



I. JESUS COMES TO JOHN FOR BAPTISM

A. THEN SUDDENLY IT BEGINS

- The Hidden Years Are Years Of _____ And Please The Heart Of The Father - verses 13-15

- The years of preparation are over. The Messianic Mission is full steam ahead!

- We Receive Our _____ From The Father - verses 16-17

- On 3 special occasions the Father spoke from heaven; 1) At Christ's baptism 2) At the Transfiguration 3) As Christ approached the Cross

- The Father seems to be echoing Psalm 2:7 - *I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*

- This relates Jesus Christ to the "Suffering Servant" prophesied in Isaiah 40-53.

- This Is A Time For _____ And _____ "For Such A Time As This"

- The idea that God would use a Sign to send a message goes all the way back to Genesis, where the sun, moon and stars are described as Signs for the Appointed Times (Genesis 1:14)

- To Repent literally means to Return to the Presence of God. A Psalm associated with Repentance is Psalm 27, which speaks of the benefits of dwelling in God's Presence.

- Psalm 19 likens the Sun to a Bridegroom and a champion, a symbol of Christ. The moon is called the faithful witness in the sky (Psalm 89:37)

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