

MATTHEW 3:16-17

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Jesus has just experienced one of the most affirming and confirming experiences that has ever happened in human history

God declares over Jesus something all of us want to hear:

- You are my son or daughter
- I am pleased with you
- I love you

You don't have to perform to earn God's love, it's based on who He is and how He loves.

WATER BAPTISM

Water baptism is an identity moment.

The water declares who we are and whose we are.

The water will many times lead you to the wilderness.

Mark 1:11-12

It's so easy to say *YES* to the water and *No* to the wilderness.

TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS

Jesus is in the desert not only to commune with the Father, but also to engage the enemy.

Do we see temptation as a test to grow us?

James 1:2-4

What happens in the water is developed in the wilderness.

1st Temptation

"If you are the Son of God"

Satan is playing on the ability of Jesus vs. the obedience of Jesus

- Just because you can, doesn't mean you should

Jesus does not need to turn stones to bread in order to confirm His identity or to supply His needs, God wants to do that.