anointed [uh-noint-ed] : to be dedicated to the service of the Lord

READ.
Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

REFLECT.
1. In his baptism, Jesus was "anointed" by the Spirit and marked as God's Son. What does it mean to be part of God's family?
2. The story of Jesus' baptism comes just before he begins his active ministry in the Gospel of Matthew. In other words, Jesus is marked by the Holy Spirit as one who belongs to God before he does any work. How has the Holy Spirit marked or prepared you for this mission experience?

PRAY.