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## Love – Big Deal

Matthew 3:13-17

### Introduction:

- God had planned to make His love for mankind a big deal
  1. The b\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus marks the beginning of publicly fulfilling this plan.
  2. How big of a deal is God's love to you?

### S\_\_\_\_\_ in the place of sinners (13-15)

- John's baptism was a baptism of r\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Jesus was s\_\_\_\_\_ and had nothing to repent of.
  2. John at first refused to baptize Jesus because he was so much g\_\_\_\_\_ than him.
  3. Jesus told John the reason he had to baptize Him – to fulfill all r\_\_\_\_\_
- What did Jesus mean by fulfilling ALL righteousness?
  1. The Pharisees claimed to be righteous because of their ability to keep the religious r\_\_\_\_\_, but John refused to baptize them because inwardly they were sinful (Matt 3:7,8).
  2. No human is righteous in himself except J\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Jesus had to be baptized so that He could be branded as a s\_\_\_\_\_ even though He was sinless (note that He did not defend His character. This showed His willingness to stand in the p\_\_\_\_\_ of sinners.
    - b. We can only become righteous in God's sight if Jesus s\_\_\_\_\_ places with us (Our sin for His righteousness – I Cor 1:30; Phil 3:9; Rom 5:1)
  3. Jesus fulfills all righteousness for those who t\_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

### S\_\_\_\_\_ in the place of sinners (16,17)

- Immediately following Jesus's baptism
  1. The h\_\_\_\_\_ split open
  2. The S\_\_\_\_\_ descended on Him as a dove
  3. The F\_\_\_\_\_ spoke
- The words of the Father were from S\_\_\_\_\_ which Jesus had memorized. He understood perfectly what God was saying.
  1. *This is My Son, the beloved One*
    - a. God called the people of I\_\_\_\_\_ His son (Ex 4:22; Hosea 11:1)
    - b. Nowhere in Scripture does God call any individual His son except the person in Psalm 2:7 which is a reference to the

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future Christ who would reign all nations with a rod of  
i \_\_\_\_\_ (read the rest of the Psalm).

c. Therefore, God was anointing Jesus as the final k \_\_\_\_\_  
of Israel.

2. *In whom I am well-pleased*

a. There is only one Scripture where God declares this – Is 42:1 –  
which refers to the suffering s \_\_\_\_\_

b. Jesus would publicly begin the ministry of this servant by:

1) Preaching the g \_\_\_\_\_ and healing all kinds of  
ailments (Is 61:1,2)

2) He would complete the ministry of this servant by  
s \_\_\_\_\_ horribly (Is 53)

i. P \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgressions

ii. C \_\_\_\_\_ for our iniquities

iii. H \_\_\_\_\_ by His scourging

iv. He would render Himself as a g \_\_\_\_\_ offering

3. Jesus volunteered to s \_\_\_\_\_ in the place of sinners  
which proves that God's love is a big deal (Phil 2:6-8).

**Conclusion:**

If Jesus made God's love a big deal, we should make God's love in  
Christ a big deal.

1. Let us celebrate His love h \_\_\_\_\_ when we gather  
together – singing, giving, fellowshiping, learning, serving.

2. Let us share His love h \_\_\_\_\_ whenever there is  
opportunity.

3. Let us show His love h \_\_\_\_\_ by serving  
everyone's good – spouse, family, co-workers, friends, strangers,  
and enemies.

**GOD'S LOVE IN CHRIST IS A BIG DEAL**