

Sept 13, 2020
God's Assignment



Key Scriptures

*Mat 3:13-17 Then Jesus *arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. (14) But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" (15) 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. (16) 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, (17) and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."*

Luk 9:59-62 And He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." (60) But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God." (61) Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." (62) But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

*Joh 13:3-9 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, (4) *got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. (5) Then He *poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. (6) So He *came to Simon Peter. He *said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" (7) Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." (8) Peter *said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." (9) Simon Peter *said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."*

The Big Point:

Jesus came as a man completely different than people were expecting. While the leaders of the day thought he would come as a military leader and spark a bloody revolution, Jesus came and show the power of the Holy Spirit would be realized as we served the people around us. John the Baptist got it wrong, Peter got it wrong, the leaders of Israel got it wrong, and people today are still getting it wrong.

Important points from the message:

- The story of Jesus is a story of God's love for the world.
- Our spirituality needs to be centered on Christ.
- You can't pause God's assignment.
- Jesus came and identified with our humanity.

Important quote:

- "Christ in us can change our life but Christ through us can heal our land."
- "There is a good chance Jesus is not going to show up the way you expected."
- "The church is God's chosen vessel to engage the culture."

Questions that may get your group talking.

- Where is your favorite place to serve in church?
- What do you think you would have done if Jesus tried to wash your feet?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- The Father and Spirit demonstrated to the people around Jesus that He was the son of God at His baptism. What do you think people need to hear about you?
- How do you think the world needs the church to serve today?
- Why do you think Jesus came as a man?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Text RLCserve to 97000 today.
- Ask Holy Spirit to show you where you have elevated yourself over someone else God is calling you to serve.