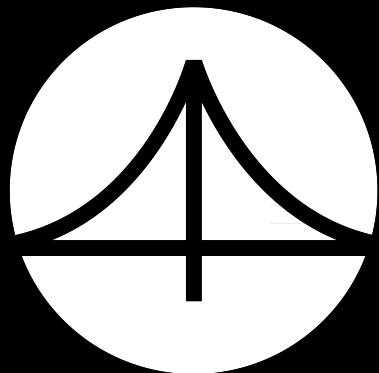


# Who Are You? Beloved

Luke 3:21-22



**\*A proper understanding of who you are is necessary to live properly in God's world.\***

**Knowing that God is  
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prepares and equips  
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# Jesus, Friend of Sinners

- 2 reasons Jesus got baptized:
  - 1. To affirm and celebrate John's ministry
  - 2. To identify Himself with those He came to save
- Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness because He knows what it means to be us

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# The Commission

- The baptism of Jesus is the moment of Jesus' call to public ministry
- Knowing who we are equips us to do what we're called to do
- When we know we're approved of in advance, we're free to pursue obedience without pressure
- Understanding the reality of this good news frees us to share it with others

