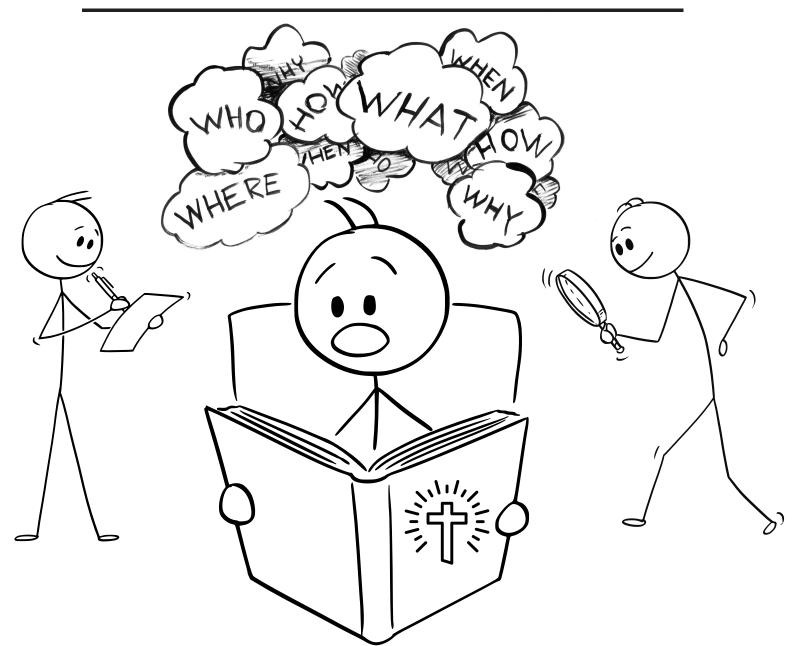


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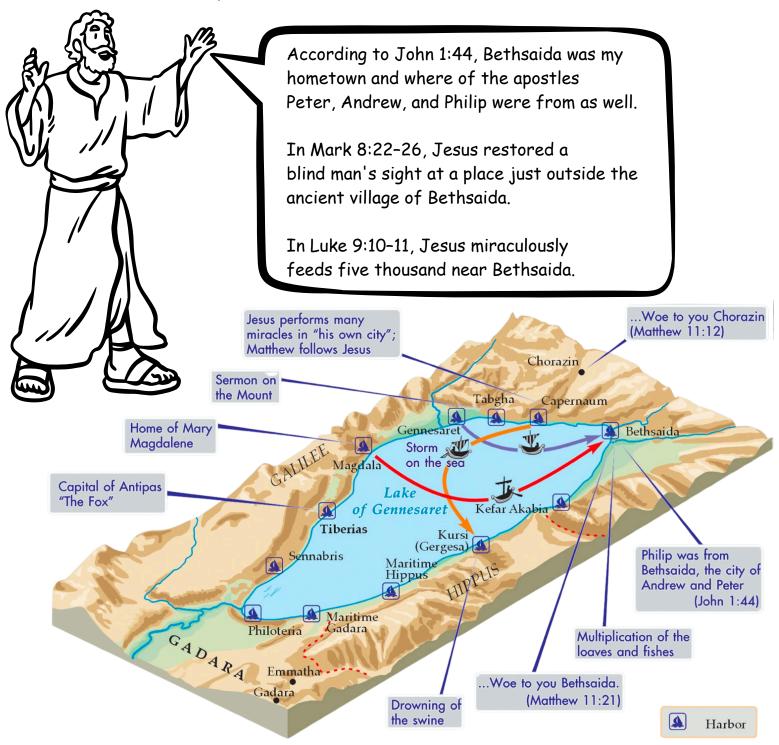
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The Amazing and Interesting Life of John the Apostle.

John the Apostle, also known as John the Beloved, was likely born around 6 AD. He was born in Bethsaida, Galilee, Roman Empire. His parents were Zebedee and Salome, and he was the brother of **James**, another of Jesus' apostles.





AD 85-90 is an accepted time for the writing of the Gospel of John.

Purpose of Writing: "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name (John 20:31)

John emphasized Jesus Christ as "the Son of God," fully God and fully man.

A false doctrine was circulating at that time which taught the "Christ-spirit" came upon the human Jesus at His baptism and left Him at the crucifixion.

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:28).

"Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father"?(John 14:9).

Some of miracles and historical accounts, such as the raising of Lazarus, are found only in John.

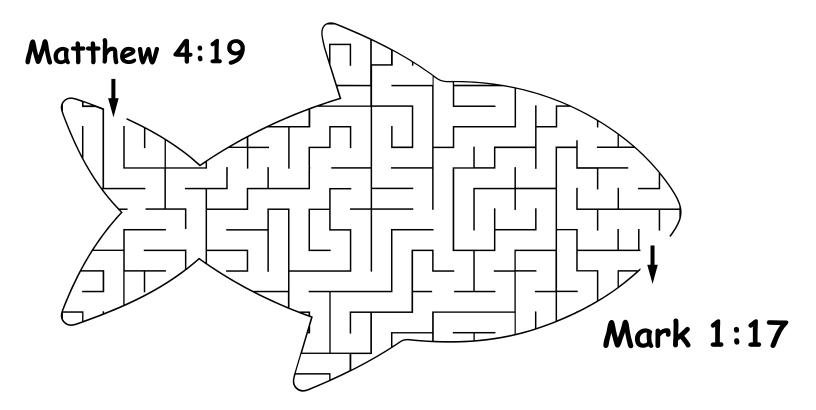
The Gospel of John often gives the reason behind events mentioned in the other gospels.

John discusses the approaching ministry of the Holy Spirit after Jesus' ascension

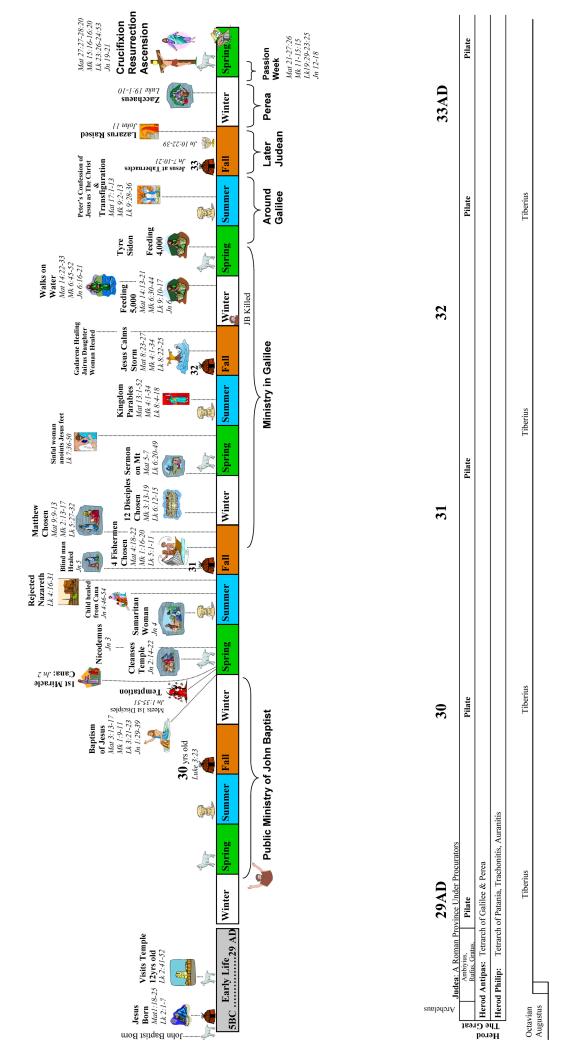


What did John do for work before Jesus called him into ministry?





The Life & Ministry of Jesus Christ







(beginning of what?)

1 In the beginning

was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was **with God** in the beginning.

3 **Through him** all things were made; (positive) without him nothing was made that has been made. (negative)

4 **In him** was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. (positive)

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has **not** overcome it. (negative)

Genesis 1:1-2

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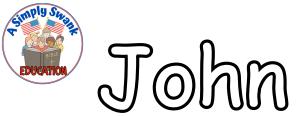
2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep,

and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Do you see parallelism?

- where the second line of a verse relates to the first, often repeating, expanding, or contrasting with the first line's idea





John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. / He was with God in the beginning. / Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made.

Psalm 104:30

When You send Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.

Job 26:13

By His breath the skies were cleared; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

Isaiah 45:18

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens—He is God; He formed the earth and fashioned it; He established it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Jeremiah 4:23

I looked at the earth, and it was formless and void; I looked to the heavens, and they had no light.

2 Peter 3:5

But they deliberately overlook the fact that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water,

Psalm 33:6

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the stars by the breath of His mouth.



Job 38:9

when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its blanket,

Isaiah 40:13-14

Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or informed Him as His counselor? / Whom did He consult to enlighten Him, and who taught Him the paths of justice? Who imparted knowledge to Him and showed Him the way of understanding?

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Proverbs 8:27-29

I was there when He established the heavens, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, / when He established the clouds above, when the fountains of the deep gushed forth, / when He set a boundary for the sea, so that the waters would not surpass His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth.

Psalm 136:6

He spread out the earth upon the waters. His loving devotion endures forever.

Colossians 1:16-17

For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. / He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.



Isaiah 42:5

This is what God the LORD says—He who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and its offspring, who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who walk in it:

Revelation 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things; by Your will they exist and were created."

How many supporting texts from the Bible are listed that discuss the creation of the world?

Why do you think that this was important to repeat?

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How many books of the Bible were written by John? the Gospel of John, three letters (1, 2, and 3 John), and the Book of Revelation.

John listed as the youngest apostle, he was the son of Zebedee and Salome.

His brother James was another of the Twelve Apostles.

John is named as the beloved disciple, as well as the one whom Jesus loved, in the New Testament of the Bible. John was one of the first to follow Jesus, was seated next to Jesus at the Last Supper, and was the only disciple present at the crucifixion of Jesus.

James and John were known for their fiery temper and were given the nickname "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus

The Bible doesn't record his death. There's a tradition that he lived a very long life, and that Jesus granted him a wish to remain in the flesh until Christ's return, which he would be able to witness.

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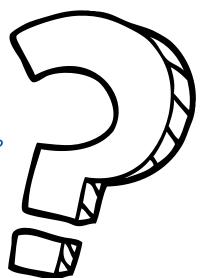
How did everyone do with their "homework?"

Did you read your Bibles every night/morning?

Did you listen the first time when asked to do something?

How hard is it to start a new habit?

What does the Bible say about when something is hard?



John 15:7

If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 16:23-24

In that day you will no longer ask
Me anything. Truly, truly, I tell you,
whatever you ask the Father in My
name, He will give you.
Until now you have not asked for
anything in My name.
Ask and you will receive,
so that your joy may be complete.

Matthew 7:7-8

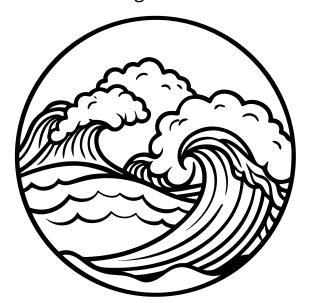
Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 21:22

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

James 1:5-6

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.



But he must ask in faith, without doubting, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.



Does this mean that Jesus is a magical genie that will grant all your wishes when you ask?

No, instead, the Bible emphasizes that God is a loving Father who answers prayers according to His will, not as a divine wish-granter. While the Bible encourages prayer and promises that God hears and answers, it also highlights that His answers may not always align with our desires.



Just like your mom or dad won't say "yes" everytime you ask for something, your much-wiser and way-more-powerful, Daddy in Heaven, - **God** - will not say "yes" to everything you ask for.

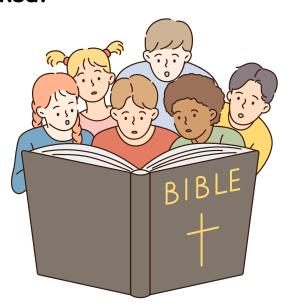
Do you think He will say "yes" if you ask Him to help you read your Bible everyday?

Do you think He will say "yes" if you ask Him to help you do something the FIRST time you are asked?

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.





The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Who was with God in the beginning?

Who created all things that are made?

Where is the source of all light?

Where does the light shine?

Where does darkness have no power?





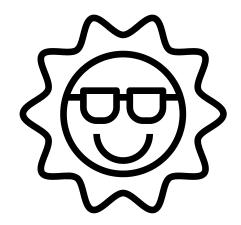




In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Light, a fundamental aspect of our universe, is both a wave and a particle, exhibiting properties of both energy and matter. It travels at the fastest speed possible in a vacuum, 299,792,458 meters per second, and is responsible for our ability to see, as well as many natural phenomena like rainbows and photosynthesis.



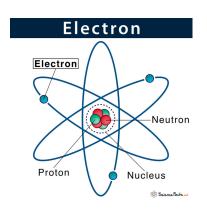


Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Light comes from various sources, both natural and artificial. The sun is the primary natural source of light for Earth, providing the energy for life. Other natural sources include stars, lightning, and bioluminescence. Artificial sources of light include light bulbs, lasers, and fire

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Electrons don't really "come from" a specific place in the way we often think of things appearing. Instead, they are fundamental particles that are already present in all atoms, and they can be moved around. In the context of electricity, electrons are already present in the wires and components of a circuit. When a voltage is applied, these electrons are simply moved, creating an electrical current.



Revelation 21:23 (find and read)

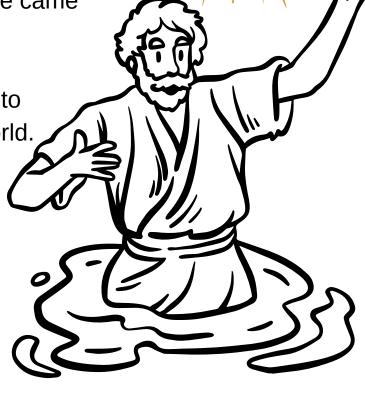


6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that **light**, so that through him all might believe.

8 He himself was **not the light**; he came only as a **witness to the light**.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.



Who was the man who was sent from God?

Who was John testifying about?

Was John the Messiah?



10 He was in **the world**, and though the **world** was made through him, **the world** did not recognize him.

11 He came to that which was his **own**, but his **own** did not receive him.

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children** of God—

13 **children born** not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but **born** of God.

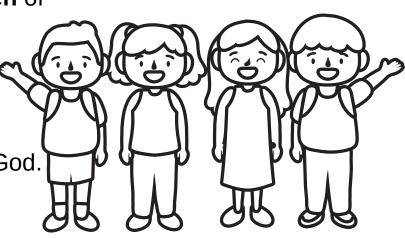
Who made the world?

Who did not receive Jesus?

Who can become children of God?

What does born of God mean?













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14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said,

'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."")

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16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

means giving someone something good that they do not deserve.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

What did Jesus become?

Who is God's one and only son?

What two things were Jesus full of?

What does grace mean?

Who has received God's grace?

Did the law of Moses give people grace?

Has anyone on earth ever seen God?



The Word became flesh

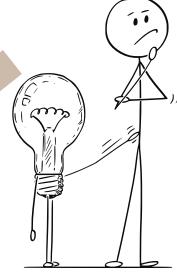
Genesis 1:26a

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...



Do you think that Jesus looked much different in heaven than he did when he was on earth?

When Jesus came back to earth, he was in His glorified body



His body had new abilities:

While physical, his glorified body also had new abilities, such as appearing and disappearing at will, and perhaps transcending physical limitations.

In several accounts, Jesus ate with his disciples, proving he had a physical form.

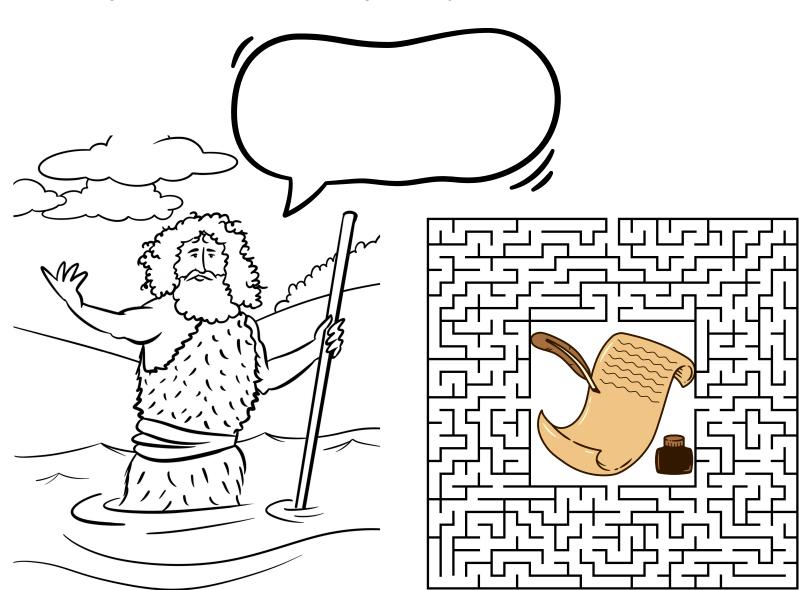
The resurrected Jesus had scars from the crucifixion wounds. demonstrating that it was the same physical body





John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah

- 19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.
- 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, I am not the Messiah."
- 21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."
- 22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"
- 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord."







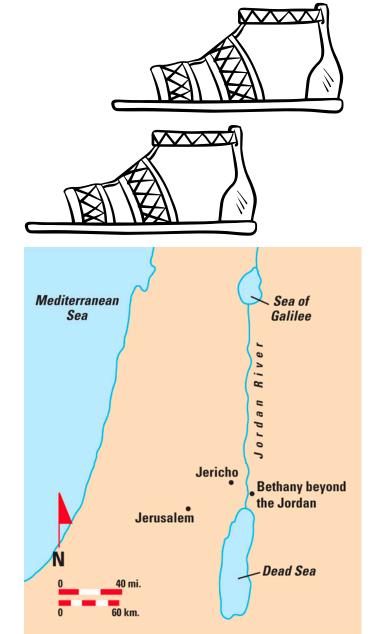
24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent

25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know.

27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

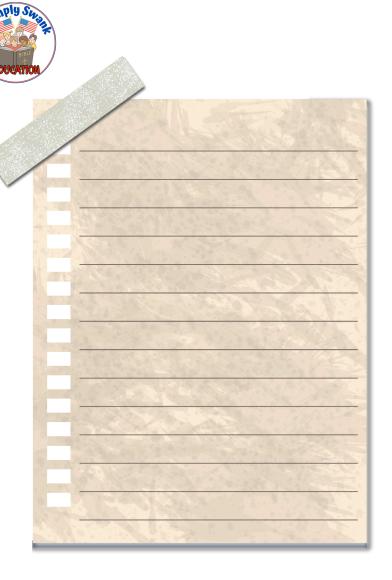


Was John the Baptist the Messiah?

What prophet talked about John 700 years before he was born?

Whose sandals was John unworthy to untie?

What river was John the Baptist baptising people in?

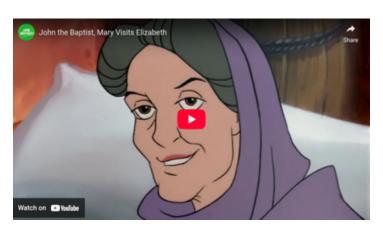


John, as in John the Baptist, was related to Jesus as his cousin.

Their mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, were related, making them second cousins.

John the Baptist also played a crucial role in Jesus's ministry by baptizing him and proclaiming him as the Messiah







John Testifies About Jesus

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."



Who did John see coming towards him?

What did John call Jesus?

What was the reason John needed to baptise Jesus?

What did the Holy Spirit look like when he came down from heaven and rested on Jesus?

Who is God's Chosen One?