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Sermon Title: The Baptism of Jesus Christ

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Scripture text(s): Matthew 3:1-17

- 1) Read Matthew 3:1-17. What should be the cry of our hearts for baptism to be more than just a bath?
- 2) What did John the Baptist know about himself that allowed him to keep his perspective right?
- 3) Richard said that obedience validates our salvation. Discuss what this means and what it looks like as it's lived out.
- 4) Do you understand that there is a cost in following Jesus? In what ways have you experienced a cost for following Him? Does your present level of obedience to follow Christ cost you anything?
- 5) "Through baptism, Jesus stated that he was fully identifying with sinful humanity." How does this encourage, challenge, or convict you?
- 6) "Through baptism, Christ stated that He was fully committed to the will of God." What did this commitment mean for Him?
- 7) "Through Christ's baptism, God affirmed that Jesus is the Messiah and Savior of the world." What does this mean for you? What does this mean for your neighbors? How does this change your perspective?
- 8) At the end of your life, do you want God to say to you and about you, "Well done."? What steps can you take this week to live a Christ-centered, Christ glorifying life?