





"Jesus never stands far away from struggling broken people, rather, he comes to us"



1. A baptism of repentance: who, what, and why?

2. Jesus entered the waters with us. Verses 13,15

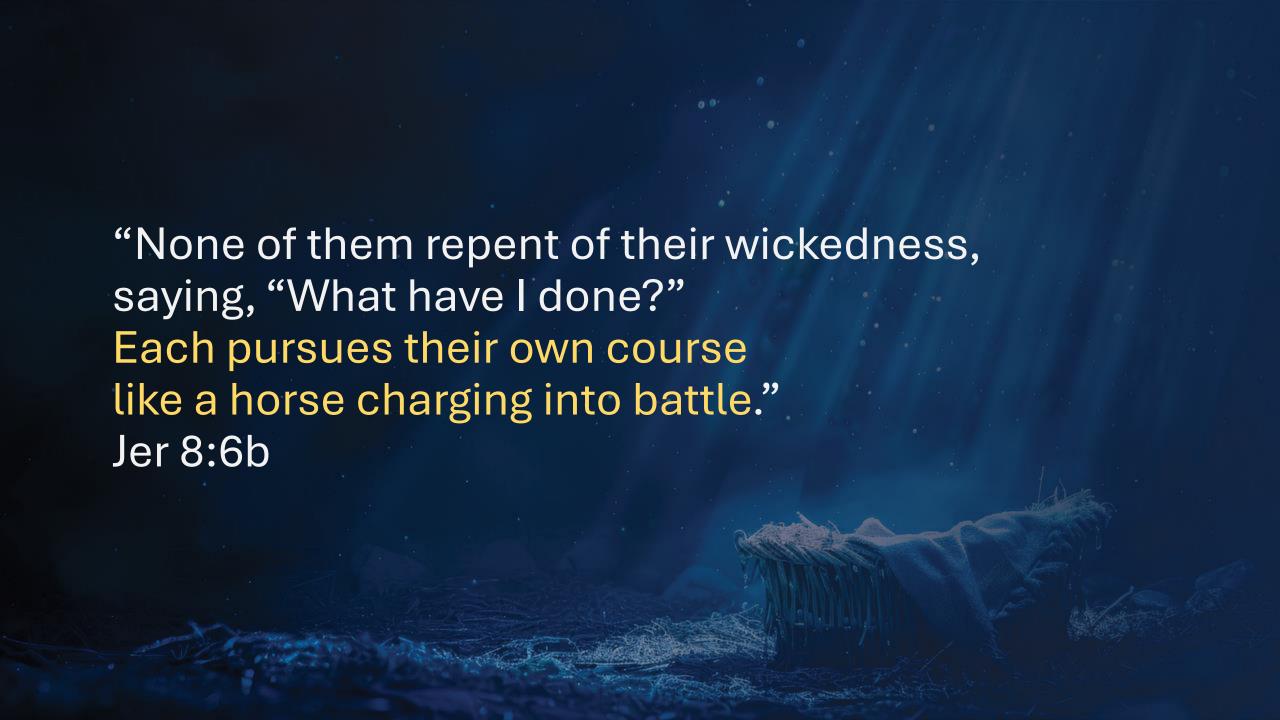
3. Being seen in Christ - Seeing others in Christ. Verse 14





"This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. ¹⁶ You said, 'No, we will flee on horses'."

Isa 30:15





Broken people turning to God,

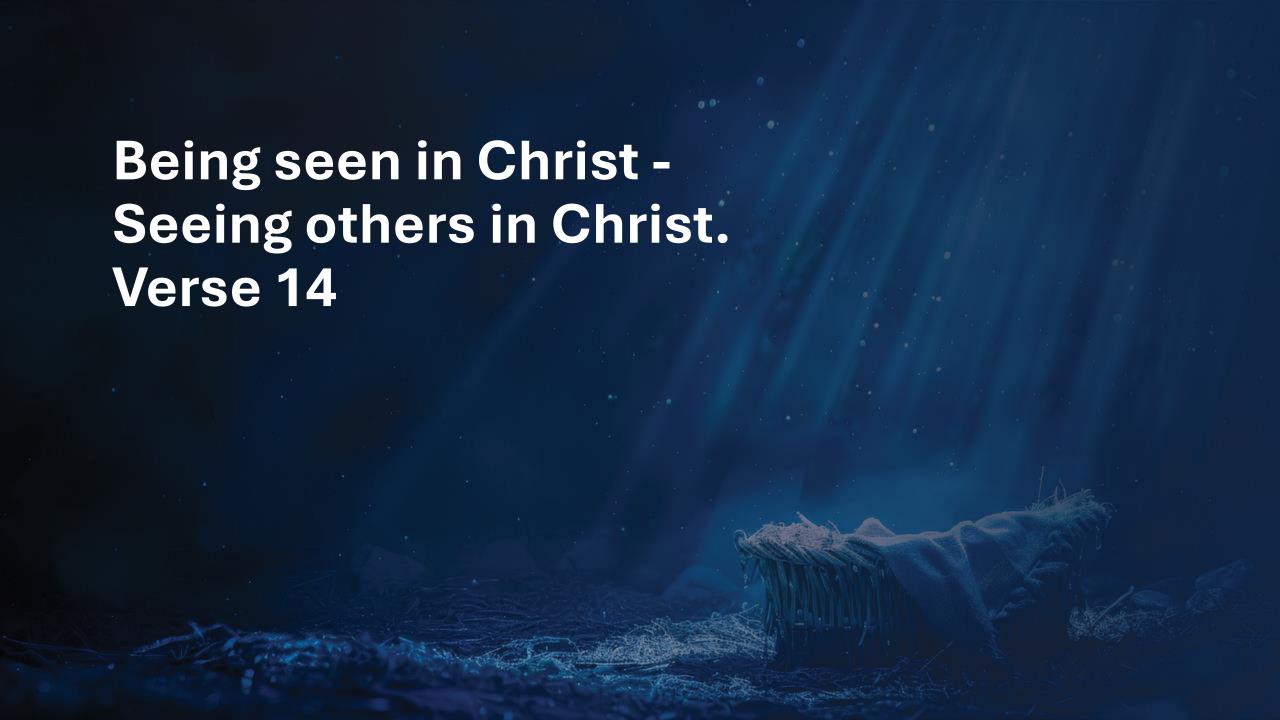
Self-righteous people who thought they were above it.

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

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

Matt 3:13-15



"Jesus, the Word of God incarnate, replaces the distorted picture of God that we have with an accurate portrait of the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. God's holy and paternal love is beautifully re-presented in the coming of the Son.

We have a chance, through the incarnation, to have a restored vision of the God who is, rather than a distorted image of a god we fear. Put simply, to see Jesus is to see the Father, for he comes from the Father and reveals the Father full of grace and truth (Jn 10:25-38)."

(Kelly Kapic, Embodied Hope, 86-89.)

In sin we go from goodness expressed in being close to others to blaming others and pushing them away.

