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Important Information

At the time of Jesus, many people were waiting for someone to come from God who would save them and to heal the rift between them and God and they called this person the Messiah.

Jesus' cousin was a man called John the Baptist. He told the people about the coming Messiah and baptised them, so they were ready for the Messiah's arrival. This is why he is called John the Baptist. The water symbolised the washing away of sin.

Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan to show that Jesus was the Messiah, and this story can be found in scripture.

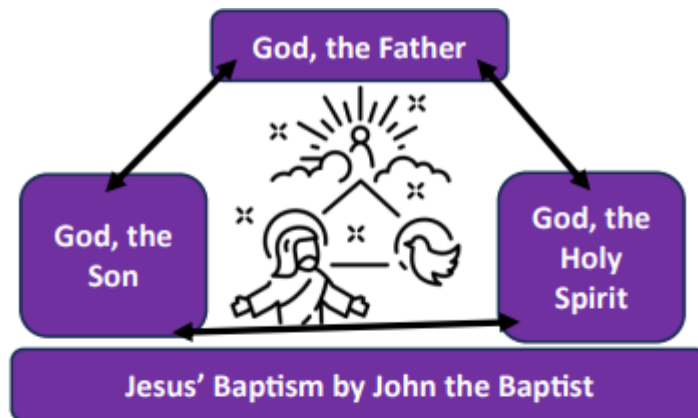
At Jesus' baptism, a dove appeared, and God's voice was heard to say that Jesus was his son, and he was pleased with him. These events show the Christian belief in the Trinity, a belief in God the Father, God the son, Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. This is a very important belief for Christians.

When people join Christianity, they are baptised using water just as Jesus was. Different Christian groups or denominations will perform baptism differently. Some will have an infant baptism for a baby, and some will wait until a person can decide to become a Christian themselves and this is called a believer's baptism.

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Believer's Baptism



Infant Baptism

Key Vocabulary

Trinity	The Christian belief is that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit; three in one.
Holy Spirit	The third person of the Trinity; God's power on earth.
Messiah	A saviour from God promised in the Hebrew texts.
John the Baptist	Jesus' cousin, a prophet who told of the coming Messiah and who baptized people in readiness for this.
Believer's Baptism	A ceremony that welcomes a young person or adult into the Christian Church, who has made the choice for themselves to become a Christian.
Father	The first person of the Trinity, who created everything.
Jesus	The second person of the Trinity or the Son; God in the flesh
Scripture	The title given to the writings of Christianity, the Bible.
Infant Baptism	A ceremony that welcomes a baby into the Christian Church
Denomination	A branch of the Christian Church.