



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

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

John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Our Scripture Reflection

What a statement of humility by John the Baptist when he attempts to refuse to baptize the "Mightier One." But John was also faithful to God's will. He had to baptize Jesus and he did. In this beautiful passage, we see a powerful sample of what it means to be a true disciple.

Food for your Journey

"The journey inward is the journey from the issues of this world toward God. It is a journey toward the mind of Christ, beyond feelings of expediency or fear of what people will say, to truth itself. It is followed by the journey outward, back from the depths where we meet God, to the issues facing us in our everyday life, a journey which we now undertake with a new sensitivity to the will of God in all things."

--John Dalrymple, *The Longest Journey: Notes on Christian Maturity* (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 1979), 17-18.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, With so many concerns tugging at my heart each day, help me to focus on pleasing You above all. Amen.