



*A Picture is Worth
1,000 Words*



Matthew 3:13-17

God the Son (Jesus)

Jesus did not "need" to be baptized

He did not need forgiveness of sins

He did not need to "receive" the Holy Spirit

Jesus' reason "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness"



What Got Fulfilled? John's Ministry

The purpose of John's Ministry (Matthew 3:2)

John was to the front runner to the Messiah (John 1:23)

John's message was new and exciting

He had built quite a following

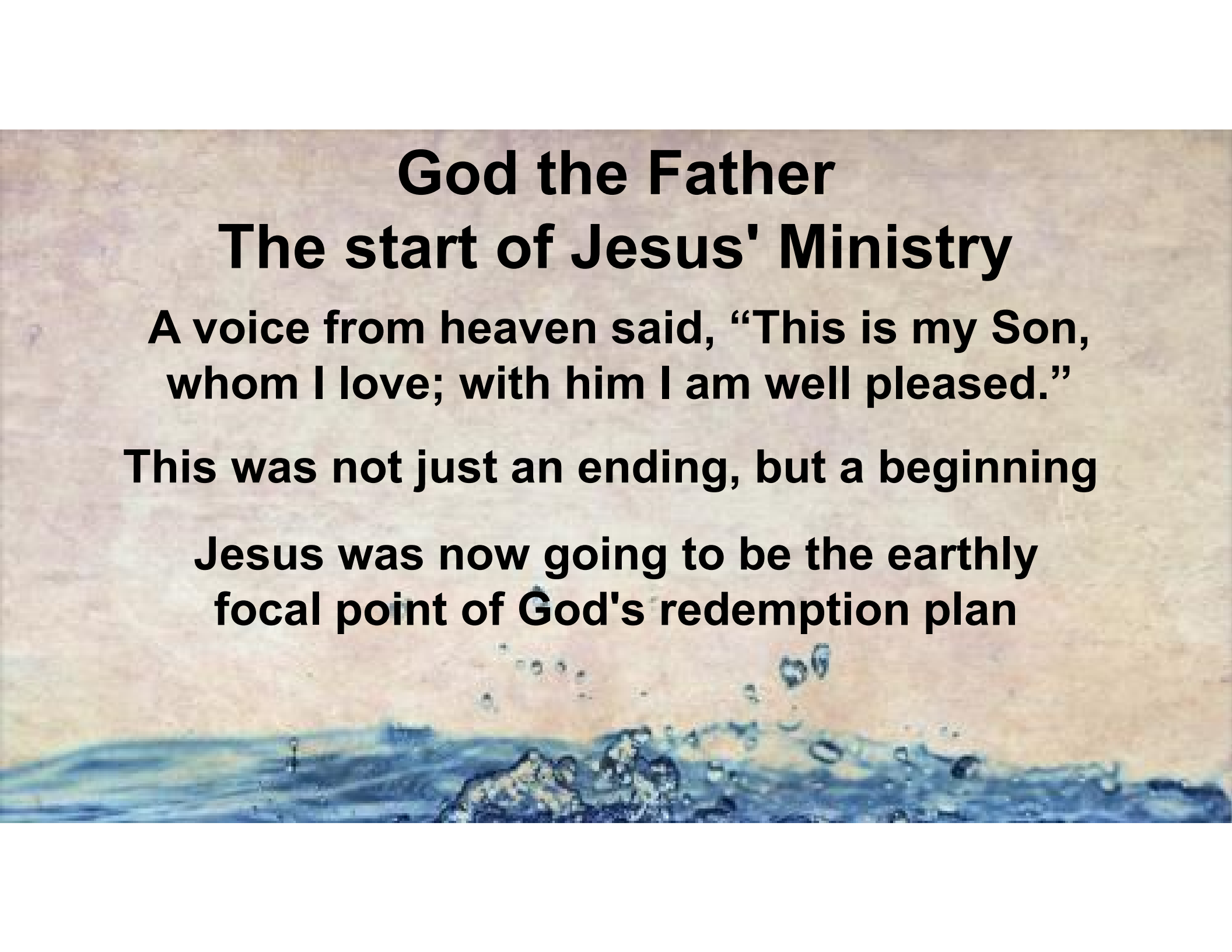
At Jesus' baptism John's job was done (John 3:29-30)



The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

John 1:35-40





God the Father

The start of Jesus' Ministry

**A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son,
whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”**

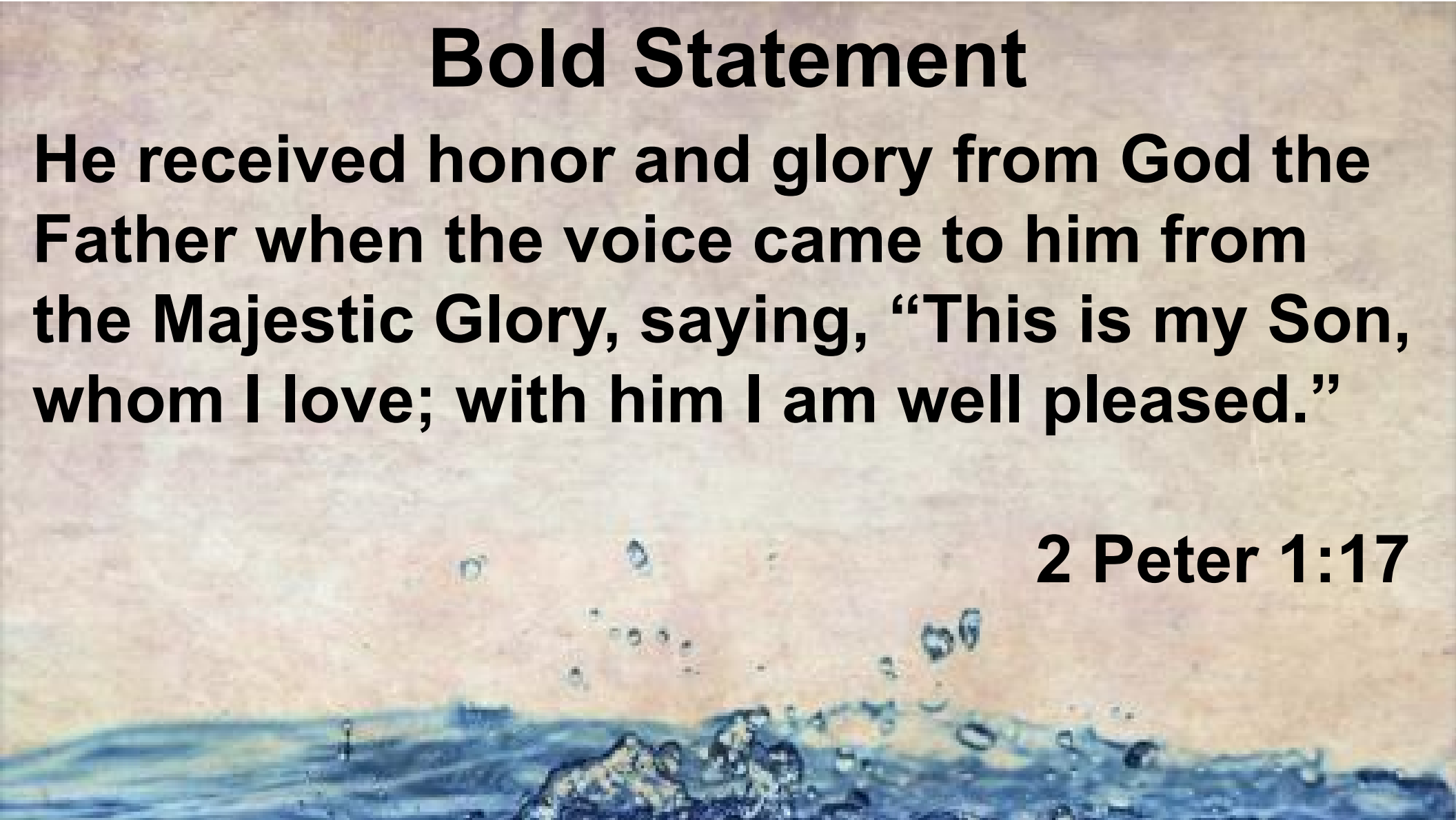
This was not just an ending, but a beginning

**Jesus was now going to be the earthly
focal point of God's redemption plan**

Bold Statement

He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

2 Peter 1:17



God the Father --- “This is my Son”

The statement begins with a powerful confirmation of who Jesus is

He is the very son of God (Luke 1:35)

We must accept God's declaration (John 3:36)

**Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life,
but whoever rejects the Son will not see life,
for God's wrath remains on them.**

God the Father --- “Whom I Love”

God's expression of his love denotes the cost of what was going to be done (1 John 4:10)

Jesus was not sent to earn God's approval

He did not come because God the father was punishing him

He came because God sent that which he loved best

If he loved his son so but yet was willing to sacrifice him for us what does that tell us about his love of us?





God the Father
“With him I well pleased”

Jesus knew the end of the Story

**Jesus was willing to be our sacrifice...
that pleased the father**

**Jesus was ready to obey...
that pleased the father**

God the Holy Spirit

**At that moment heaven was opened,
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove**

**The Holy Spirit's
presence is significant**



It was an important symbol to John

Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

John 1:32-34



It's an important symbol to humnaity

When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.

Genesis 8:11



**Here the dove is a symbol
that through Jesus
God's plan to cleanse humanity
would be complete**



Peter's Connection

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:37-38



Important Symbol for Us

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2:1-12



Outward Profession of an Inward Confession

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 10:32-33





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