

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, January 11, 2026 (Baptism of our Lord)

Isaiah 42:1-9

Discussion Starters

1. This is the first of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. What do you learn about the servant's relationship with God, his mission, and his character from this passage?
2. What is meant by the "bruised reed" and "smoldering wick?"
3. How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy about the Suffering Servant?
4. Why do you think this servant will not cry out or raise his voice?
5. Acts 13:47 and 2 Timothy 2:24-26 extend the image of "servant" to all believers. How does this passage apply to Christians today and to you in particular?

Acts 10:34-43

Discussion starters

1. How had God prepared Peter for this moment in time?
2. Why was Peter the right person to preach this sermon?
3. How would you summarize Peter's response to what he saw and heard?
4. Based on what you read here, how would you respond to this question: "Can people who have never heard the gospel be saved?"
5. Why is this story so important to Christians today?

Matthew 3:13-17

Discussion Starters

1. Why would Jesus, who was without sin, come to John to be baptized?
2. What "righteousness" did Jesus fulfill by this baptism? (See Isaiah 53:12).
3. How does this baptism set the stage for the ministry Jesus is about to do?
4. Who do you think heard and witnessed the descending of the dove and the voice from heaven? What was their response?
5. What did this moment mean for Jesus?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?