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**Revealing the Messiah #2: More Than a Renegade Prophet**  
**January 11 & 12, 2025**  
Luke 3:21-22

**Opener:**

When and where were you baptized?

**Go Deeper:**

1. What details stand out to you in Jesus' baptism?
  2. How do you see each member of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) involved, and why is this significant?
  3. The Father's voice from heaven proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." How does this statement affirm both Jesus' identity and mission?
  4. How does understanding Jesus' true identity (Son of God, Messiah) deepen your appreciation for His humility in being baptized?
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## Live It:

1. In Lutheran teaching, we emphasize that baptism is primarily God's action, not something we do for Him. How does this teaching free us from fear and legalism?
2. How does knowing that your baptism is a once-for-all event, based on Christ's perfect work, shape your view of God's grace?
3. Consider how being baptized into Christ means being named as God's beloved child. How does this reality challenge any feelings of isolation or insecurity you might have?
4. What aspects of God's fatherly love and acceptance bring you the most comfort?



### GOD TIME:

#### Daily Bible Readings (January 12-18)

Sun:	Luke 3:1-22	Jesus and John the Baptist
Mon:	Malachi 3:1-4	Coming of the Messenger
Tues:	Acts 19:1-7	Baptism and the Holy Spirit
Wed:	Ephesians 4:1-7	One Baptism
Thurs:	Luke 3:23-38	The Ancestors of Jesus
Fri:	Luke 4:1-4	Jesus in the Wilderness
Sat:	Luke 4:5-13	The Temptation of Jesus

\*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

