L.O. to read and explore the Gospel accounts of key events in the life of Jesus: The Baptism of the Lord.

## Week 5
## Week Beginning 1/2/2021



# The Baptism of Jesus

Lesson 1

John the Baptist began his teaching in the desert of Judea. He knew he had been born to be 'set apart for God'. John devoted his life to encouraging people to repent of their sins and prepare them for the coming of the Messiah.

John was not afraid to say what he thought. He had a voice of authority when he spoke and he used it to tell people to turn away from sin, and be baptised as a sign of repentance. People flocked to be baptised by him.

He said, "I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

One day, Jesus came to the River Jordan to be baptised by John. John did not feel he was qualified to do such an important thing and he said,

"I need to be baptised by you."

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now. For in this way we do all that God requires."

John finally agreed and baptised Jesus.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God came down like a dove. A voice from heaven said,

"This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Mt. 3: 13-17 – The Baptism of Jesus

# Task: Read the bible story.

What does the voice say about Jesus in the story of his Baptism?

What does it tell us about Jesus' relationship with God?



"This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

# The Sacrament of Baptism

Through Baptism Christians become Children of God in a special way. Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan. We are baptised with water.



Holy Water



Oils of Chrism & Baptism




Baptismal Candle



Clothed in white

Think of the symbols of Baptism, what do they represent from the bible story?

# The Baptism of Jesus

## Religious Art

Lesson 2

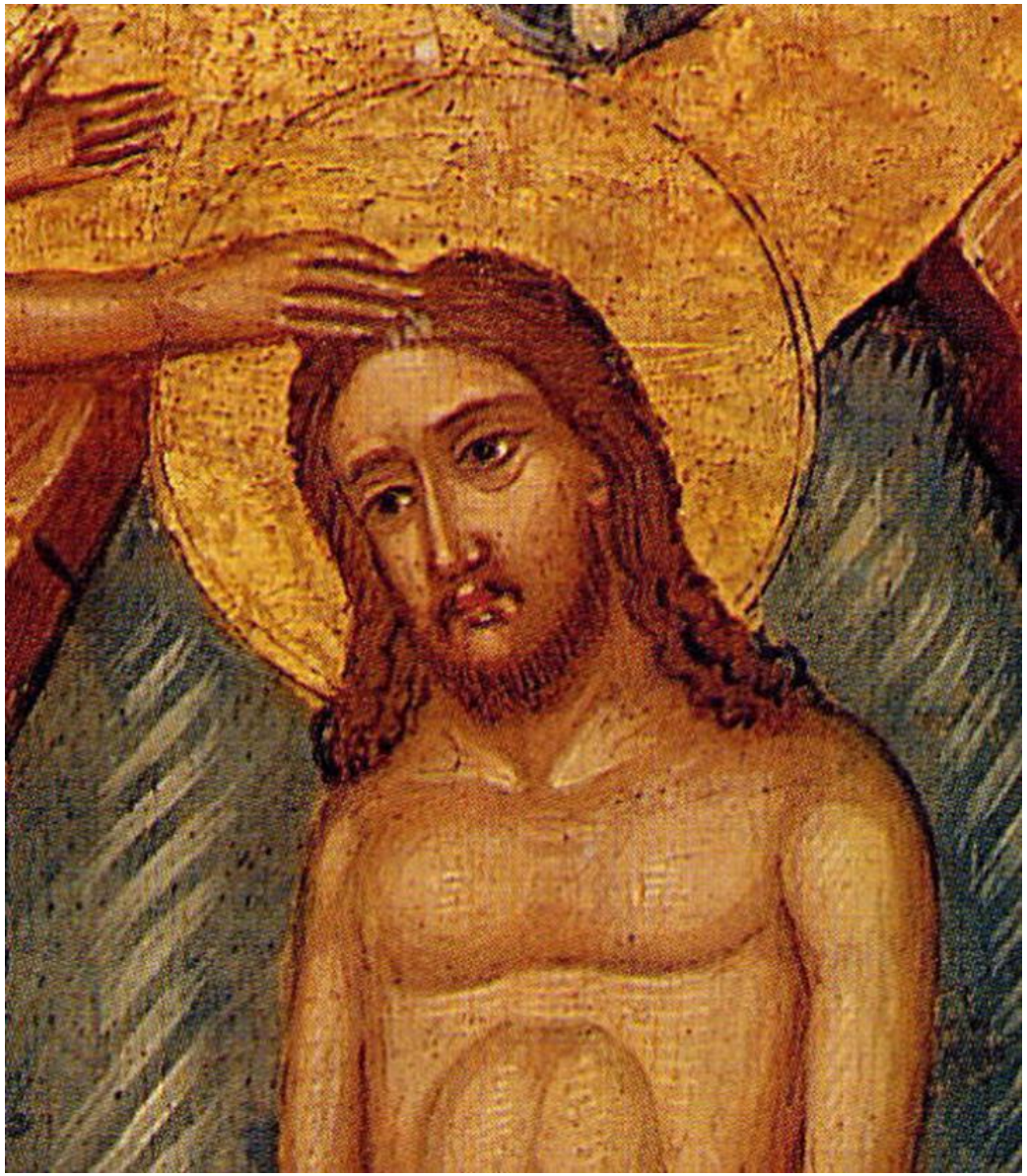


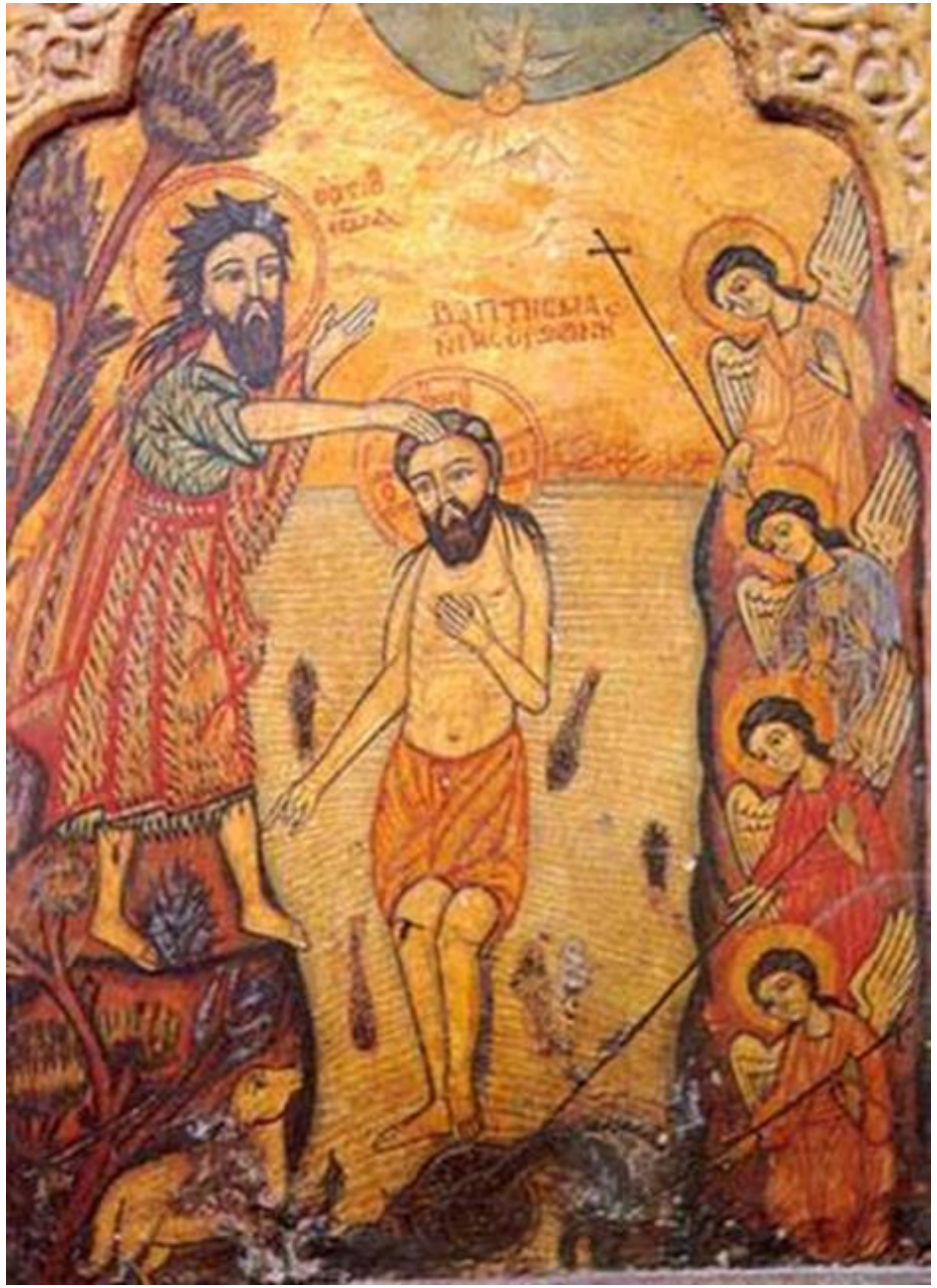
## Task: Look carefully at each of the images and try and identify all the characters and symbols mentioned in the bible story

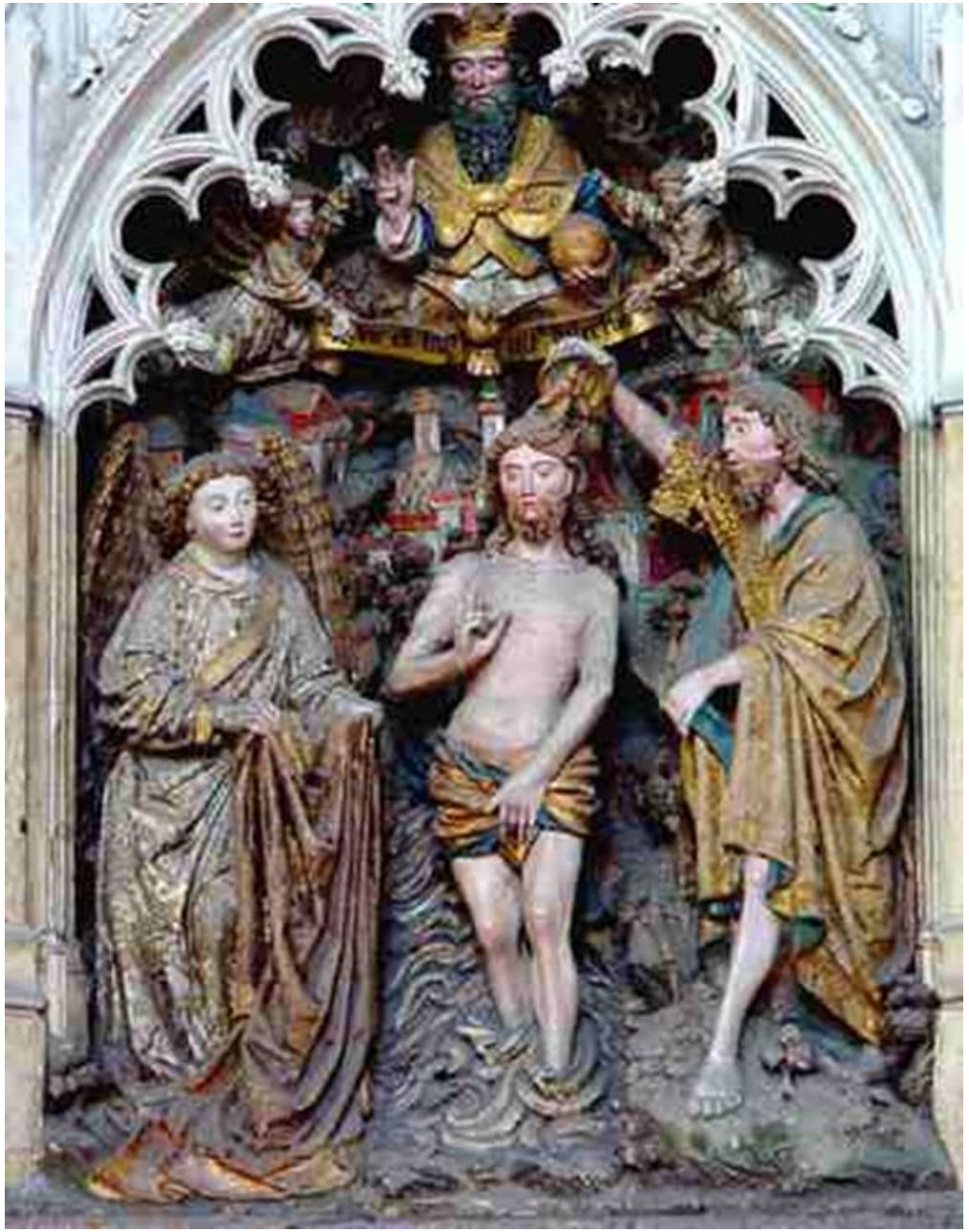
- Look at representations of the Baptism of Jesus in Religious art.
- Look at the posture of the characters and their expressions.
- Identify the setting of the paintings and the symbol of the Holy Spirit in the painting.
- What do you learn about the baptism of Jesus from this Religious art.



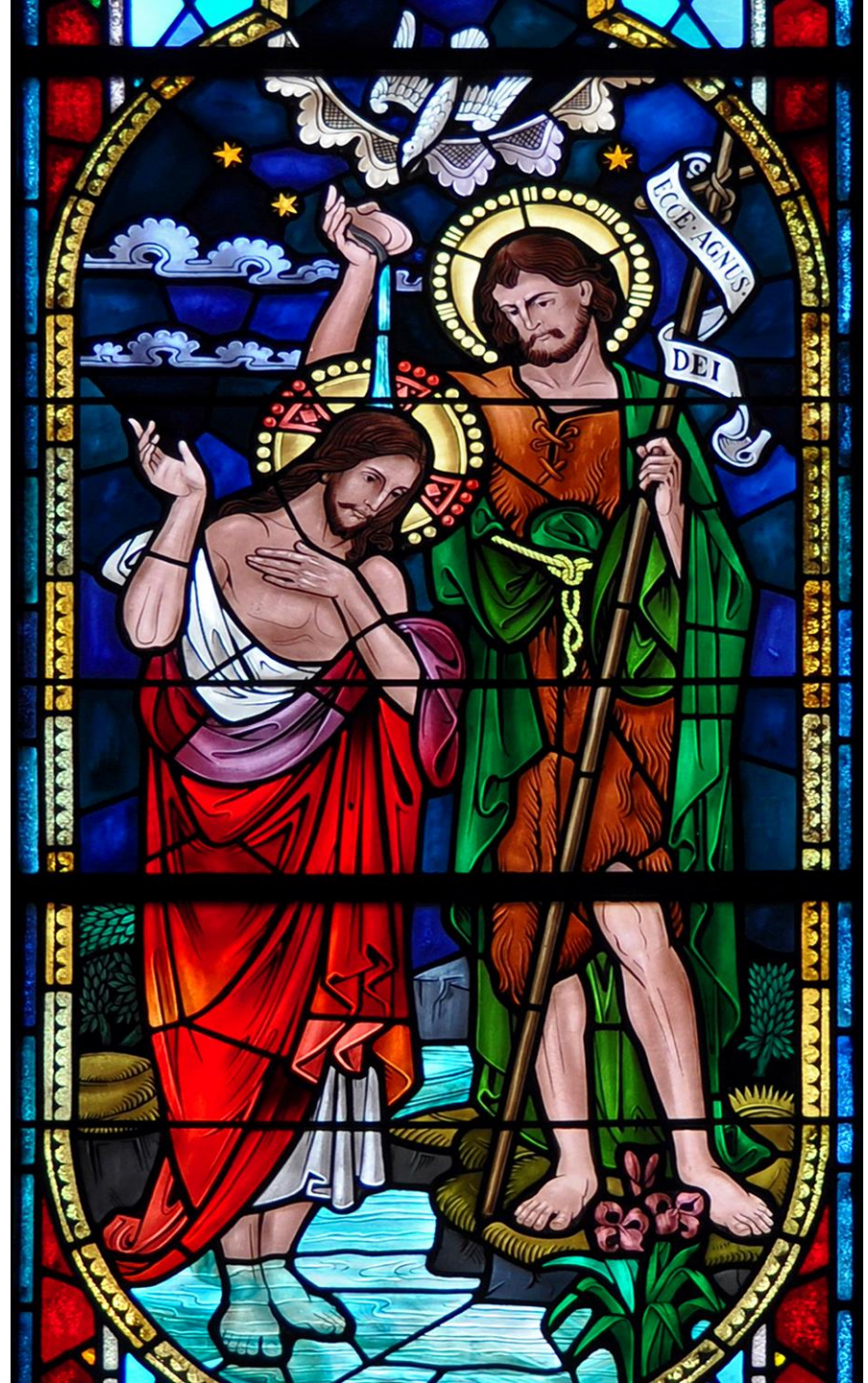






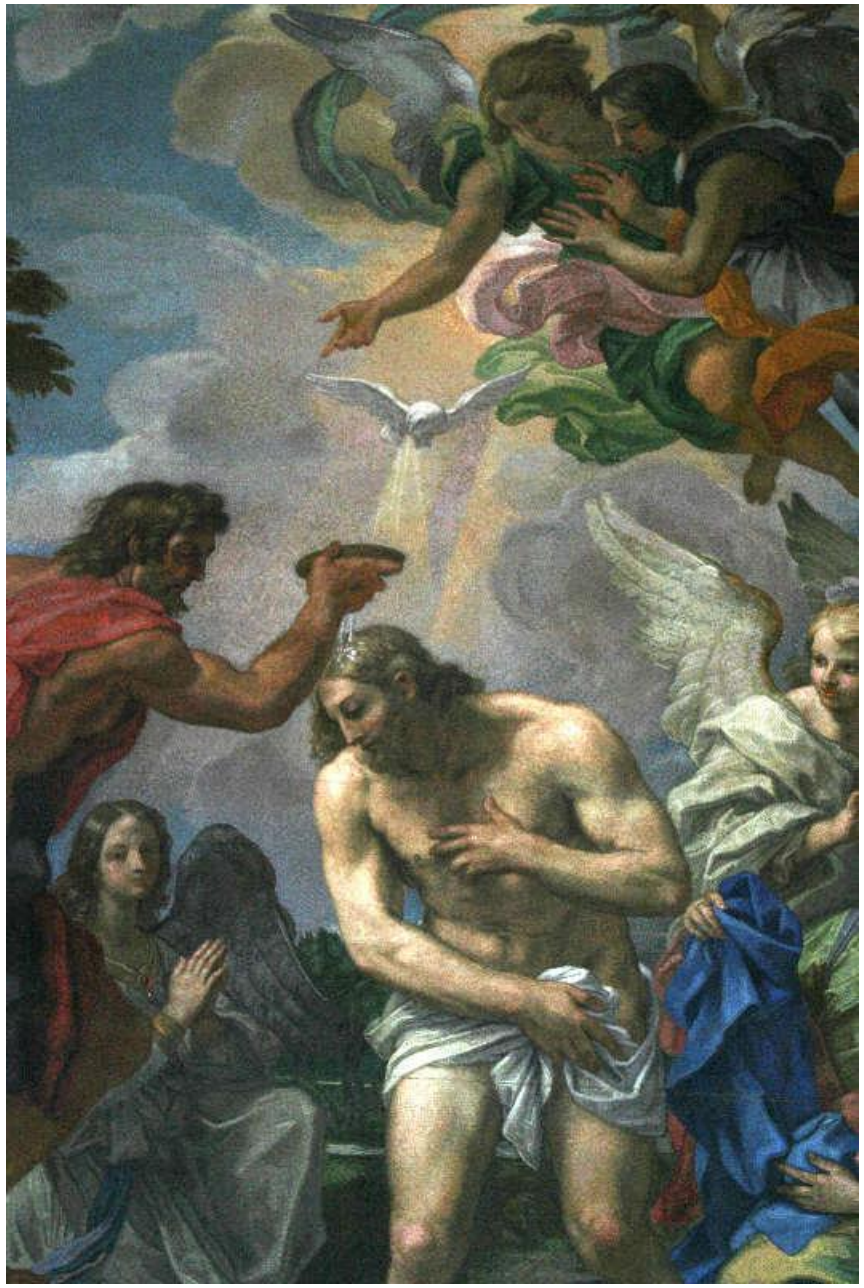


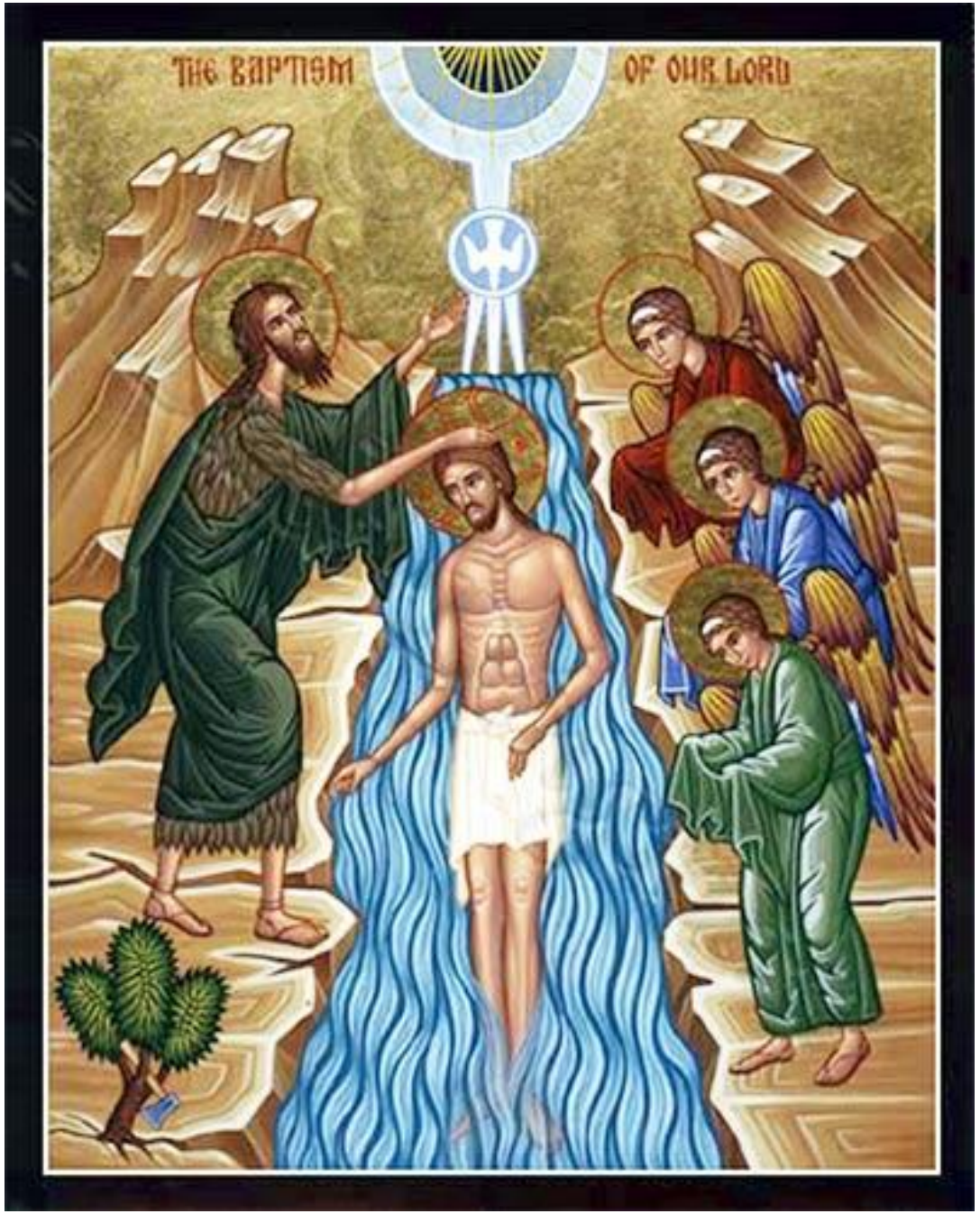



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Task: Choose the painting that most appeals to you, and which you feel best illustrates and explains this important event in Jesus' life. Explain why you like the painting.

How is the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) represented?

Can you spot any of the symbols of Baptism? Water, Light (candle)

How would you depict this story? Try to create your own art work.