

Beloved Child — Thoughts

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“I love you. I am so proud of you.”

What child wouldn't long to hear these words from a parent? Some hear them, often. Some never do.

When Matthew tells the story of Jesus' baptism, the voice from heaven says “This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Sounds like a proud parent, talking to somebody else. But when Mark and Luke tell the story, the voice speaks directly to Jesus: “YOU are my Beloved Son: with you I am well pleased.”

These words are spoken to Jesus at the very beginning of his ministry — before he's done any public speaking, or healing, or table-turning, or death-defeating...before he's done anything really... except, you know, kid stuff...being born and growing up...

This is a song we can sing to our children. And it is a song we can hear God singing to each of us.

You are my beloved child,
I am pleased with you.
You are my beloved child,
I love you.