

(NEW TESTAMENT)

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

A voice of one, calling in the desert, preparing the way of the Lord

John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus, speaking words like a sharp edged sword

Baptized his followers, as a symbol of repentance, saving them from moral decay

Repeatedly prophesized, one much greater, soon would be coming their way.

The one to follow, would baptize instead, with the Holy Spirit and fire

Empowering his believers, to preach the gospel; a ministry he would require

Unrepentant people, would be harshly judged, as a punishment for their sin

While those who repented and believed in him, with God their journey would begin.

One day suddenly, Jesus came to the river, requesting to be baptized

Somehow knowing, his cousin was much greater, John was totally shocked and surprised

When from the water Jesus finally came, God's Spirit descended like a dove

And a voice from heaven clearly said, "This is my Son whom I love."

The baptism of Jesus, served as an example, of how to be born again

To feed and be fed by God's own hand; with the mission of souls to win

For it's through the water, we're refreshed and renewed, born again to love and care

Though many in body, we're one in family, to the world God's Word we will share.



("The Baptism of Jesus" painted by Doris Cox)

Luke 3: 22

"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.