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Jesus is baptized

Matthew 3:1-3, 13-17; Luke 3:15-16;

John 1:29; Malachi 3:1





**"Before God sends His special Savior,"
said the prophet, Malachi, "a messenger
will come to prepare the way for Him."
So John came before Jesus, preaching by
the Jordan River.**





"Prepare the way for the Lord!" John said. "God is sending someone very special to His people. Change your ways. Turn from the bad things you have done. Be baptized."





So that's what people did! "Are you the promised one?" they asked. "No," said John. "I'm not worthy to even carry His sandals. He will do amazing things. You'll see!"





Jesus came to John to be baptized.
When John saw Jesus, he said, "Behold,
the Lamb of God who takes away the
sins of the world!"





"I want you to baptize Me," Jesus said.
"No," John replied. "I need to be baptized
by You!" "Trust Me," said Jesus. "This is
the right thing to do."





So John baptized Jesus. God's Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove. "This is My Son," God said. "I love Him. He pleases Me very much!"

