

8 This event is part of the feast of the 'Epiphany' (*Epiphany means manifestation or revealing*). What did God reveal to the world at this time?

What were the other 2 events which come under the 'Epiphany'?

1 Why do you feel John tried to stop Jesus from being baptized?

2 How did he know who Jesus was?

3 Why did Jesus accept baptism? What was he saying by his action?

7 The passage below says, 'The heaven was opened'. When do you think it was closed?

6 What were the words spoken by the voice from heaven?

5 What was the deeper meaning of the Holy Spirit coming down at this time? (See the passage from Genesis)

4 Jesus later said, "I have a baptism to receive, and what stress I am under until it is completed!" What do you think he was talking about?



At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "and yet you have come to me!"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and alighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased." Matthew 3:13-17.

John said: "I did not know that he was the one, but God, who sent me to baptize with water, had said to me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and stay on a man; he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen it, and I tell you that he is the Son of God." John 1:33-36

In the beginning, when God began to create the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, "Let there be light" and light appeared. Genesis 1:1-3