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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.



Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

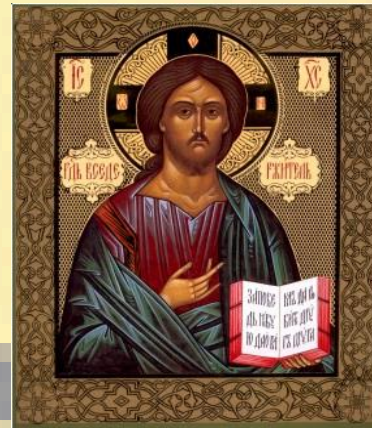
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



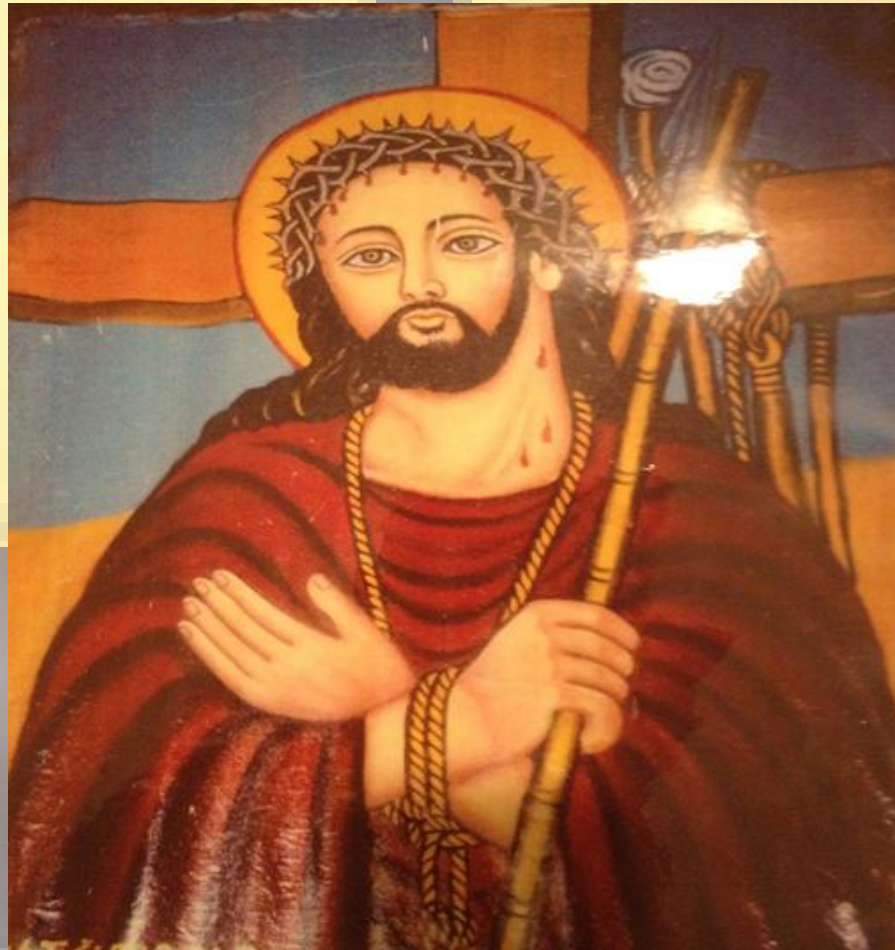
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



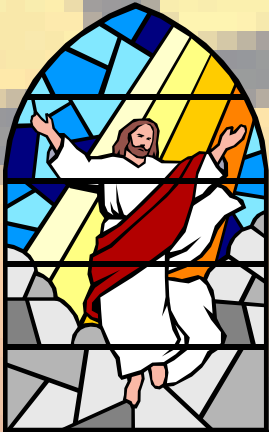
# MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me  
last week's  
memory verse???**

# **Recite Last week's memory verse**

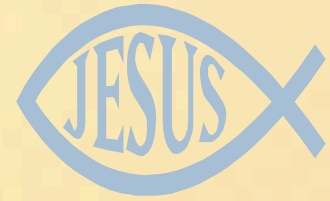
**The Father has sent His Son to be the  
Savior of the world.**

**(1 John 4:14)**



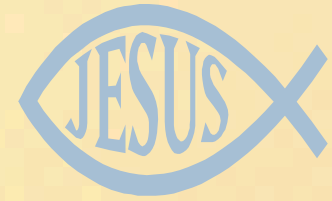


# Review

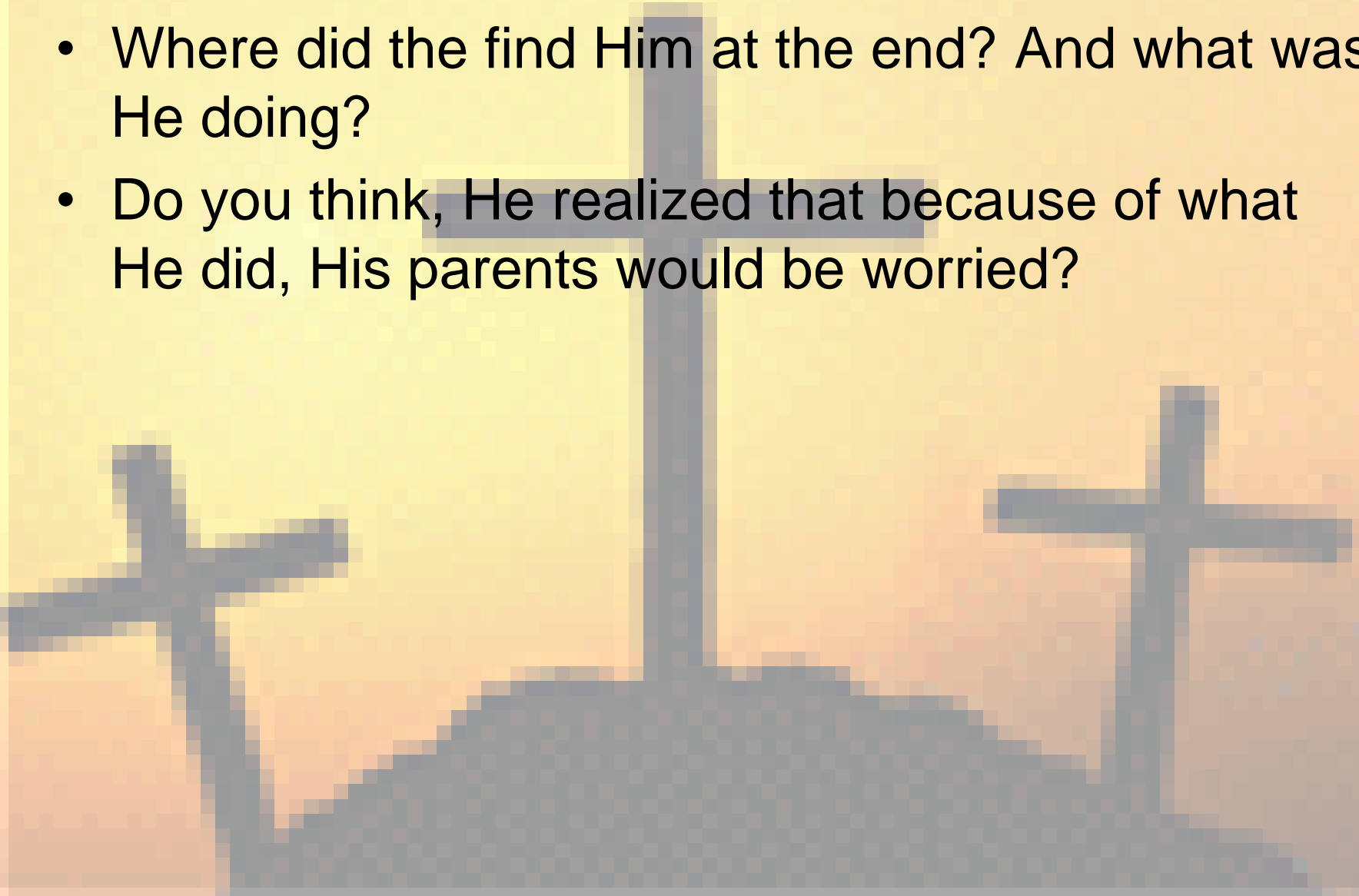


- Why did Mother Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus with them to Egypt.
- What was the reason they returned to Israel?
- Who told them to return?
- What holiday were being celebrated when Jesus went to Jerusalem with His parents?
- At what age does a Jewish boy considered an adult?
- Why did Jesus stay behind and not go with His parents to Nazareth?
- How many days did it take Mary and Joseph to find Jesus?




# Review



- Where did they find Him at the end? And what was He doing?
- Do you think, He realized that because of what He did, His parents would be worried?



# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# Epiphany - Baptism of Jesus Christ



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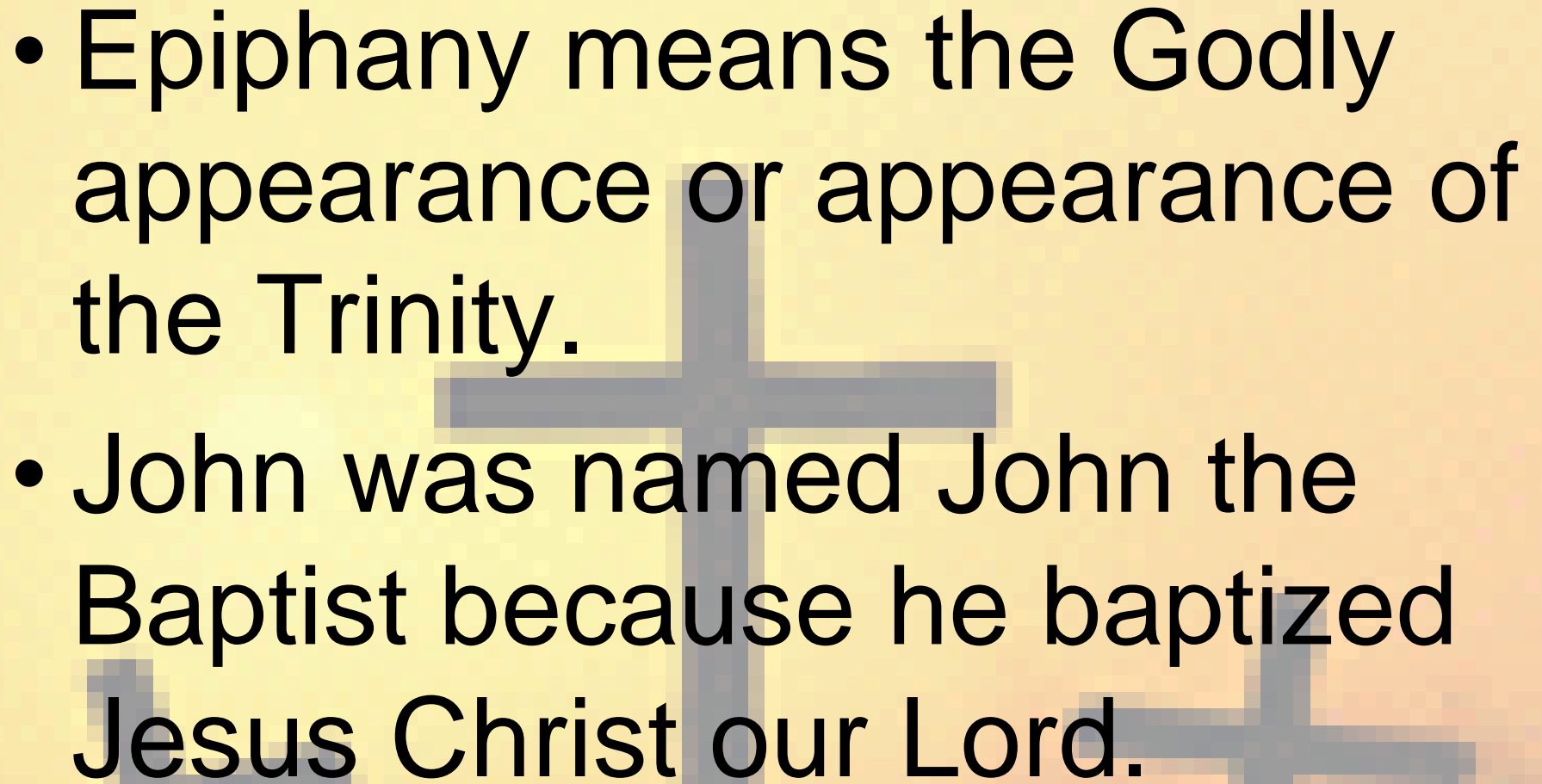
# Memorize today's Verse

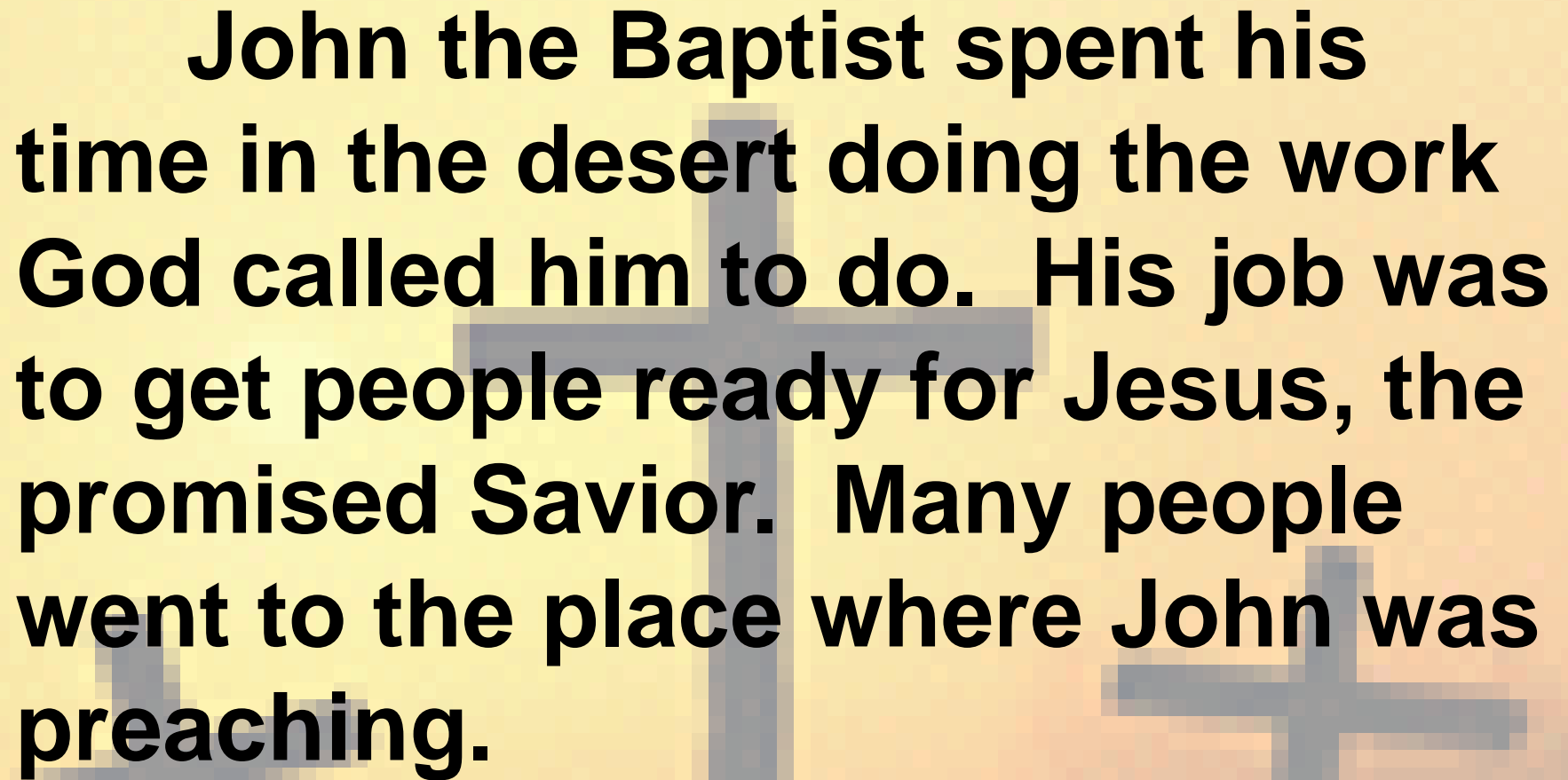
**“This is my beloved Son in whom I am pleased”.**  
**(Matthew 3: 17)**



**Practice this verse  
again during the  
week.**



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- Epiphany means the Godly appearance or appearance of the Trinity.
  - John was named John the Baptist because he baptized Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**John the Baptist spent his time in the desert doing the work God called him to do. His job was to get people ready for Jesus, the promised Savior. Many people went to the place where John was preaching.**

**God wants you to repent, John said to the people.**

**Repent** means to be **sorry** for your sin and hate and give it up. John told the people to obey God and get ready for the coming of the Savior. When the people heard this message, some of them were sorry they had disobeyed God. “I am sorry for my sin, they said.



**Then the people went down in the Jordan River and John baptized them. The water was put on them to show they were sorry for all their sins and that they wanted to trust and obey God.**

**By the time John was preaching and baptizing, Jesus had grown to be a man. He was 30 years old. He left Galilee and went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John did not want to baptize Jesus. I am not worthy to even untie your sandals,” John said. I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me to be baptized?**

**Jesus, God's son, had never sinned and did not need to repent but wanted to set a perfect example before all who should follow Him. So Jesus obeyed His heavenly Father and went in the water of the Jordan River to be baptized by John.**

**When Jesus came out of the river 2 miracles happened. Heaven opened and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove and rested on Jesus. Secondly, the voice of God spoke from heaven and said,**





"This is my Son,  
whom I love;  
with Him I am  
well pleased."  
Matthew 4: 16



**In Ethiopia, the baptism of Christ is called Timket and is one of the biggest celebrations of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.**





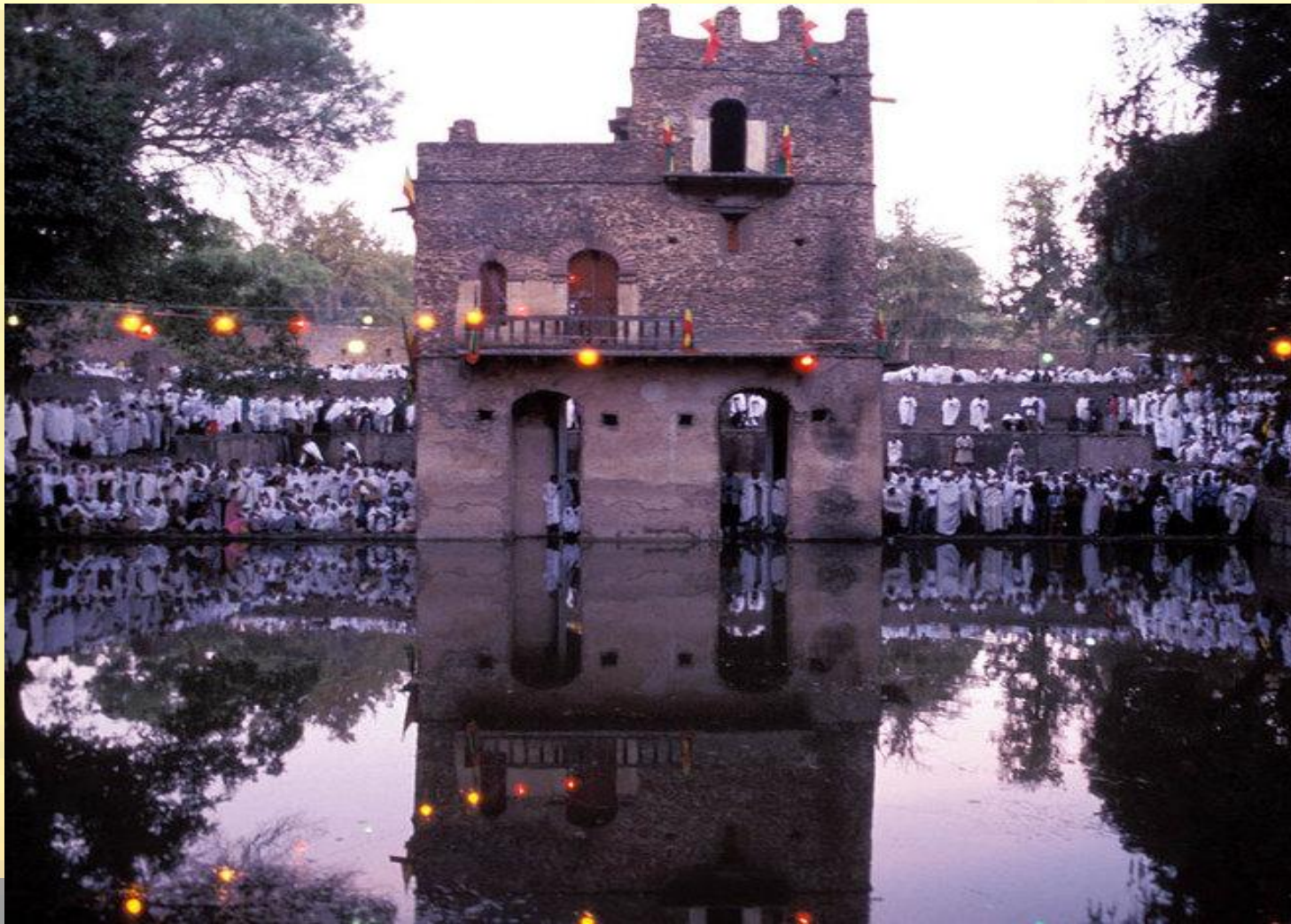


**During the ceremonies of Timkat, the Tabot, a model of the Ark of the Covenant, which is present on every Ethiopian altar (somewhat like the Western altar stone), is reverently wrapped in rich cloth and born in procession on the head of the priests.**



**After prayers are done,**





**The priests pray on the water and members of the congregation bring water bottles to be blessed in this occasion. At the end of the Water Liturgy, the priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water.**



# Conclusion

**-Jesus was baptized to help us follow Him and become Christians and enjoy the blessing of being the children of God.**

**-We cannot be children of God unless we are baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

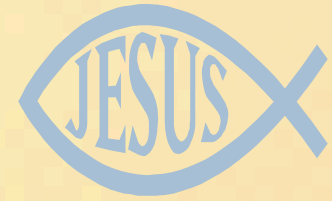


# Movie Clip

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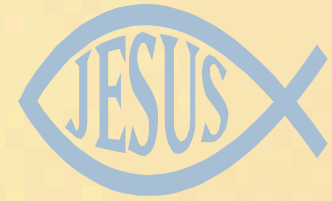


# Pop Quiz



1. Who baptized Our Lord Jesus Christ?  
(John)
2. Where was Jesus baptized?  
(In the Jordan river)
3. How old was Jesus Christ when He was baptized? (30)
4. What did John tell the people?  
(They should turn away from their sins; the promised Savior was coming.)

# Pop Quiz



5. What did Jesus ask John to do?  
(Jesus asked John to baptize him.)

6. Why Jesus was baptized?  
(To set an example)

7. What are the two miracles that were seen when Jesus Christ came out of the water?

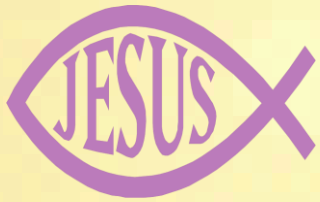
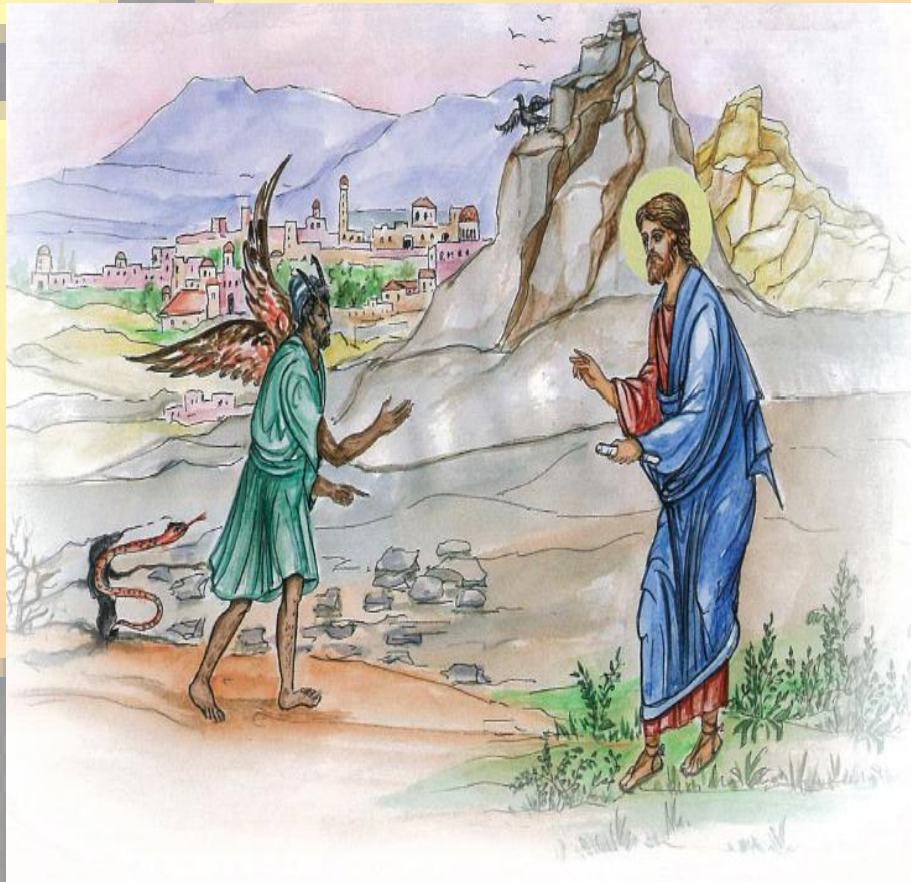
- Heaven opened and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove and rested on Jesus.
- This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.



The End

# Next Week

We will learn about Jesus being tempted by satan.







May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

## **3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God**

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)







We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know  
the truth, and the  
truth shall make you  
free.” John 8:32*



Any question?

Close with prayer.

