**BAPTISTWAY PRESS—LIVING IN THE SPIRIT: RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY**

**Lesson Three —“God’s Approval of Jesus” John 1:29-34; Matthew 3:13-17**

**CONTEXT OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 1**

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**Date Written: around ad 85-95; to “New Christians” and searching Non-Christians, to the Gnostics;**

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