



John had been baptizing people in the Jordan River. John preached to the people. He said,

Someone is coming greater than I am.
Get ready for Him.
Be sorry for your sins.
Be baptized.

One day Jesus came to the river where John was baptizing. Jesus asked John to baptize Him also. John did not want to do this. He knew Jesus had not sinned. Jesus did not have to be baptized for this reason. But Jesus told John that He did want to be baptized anyway.

John and Jesus went down into the water. John baptized Jesus.

When Jesus came up from the water, the sky opened. The Holy Spirit came like a dove and flew above the head of Jesus. Then a voice came from heaven saying,

This is my beloved Son.

Ever since this time, the dove always stands for the Holy Spirit. When you see the dove in your church, this is what it means. (Read about this in Mark 1:9-11)