'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.'

Acts 13:33



- As an unborn child moving John to respond to Mary's voice or as a man obeying His father's voice to the very end?
 - John leaped in Elizabeth's womb at the presence of Jesus (Lk. 1:39-44)
 - John was prophesied to precede Christ (Mal. 4:5-6; Mt. 11:14)
 - Jesus obeyed His Father to the very fullest (Jn. 17:4; Jn. 19:30)



- As a newborn covered in the blood of his mother and then washed clean or as the Son of God covered in His own blood that we might be washed clean?
 - He redeemed us by His precious blood (I Peter 1:18-19)
 - He offered Himself that we might be cleansed (Hebrews 9:12, 14-15)



- As a helpless baby crying for his own needs or as the divine Son of God crying for the needs of mankind?
 - He wept for Himself and the pain of others (John 11:35)
 - He wept for His beloved people in Jerusalem (Matt. 23:37
 - He was a man of sorrow acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53:3)



- As a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger or as a man wrapped in burial clothes and placed in the tomb?
 - "All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6)



- As one experiencing the silence and safety of the stable or as a man experiencing the chaos and confusion of Calvary?
 - A humiliating and excruciating experience (*Luke 23:35-37*)
 - The Lord saw this coming from the beginning (John 3:14-15)



- > As a little one over whom a star stood still or as the Mighty One, the bright and morning star?
 - The wise men were led to Jesus by a star (Mt. 2:9)
 - Wise men will still follow the Star (Rev. 22:16; Num. 24:16)



- As a young child receiving special gifts FROM men or as the Son of God giving the ultimate gift FOR man?
 - The "gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:23)
 - He gave Himself for me! (Galatians 1:4; 2:20)
 - His gift is indescribable! (2 Cor. 9:15)