

## **Matthew 3:1-2, 7, 11, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

<sup>11</sup>“As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>1</sup> But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him. <sup>16</sup>After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

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### **SERMON NOTES**

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### **Prince of Peace**

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He will be called...“Prince of Peace” – Isaiah 9:6

- A Picture of Peace (Jesus) v. 13  
“Peace on Earth” – Luke 2:14 (Romans 5:1)
- A Path to Peace (baptism) v. 14  
“I baptize you with water. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (v. 11)
- A Problem with Peace (opposition) v. 7  
“A great door for effective work has opened and there are many adversaries.” (1 Corinthians 16:9)
- A Product of Peace (joy) v. 17  
John 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”