

The image shows the spine of an old, thick book with many pages, bound in dark brown leather. The book is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its spine facing right. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the leather shows signs of wear and tear. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly black or dark brown, which makes the book and the text stand out.

# Matthew's Messiah

*The life and ministry of Jesus  
from Matthew's perspective*

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee  
to the Jordan to be baptized  
by John.

14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.”  
Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized,  
he went up out of the water.

At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said,  
“This is my Son, whom I love;  
with him I am well pleased.”