

## Heaven Torn Open

Mark 1:9-11

### I. What is the nature of John's baptism?

Sin is our greatest problem – our greatest dilemma

Baptism was (and is) a sign/picture of repentance

John's baptism was foreword looking

### II. Why was Jesus baptized?

Scripture makes it clear that Jesus was without sin [Hebrews 4:15]

Jesus sinlessness did not \_\_\_\_\_ John: *"I need to be baptized by you"* [Matthew 3:14]

A. Jesus' baptism is the \_\_\_\_\_ event in His ministry

B. Jesus baptism is an \_\_\_\_\_ of John's ministry

C. We are saved by Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ as well as His death

*"It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."* [Matthew 3:15]

D. To be in solidarity with His people – He \_\_\_\_\_ with us in our plight

### III. What does Jesus' baptism signify?

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ of God's kingdom

1. The heavens were torn open

*"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down"* [Isaiah 64:1]

God is truly with us – \_\_\_\_\_ – the Word made flesh

The rescue and renewal of all things begins with the arrival of the \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove

The Messiah is here – and the Spirit of God is with Him

a. The dove emphasizes the \_\_\_\_\_ reality of the Spirit's descent

b. The dove symbolizes the wisdom and word of God

c. The dove is a \_\_\_\_\_ of new life

3. A voice came from heaven: *"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased"*

*"Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul \_\_\_\_\_; I have put my Spirit upon him...."* [Isaiah 42:1a]

B. **The reality of the Trinity**

*"Mark is giving us a glimpse into the very heart of reality; the Father, the Son, and the spirit \_\_\_\_\_ one another"* [Tim Keller, 6]

Ultimate reality has much to do with our \_\_\_\_\_

C. **The \_\_\_\_\_ of redemption**

1. John is preparing for the Way, the Truth, and the Life--he is pointing to Another

Jesus's baptism is a clue to the meaning of His coming

2. Jesus first baptism points to His second baptism

Jesus did not *"flee from the \_\_\_\_\_ to come"* [Matthew 3:7]

On the cross He was willingly \_\_\_\_\_ in the floodwaters of God's wrath for us!

He gives life to all those who look to Him!

God now delights in us – His adopted children