

Title: "You Belong Here"

Text: Luke 3:21-22, Matthew 3:15-17, Mark 1:9-11

Target: Today, we examine the pronouncement from heaven over Jesus and discover how these promises give us purpose on this earth.

- I. **The Savior Declared:** *"But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." - Matthew 3:15*
 - A. **Fitting:** *"fitting for us" - Pointing to the Gospel*
 - B. **Fulfilling:** *"fulfill all righteousness" - Portraying the Gospel*

- II. **The Sky Divided:** *"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened" - Luke 3:21*
 - A. **Heaven's Affirmation:** *"the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." - Acts 7:56*
 - B. **Heaven's Access:** *"he saw the heavens being torn open" - Mark 1:10*
(i.e. **Matthew 27:51:** *"And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom."*)

- III. **The Spirit Descended:** *"he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him" - Matthew 3:16*
 - A. **Symbolism of the Dove:** *"like a dove" -Matthew 3:16*
 1. *"wise as serpents and innocent as doves" - Matthew 10:16*
 2. *"Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters."- Genesis 1:2*
 3. *"And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf."-Genesis 8:11*
 - B. **Spirit Dwells:** *"rest on him" - Matthew 3:16*
 1. **Anointing:** *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me..." - Isaiah 61:1*
 2. **Qualifying:** *"I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations." - Isaiah 42:1*
 3. **Empowering:** *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts." - Zechariah 4:6*

- IV. **The Statement (Defined) or (of Delight):** *"and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Matthew 3:17*
 - A. **Prized by God:** *"You are my beloved Son" - Luke 3:22*
 - B. **Pleased by God:** *"with you I am well pleased." - Luke 3:22*

Take Away: Allow the reverberation of what has been spoken over Jesus not to just be a faint echo to you, but a foundational truth for you.