

Baptizing Jesus



John the Baptist was a famous son of a famous preacher back in New Testament times. He was also Jesus' 2nd cousin. (Remember the Christmas story of Mary going to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was expecting a baby at the same time? John the Baptist was Elizabeth's son.). John preached about the coming of Jesus, who was the Messiah. One thing that John told everybody they should do is to be baptized (**Matthew 3:1-12**). See the story [HERE](#):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-MDVv6Yaf0> (John the Baptist)

When people are baptized today, it is “an outward sign of our inward grace.” Being covered with water represents having our hearts and souls “cleansed” by Jesus – the Living Water. People are often baptized after they have decided that they DO believe that Jesus is their Savior, that Jesus lived to show people how to love, and died to show that He is able to overcome death. We recognize that we act in ways that only God can forgive. The action of being baptized represents that we believe that God is with us always.

Why would Jesus have to be baptized? After all Jesus IS God. One reason Jesus wanted John to baptize him could have been to show that as the human form of God, Jesus needed to do human activities. It also set the example for Jesus taking other people's place and forgiving their sins.

The story of Jesus' baptism is the only place where we are given a visual of all three parts of the Trinity at the same time. Jesus, the son was in the Jordan River, God the father was a voice identifying Jesus as His son, and the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove that descended from Heaven and landed on Jesus.

Check out the this [VIDEO](#) below for instructions on how to make a dove of your own to remember that the Holy Spirit comes for you, too!

