

Mk 1: 7-11 (The Message)

7 As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life.

8 I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism - a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit - will change you from the inside out."

9 At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him.

11 Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."