



# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

September 24 2023

<div>Welcome!</div> <div>HE COUNTS the Stars AND CALLS THEM ALL BY name</div> <div>PSALM 147:4</div> <div>“Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the Lord; Let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven.”</div> <div>Join us at 6pm lesson 3 in our series on Unsolved Mysteries of the Bible</div> <div>Minister: Timothy Agee timothy@teamagee.com 615-330-8652</div>	<div>Prayer List</div> <div>Kristine Garret received more good news from recent cancer scans</div> <div>David Billingsley is sick at home today</div> <div>Maria Hunter Harrington is undergoing tests to determine why she is passing out. She is still in chemotherapy.</div> <div>Steve Webb is going back to Texas for continued treatment</div> <div>Diane Singleton continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.</div> <div>Continue to pray for: Doug Demonbreun, Belinda Mayo, Rebecca Brown, the Tabor family, the Buchanan family, Bige Shepherd, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky, those in Ukraine; Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Weston Johnson and Bill Gillock</div> <div>The Reeds will host our Bible bowl this afternoon</div>	<div>We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7 as Tim continues our study of Romans</div> <div>Serving Today</div> <div>Song Leader: Jeff Baker</div> <div>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Charlie Baker</div> <div>Prayer: Jearmie Gupton</div> <div>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Mike Reed Matthew 3:13-17</div> <div>Wait On Table: David Billingsley</div> <div>Serve: Johnny Walker Doug Demonbreun</div> <div>Prayer: Eddie Walker</div>
<div>Service Times</div> <div>Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am Sunday AM Worship 10:30 am Sunday PM Worship 6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm</div>	<div>Follow Us</div> <div><div></div><div>pleasantviewcoc</div></div> <div>pleasantviewchurchofchrist.net</div>	

## **The Baptism of Jesus - Matthew 3:13-17**

### **Pleasant View Church of Christ - September 24, 2023**

For this morning I wanted to do one more lesson from Matthew since our Bible Bowl competition is this afternoon. I decided to go back through the book and select a section I had never preached from before. It didn't take long for me to land on the baptism of Jesus in **3:13-17**. While I've included this text in numerous lessons over the years, I've never preached a sermon dedicated to this event.

The baptism of Jesus comes during the peak of John the Baptist's ministry in the wilderness of Judea (**3:1**). The baptism itself occurs in the Jordan River, which runs from the foothills of Mount Hermon in the north all the way down to the Dead Sea on the edge of the Negev desert. Parallel accounts of this event can be found in **Mark 1:9-11** and **Luke 3:21-22**. The apostle John also includes an account of John the Baptist's recollection of the baptism in **John 1:29-34**.

For this lesson, let's focus on three aspects of this event, and what they ultimately mean for us:

**U\_\_\_\_\_ of John (13-14)** - Verses 14 and 15 are unique to Matthew and speak to John's hesitancy to baptize Jesus. He tells Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you..." Earlier in this same chapter, John had refused to baptize the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to him, because they were unwilling to repent (**Mt 3:7-12**). This hesitance with Jesus is for the exact opposite reason. It is unlikely John knew Jesus was the Messiah (**Jn 1:31, 33**), but he knew he was not worthy of baptizing Him. While none of us will ever be in the position of baptizing the Son of God, we all must come to the same realization of not being worthy if we are to have a relationship with Him (**Mt 5:3**).

**O\_\_\_\_\_ of John and Jesus (15)** - Jesus' response to John's hesitancy is that they must proceed to "fulfill all righteousness". In this act John and Jesus both fulfill the will of God. This not only shows the humility of Jesus, but also that He knew his role as the Suffering Servant of God (**Isa 42:1**). He was not here to pursue earthly messianic glory and power (as evidenced by His temptation that follows in **4:1-11**). This is an early act of obedience to God's will that will be consistent throughout His ministry (**Heb 5:8; Phil 2:5-11**). The servant's mark is being obedient. This act confirms His determination to fulfill His assigned work. John is also obedient to the instruction of Jesus, "it is fitting for us". If we are to be true servants of Christ, we also must respond to His will with obedience (**Jn 14:15, 21, 23-24; Rom 6:16**).

**T\_\_\_\_\_ of the Godhead (16-17)** - All three persons of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Spirit) are present as Jesus rises out of the water. The Spirit descending and the Father speaking directly link Jesus with the Suffering Servant in **Isa 42:1**. The outpouring of the Spirit does not change Jesus' status (He was already the Son of God), but publicly identifies Him as the Promised Servant and Son (**Jn 1:34**). It also marks the beginning of His public ministry and direct confrontation with Satan (**4:1**). This is the dawning of the Messianic Age (**Mt 12:28**) in which God fulfills His plan to bring salvation to the world.