



# THE LONG HAUL

## Questions for Application for the Week of October 14, 2013

### Part 2 - Get In Line: Identify with Jesus - Matthew 3:13-17

1. Since the first century Jesus' deity and humanity have been under attack. Some have claimed he wasn't God and others that he wasn't a man. What do you think non-Christians believe about Jesus today? Why is it important that we recognize and affirm he was both fully God and fully man?

2. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was without sin, but he took the step to publicly endorse John's ministry and to identify with those he came to save.

a) After John the Baptist began his ministry, Jesus intentionally went "to be baptized by him" (Mt. 3:13). What does this teach you about Jesus and what other passages of scripture (if any) does his action bring to mind?

b) Rather than preaching the message of repentance, Jesus was with the listeners and "responded" to it. In what ways does Jesus' example at his baptism encourage you when you need to confess and repent of sin?

c) What might be something that you do not have to do that could be used greatly in your ministry towards others? Is there a step you could take this week to identify with and encourage those around you?

3. Jesus' baptism served as his coronation and a commissioning to his public ministry. In what ways are our reasons for baptism similar and how is it different? If you have been baptized, why did you take the step when you did?

*Coming up on October 19/20:*

Part 3 - Be At Peace: He Is Lord - Matthew 4:1-11