

Reflection 1/3/17

Why do you think the angels announced the birth of the Messiah, the Savior, to the shepherds first?

The Mission of Jesus

Chapter 6 page 43-48

Learning Objectives

- Explain that the mission of Christ was to proclaim and make present the reign of God.
- Identify the roles of Jesus as prophet, priest and king.
- Explain the significance of Jesus' baptism.

Was Jesus a priest, prophet or king?



“We are each called to do a certain work. No one can do it for us. If we fail to do so, it won’t be done.”

Mission = Sent

We carry out our mission in the roles we have.

***Read the first paragraph on page 43 “The Role of the Messiah” and then list *your* roles. Be prepared to share.**

Infancy Narratives – proclaim Jesus to be the Messiah (Christ). Messiah= Anointed One

Today, you will see how Jesus began his mission in the world.

Continue to read the remainder of page 43

Jesus as the role of Priest

The stole represents the people in offering sacrifice to God.

How did Jesus fulfill this role?

***Use an elbow partner to discuss**



Jesus as the role of Prophet

The scroll speaks to God and calls people to conversion.

How did Jesus fulfill this role of Prophet?

***Use an elbow partner to discuss**



Jesus as the role of King

The crown has the greatest power and authority in a kingdom.

How did Jesus fulfill this role of King?

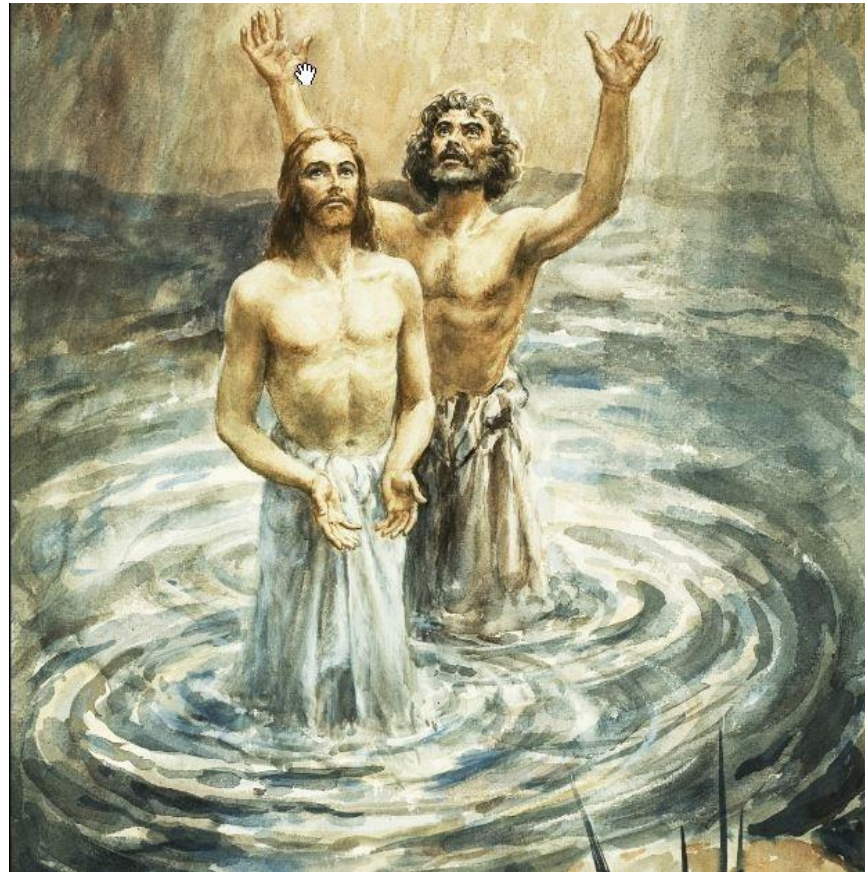
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What was Jesus' mission? Was it fulfilled? How do you know?

John the Baptist

What was his mission in life?



Read Luke 1:57-66

1. How was the birth of John the Baptist announced?
2. What happened to Zechariah?
3. How was John named?
4. What did Zechariah do after John was born?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptF0aybnoUc>

Compare the births of Jesus and John

In Luke's Gospel, how was John's birth similar to Jesus' birth?

Read page 44 of the text

1. Why did John baptize people?
2. John first refused to baptize Jesus, saying “I ought to be baptized by you.” Why did John say this?

Read Luke 3:10-14

Imagine what message John would have for them related to each role you have listed on page 43.

Example: Grandchild – respect your grandparents

Read Mark 6:17-29

Prophets are often killed. How did John die?

How do we share these roles of Jesus since we are anointed with oil at Baptism?

