



## Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Jesus is God's Perfect Son*

Text: Matthew 3:17-20

Service Date: June 28, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### Getting Started

- When you hear the word "perfect," what comes to mind? How do people's definitions of perfection usually differ?

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### Sermon Discussion

- The sermon pointed out that we often create our own version of Jesus (Slot-Machine Jesus, GPS Jesus, Emergency Room Jesus, etc.). Which of these examples stood out to you and why?
- In Matthew 3:17, the Father declared, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Why is it significant that God said this before Jesus had preached a sermon or performed a miracle?
- John the Baptist was confused about why Jesus needed to be baptized. What does Jesus' response, "to fulfill all righteousness," teach us about obedience?
- The sermon contrasted Adam's disobedience with Jesus' perfect obedience. How has sin's brokenness affected your life, and how does Jesus' obedience bring hope?
- Why do you think people are often tempted to customize Jesus according to their preferences instead of submitting to who He actually is?
- The sermon said, "Following Jesus as God's perfect Son is not about self-improvement; it's about Spirit-empowered transformation." What is the difference between those two ideas?
- Romans 7 reminds us that Christians still struggle with sin. How do you balance striving for obedience while also depending on God's grace?
- The sermon stated that many people want to get close enough to Jesus to receive the benefits but not close enough for anything to be required of them. Why is this temptation so common today?

- How does knowing that Jesus perfectly forgives your past (justification) affect the way you see yourself and your failures?
  - The sculptor illustration described sanctification as removing what doesn't belong. What attitudes, habits, or sins might Jesus be chipping away in your life right now?
  - In what ways have you seen God use difficult circumstances to help you grow spiritually or become more like Christ?
  - The sermon emphasized that Jesus is our hope for the future and our "ticket" to Heaven. How does the promise of eternity shape the way you live today?
  - The sermon ended with this question: "If Jesus truly is God's perfect Son, what will I do with Him?" What is one specific step of obedience or faith that God may be calling you to take this week?
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### **This Week's Action Response**

This week, identify one area of your life where you have been asking Jesus to fit your preferences instead of following His example of obedience. Spend time each day praying:

"Jesus, You are God's perfect Son. Show me where I need to obey You more fully and give me the strength to follow You."

Then, take one specific step of obedience this week. It might be:

- Forgiving someone you've been avoiding.
- Spending consistent time in God's Word and prayer.
- Removing a habit or attitude that doesn't reflect Christ.
- Having a spiritual conversation with someone.
- Taking a next step of faith, such as serving, giving, or being baptized.

At the end of the week, ask yourself:

1. Where did I see Jesus shaping me to become more like Him?
2. What did obedience teach me about trusting God?
3. What is my next step in following God's perfect Son?

Memory Verse:

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." – Matthew 3:17