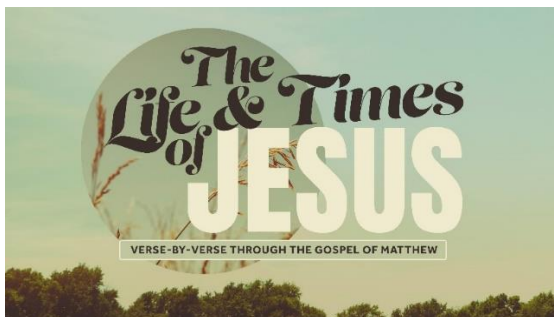


FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2022



Part 7: “The Inauguration of the King” Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus’s inauguration included...

1. His _____ by John the Baptist – Matt. 3:13-15
(Other Gospel account: Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:29-34)
2. His _____ by the Holy Spirit – Matt. 3:16 (Rom. 6:4; Isaiah 61:1)
3. His _____ by God the Father – Matt. 3:17

Growth Group Study Guide for December 4th – 11th

Getting Started

Group Discussion: Share about your baptism. What do you remember about it and what it meant to you at that time in your spiritual journey.

Digging Deeper

1. Read Matthew 3:13-15.
Understanding John the Baptist’s baptism is key to understanding these events. What was the meaning of John’s baptism? READ Matthew 3:2, 6, 11

Why did Jesus want to be baptized, did he need to be baptized? _____

Why did John not want to baptize Jesus? _____

What did Jesus say to John that persuaded him to do what Jesus was asking him to do and what does it mean? _____

We noted Sunday morning that one reason for Jesus' baptism was to give an example of obedience to us. Has there ever been a time in your life when you felt God leading you in a direction, but it didn't make sense to you? What did you do? Was it hard? What were the results?

Read the following passages and record what each says about the importance of obedience:

Matthew 7:24-27 _____

John 15:10-14 _____

James 1:22-25 _____

How would you describe the importance of obedience after having reviewed these passages? _____

2. Read Matthew 3:16. Who was in the presence of the dove at Jesus' baptism and what did it signify?

3. Read Matthew 3:17. What does this say about the relationship between God the Father and God the Son?

We noted on Sunday morning that the Father was expressing His approval of Jesus not only as His Son but also as the perfect sacrifice that He would become on the cross for our sins. Read Hebrews 1:1-8. What else does this passage tell us about Jesus? _____

Conclusion: The inauguration of Jesus set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' ministry which culminated in His death and resurrection. Before that can begin however, Jesus has to go through a trial by fire as the devil puts him to the test. Next week we'll study Matthew 4 and learn the template Jesus shows us in how to overcome temptation like Jesus did.

Close in Prayer