedience, you cannot lie to me about it, because we all have the measuring stick that it can be measured to. (the bible)

Jesus' Heart was built on **obedience** that was deepened by **humility**, which together create **identity** which makes **surrendering** feasible. **

In Hebrews 2:17 it says ***He was made like us in every way.***

The Beauty of Jesus is not only that He came to show us the path, He walked the path Himself still knowing He is God but stripping Himself of every entitlement to walk the full experience of Humanity.

The only role in humanity I have ever experienced that is willing to such a sacrifice is that of a Father/Mother. Not a leader, or Boss or Teacher or Friend.

And if Humanity an display such a role, where did it come from First?!

Jesus did not redeem humanity from a distance. He stepped into the water with us.

Because we are His son, His Bride, His everything. We are the only creatures in His creation , made just like Him.

IV. JOHN THE BAPTIST: PREPARING THE WAY FOR RESURRECTION LIFE

John's ministry shows us the **prerequisite** for resurrection life.

John preached:

A baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. (Mk 1:4)

Repentance means:

- a change of mind
- a change of direction
- a change of heart

John called people to:

- humility
- generosity
- honesty
- integrity
- justice

He told soldiers: Do not intimidate.

He told tax collectors: Do not exploit.

He told the people: Share what you have.

Because Repentance is not emotion. Repentance is transformation.

Resurrection life begins with repentance because :

God cannot raise what refuses to change.

He loves us so much. He refused to interfere with your choice. That's why we cannot get upset with people who are doing wrong, whether it's the world or your brothers in Christ.

That's easier said than done, but there comes a point that you cannot change people, and you have to be careful that your wanting to change people is not about you.

V. JOHN'S MESSAGE: LEVELING THE GROUND

John quoted Isaiah 40:4:

Every valley shall be filled, Every mountain brought low

This means:

- God lifts what is broken
- God humbles what is proud

Resurrection requires both:

- healing for the wounded
- surrender for the proud

God prepares hearts before He reveals Himself. John's entire ministry was about this one thing:

Prepare the Way for the Lord

** The best way to do that is lead someone to repentance, you cannot do that by arguing, or trying to diminish someone's view. You just have to love them with Truth.

*** (How do you know if you have the Holy Spirit?) ***

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE FATHER'S VOICE AND THE SECURITY OF IDENTITY

At the baptism three things happen:

Heaven opens- The Spirit descends-The Father speaks

This is divine confirmation of Jesus and His ministry, and the result of that is:

The Spirit empowers Jesus- The Father affirms Jesus- The Son obeys the Father.

Why this regimented effects of obedience????

Because a person who knows who they are in God: **cannot be manipulated by fear; cannot be controlled by approval; cannot be shaken by rejection**

Jesus endured the cross because His identity was secure. Resurrection confidence come from "***knowing you are loved by the Father***"

Remember Jesus walked into the wilderness immediately after this moment.

The first temptation Satan brought was: "***If You are the Son of God...***"

VIII. THE PREREQUISITE FOR RESURRECTION LIFE

John's ministry and Jesus' baptism together show the path:

Repentance
Humility
Obedience
Identity in God
Surrendered will

This is the foundation of ***resurrection life***.

Resurrection is:
God's life flowing through a surrendered will.

Jesus could say: ***"Not my will, but Yours be done"***

Because His will had been trained:

- in Nazareth
- in obedience
- in silence
- in surrender