



# STUDY QUESTIONS FOR **FEBRUARY 1**

**Series: *God Fulfills His Promises***

*Promised Son (Matthew 3:13-18)*

## **Icebreakers!**

1. What do you hope you can get done in this new month ahead?
2. What do you hear God calling you to do with this new month ahead?

## **Digging Deeper**

3. **Study Matthew 3:13-17 on the back of this page.** What had John just taught the people about Jesus' baptism? How does Jesus' baptism "fulfill all righteousness"?
4. **Read Isaiah 11:1-2, 42:1, and 61:1.** How do these passages connect Jesus with the coming of the Holy Spirit? With the Spirit, what will Jesus' ministry look like?
5. **Read 1 Samuel 16:13.** How does Jesus' baptism show that he's the promised "Son of David" in his parallel beginning to David?
6. **Read Matthew 17:1-8.** What's the same and different between Jesus' baptism and this second time God speaks from heaven? What do the voice, and then Jesus, command?
7. **Read Acts 10:37-44.** How much happens, in Peter's retelling, between verses 37 and 43? What wonderful event happens in verse 44 that fulfills what John anticipated?
8. **Read Hebrews 2:10 and 7:26.** What other things were fitting for Jesus, and for us, in His ministry? Why can't we skip over Jesus' ministry to receive His blessings?
9. **Read John 1:51, Acts 7:56, Acts 10:11, Rev 4:1, and Rev. 19:11.** When the heavens open, God reveals more to His people. What does God reveal to us in these passages?
10. What did you hear in the message this Sunday that stood out to you?  
Is there anything you would emphasize, add, or change?

## **Application**

11. Meditate on Jesus this week as the Son of God, Son of David, High Priest who connects with and represents us as His people, and Suffering Servant. How will you praise Him for all these things?
12. We now live with the Spirit empowering us, by faith in Jesus' finished work to save us! What must you do this week to "fulfill all righteousness" – to do the good works God prepared in advance for you to do (Eph. 2:10)?

## MATTHEW 3:13-17

Then Jesus came  
from Galilee to the Jordan  
to John, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying,  
“I need to be baptized by you,  
and do you come to me?”

But Jesus answered him,  
“Let it be so now,  
for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”  
Then he consented.

And when Jesus was baptized,  
immediately he went up from the water,

**and behold**, the heavens were opened to him,  
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove  
and coming to rest on him;

**and behold**, a voice from heaven said,

**“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.”**