

“Beloved” Was a Royal Title

"You're My beloved Son, in You I'm well pleased. [And] This is My beloved Son, Who brings Me great joy."

MATTHEW 3:17

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At Jesus' baptism,
the Father's voice thundered from heaven:
"This is My beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased"
(Matthew 3:17).

We often hear that word —
beloved — as tender.
Intimate.
A term of affection.
And it is.
But in the Jewish world,
it meant more.

Solomon, heir to David's throne,
was called Jedidiah —
"beloved of the Lord"
(2 Samuel 12:25).
The name David itself
means "beloved."

So when the Father called Jesus
"My beloved Son,"
He wasn't just expressing love.
He was announcing
lineage.
Authority.
Legitimacy.

You may not know this about Jesus:
“Beloved” was a royal title.

It was a coronation.

A declaration

that Jesus was

the rightful heir

to the Davidic covenant.

The King not just of Israel —

but of all creation.