

Matthew 3:11-17

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“I baptize you with **water** for repentance. But after me comes one who is more **powerful** than I, whose **sandals** I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and **fire**. His winnowing **fork** is in his hand, and he will **clear** his threshing **floor**, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the **Jordan** to be baptized by **John**. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was **opened**, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”