



Baptism of Jesus



“I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” -Matthew 3:14

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS





- **Matthew 3:13-17**

- ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”



- ¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.



- ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.



- ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Church Teaching

- **The baptism of Jesus is the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering servant.**
 - Allowing himself to be numbered among the sinners
 - “The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”
- He is anticipating the “baptism” of his **bloody death**
- He is coming to “**fulfill all righteousness;**”
 - He is submitting his entirety to his father's will
 - Out of love he consent his baptism of death for the remission of our sins.

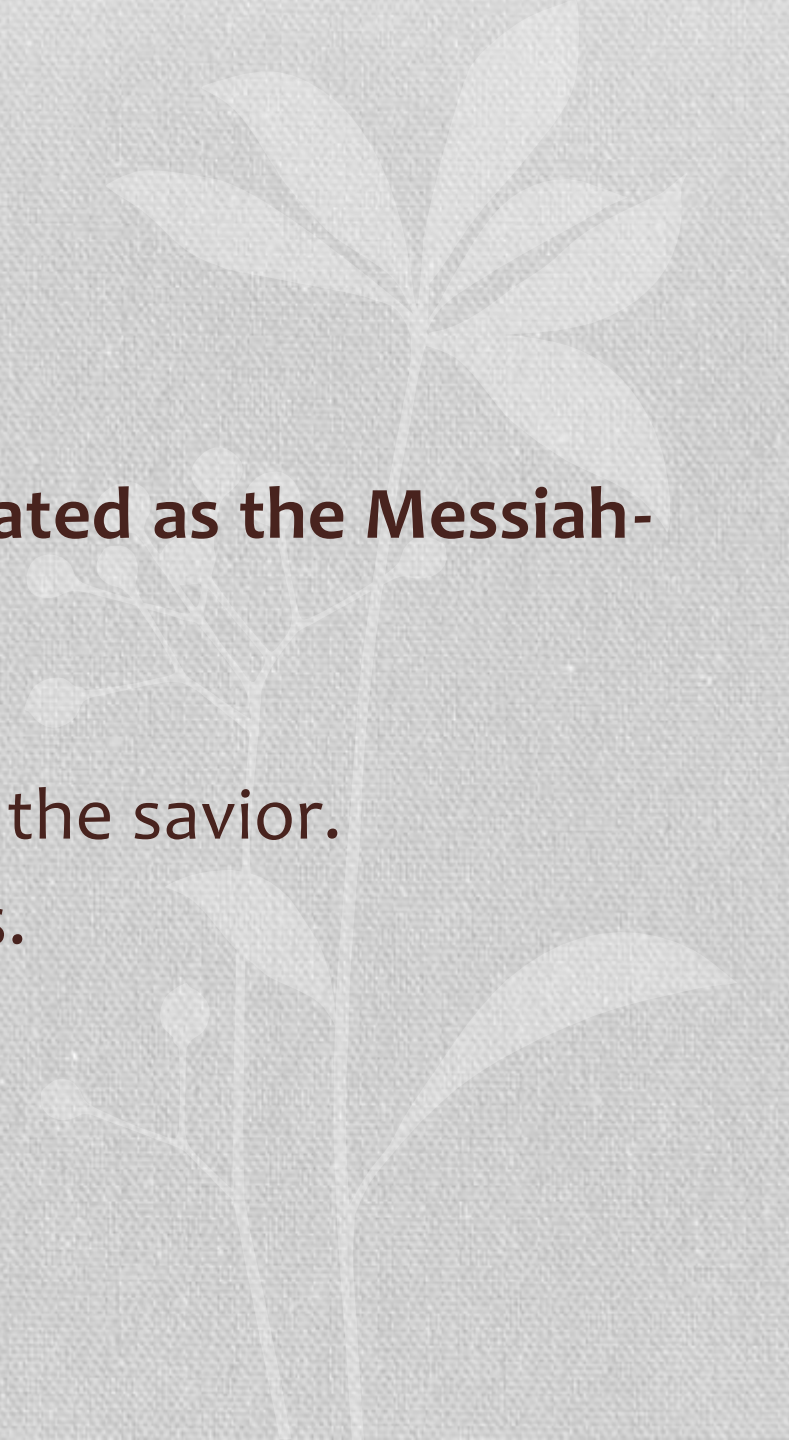
Church Teaching

- Father's voice responds to son's acceptance, **proclaiming his entire delight in his son.**
- The spirit comes to **"rest on him"**
-Jesus will be the source of spirit to the humankind-
- At his baptism **"the heavens were opened"**
-the heaven that Adam's sin had closed-

And the water were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the spirit, a prelude to a new creation.

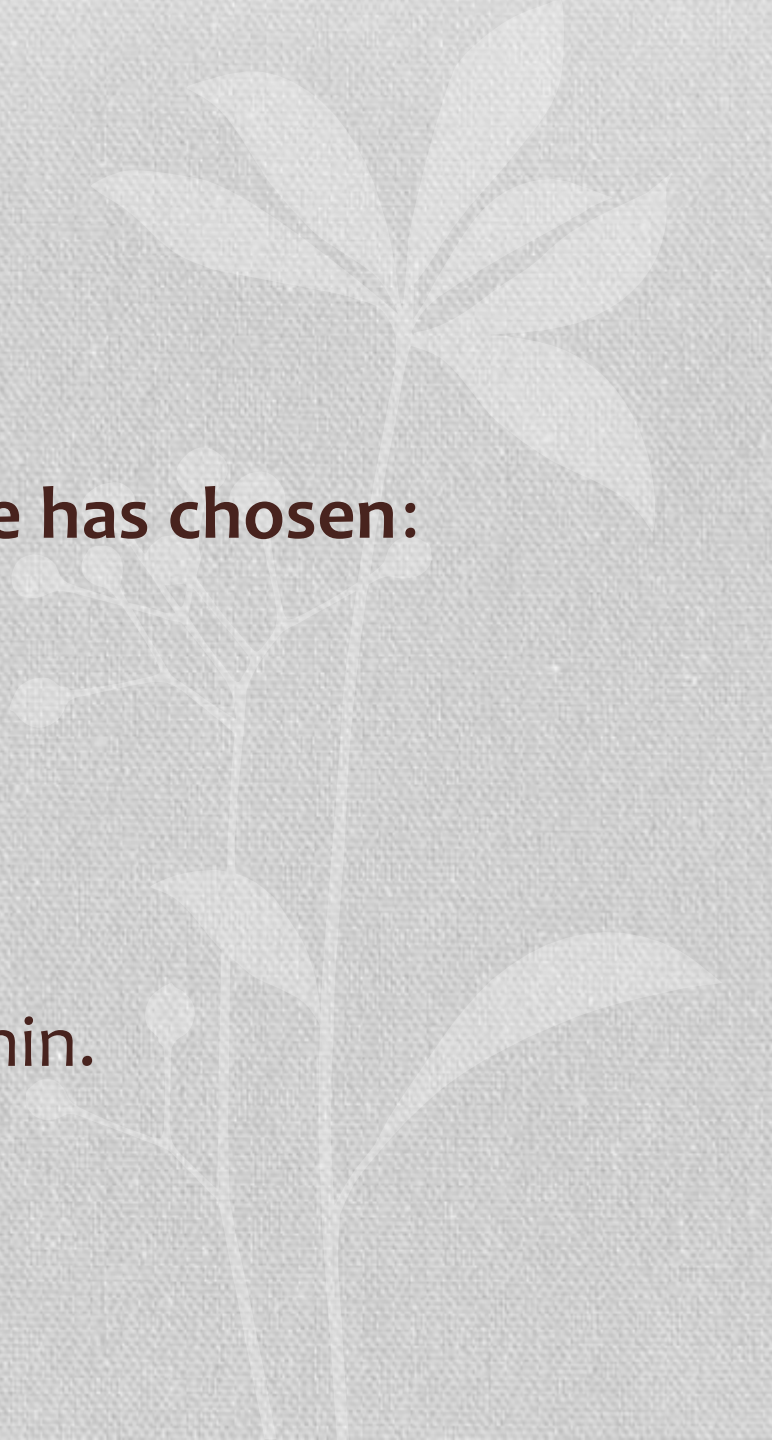
Summary key points:

- **In his baptism, Jesus is consecrated as the Messiah-king who must suffer.**
- He is the *Messiah* because he is the savior.
- He saves by suffering for others.



Summary key points:

- **Jesus has made clear the way he has chosen:**
 - to be one with sinners,
 - to stand alongside them,
 - to be in solidarity with them,
 - and to transform them from within.

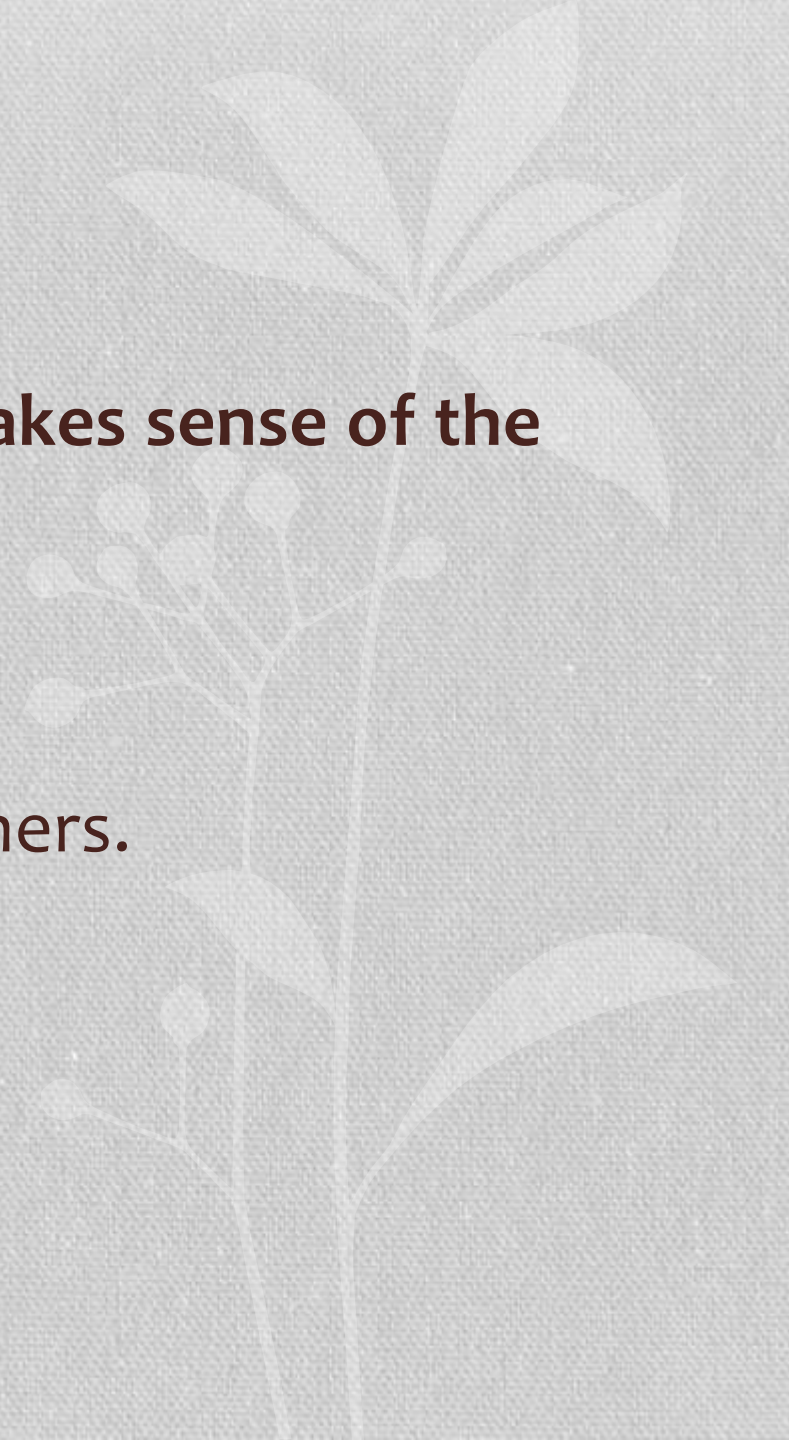


Summary key points:

- **He is suffering messiah who makes sense of the mystery of contradiction:**

-there is glory in suffering

-and life in dying unto self for others.





Thank you for listening!