



## Jesus is Baptized/Definitions

8th Confirmation Class Handout

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### **READ** MT 3:1-6;13-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2“Repent, for the kingdom of God has come near.” 3This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” 4Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

### **NOTES:**

- Sin is separation from God/missing the target (the target is God)
- God doesn’t want us to be separate from God
- Sin is not permanent.
- The Kingdom of God is at hand. Not just available when we die.
- John the Baptist and Jesus demonstrate ways we can address our separation from God: By naming the ways we miss the target of God, we can then turn around (repent) and try again.

### **Weekly Challenge**

What are some ways you live in which you think you miss the target of God?