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INTRODUCTION: *We all enjoy a surprise . . . or do we?*

I. ONE DAY JOHN THE BAPTIZER REALLY GOT A SURPRISE

- A. Jesus came to him to be baptized (verses 13-14)
- B. What is going on here? (v.15)
- C. How does Jesus' baptism "*fulfill all righteousness*"? (v.15)

(He identifies fully with unrighteous sinners to give us God's righteousness & begins to take upon Himself our sins He will pay for on the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21))

II. THERE'S EVEN MORE TO THIS SURPRISE OF JESUS' BAPTISM

- A. Here are Jesus' 1st recorded words since He was 12 years old in the Temple (v.15)
- B. These words announce the theme for all Jesus was & came to do
- C. The surprise of Jesus' baptism declares one key truth: He came to bear & forgive the sin of the world (Isaiah 53:6)
 - 1. John the baptizer said to Jesus: *I need to be baptized by You*
 - 2. Jesus said to John: *It is God's plan that I am joined to all sinners in this baptism, to begin the work finished at the cross*
 - 3. John tells us why Jesus' baptism is fitting to *fulfill all righteousness* (John 1:29)

CONCLUSION: *A 'salvation surprise'
on the banks of the Genesee River*