

## Matthew – “Why Jesus?”

### *“Commissioning Messiah – The Temptations”*

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### Why is Jesus being baptized?

Jesus is coming to **substitute** His life for ours:

- *His obedience in place of our disobedience*
- *His perfection in place of our sin*
- *His pain for our peace*
- *He receives our curse & we receive His blessing*

He comes in solidarity to our pain & in substitution for our life

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Psalm 2:1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? [2] The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, [3] “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” [4] He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. [5] Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying, [6] “As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill.” [7] I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Beloved Son; today I have begotten you.”

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Is 42:1 Behold My Servant, whom I uphold, My Chosen, in whom My Soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

- *By HIS Stripes we are healed*
  - *Bruised for our sin*
  - *Crushed for our iniquities*
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What is God the Father doing?

- 1) *He is Commissioning His Son*
- 2) *He is Approving of His Son*

Jesus is crowned, commissioned, and has  
God's favor

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Matthew 4:1a

*"Then..."*

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Go back to the first 2 thoughts of chapter 3:

- Chaos even when God commissions you
  - Chaos even under the pleasure of God
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I John 4:4 "Greater is He who is IN YOU, then he (Satan) that is in the world"

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Andrew Delbonco – "The Death of Satan - How Americans have lost their sense of evil"

"We have a huge problem in society if we either believe Satan is the whole problem with evil or Satan is no problem"

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Acts 10:37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea,  
beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: [38] how  
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.  
He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the  
devil, for God was with him.

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    - a) "Bread to stones" = a direct assault on the Divine substitution
    - b) "Throw yourself down" = You don't need a cross
    - c) "If You worship me" = get where you wanna get without the conflict
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    - b) Jesus knows & uses the Words of God
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*Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

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