

The Baptism of Jesus

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SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

Welcome

1) If you could be any bird, what bird would you be and why?

Word

Read Matthew 2:1-12

- 1) When reading this brief account of the baptism of Jesus, what stands out to you about this event?
- 2) What is significant about the symbol of the dove as opposed to the eagle, a symbol of the might of the Roman Empire?
- 3) What is significant about the proclamation from heaven that Jesus is God's Son? Who did the typical Roman citizen call "Son of God"?
- 4) In what ways is the dove, seen here at the baptism of Jesus, similar to the donkey we see on Palm Sunday? (See Mark 11:7-8)
- 5) Why was Jesus baptized if he had nothing to repent of?
- 6) What do you think are the fundamental problems with assuming other people need to repent of sin?
- 7) What are the differences between individual sin and systems of sin?
- 8) What about Jesus pleased God the Father in this experience?
- 9) What is powerful about praying "We confess that we have sinned against you...?"

Work

- 1) What personal sins do you need to repent of?
- 2) What systems of sin do you need to repent of?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 11 / Mon: 12 / Tue: 13 / Wed: 14 / Thu: 15 / Fri: 16 / Sat: 17
- 2) Pray for each other