

**Message Outline**  
*Teaching Tradition: Epiphany*



**Matthew 3**

**Intro:** This Advent, looking at the Biblical text behind some Christmas traditions...

- Began with church tradition of Advent, ending with Epiphany (Trees, Lights, Gifts in between)...
- Epiphany means: “to show, make known, reveal.”
  - Most often associated with story of the Wise Men (cf. Mt. 2)....
  - Epiphany moments all over Jesus’ life...
- Jesus’ Baptism and Epiphany...

**Read:** Matthew 3

v.1-3—Heralds announcing a kings coming...

v.4—Odd fashion and food...

v.5-6—Odd message...repent!

v.7-10—Parents aren’t spiritual pedigree...

v.11-12—Greatness of Jesus...

v.13-17—Epiphany!

**Exercises in Epiphany for 2020**

1) D\_\_\_ Something D\_\_\_\_\_ for Faith  
D\_\_\_\_\_ v.13

- Growth happens outside the comfortable...
- Be challenged spiritually in 2020...

2) C\_\_\_\_\_ with a C\_\_\_\_\_ v.14-15

- A recent conversation with a church member....
- Loving God connected to loving people (Mt.22:36-40, 1Jn.4:20)...

3) B\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ v.16

- Importance of Baptism (cf. Mt.28:18-20)...
- Significance spiritually of passing thru waters in our spiritual journey...

4) A\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ v.17

- Importance of our words (Jms.1:26, Col.4:6, Eph.4:29, Mt.12:34ff., Prov.18:20, Ps.19:14).