

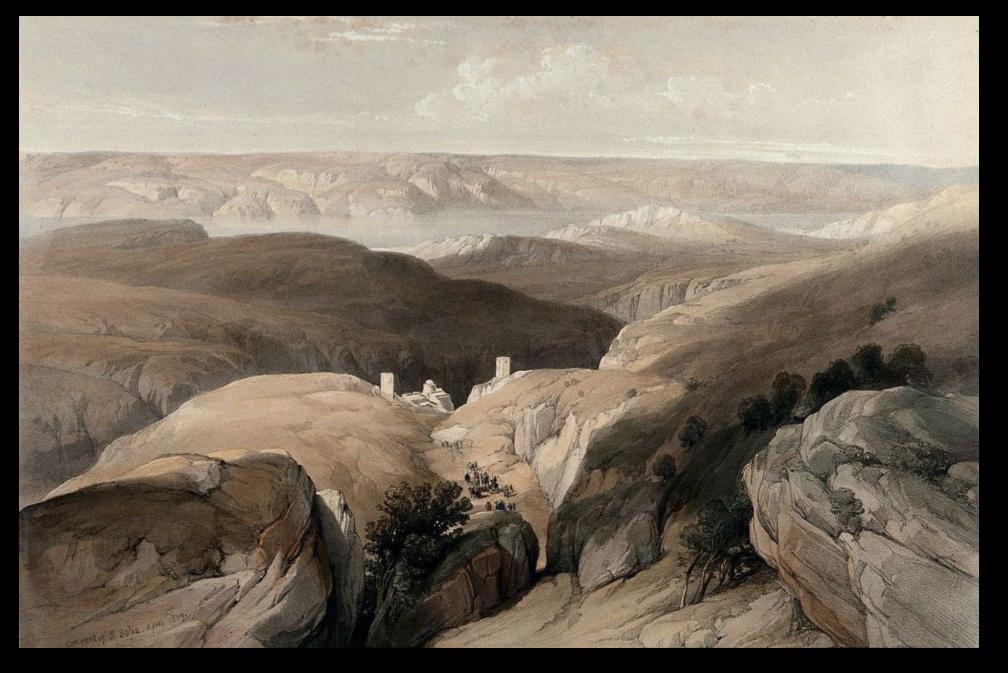
Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.

Genesis 1:3, 4a



Awake My Soul

Mike Moyers Nashville, TN The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; ...
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl ...
May the LORD bless his people with peace!



Engedi Wilderness, St. Saba Monastery, Israel -- David Roberts/Louis Haghe, Wellcome Trust

When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied--

Acts 19:6



Easter Eve, Laying on of Hands

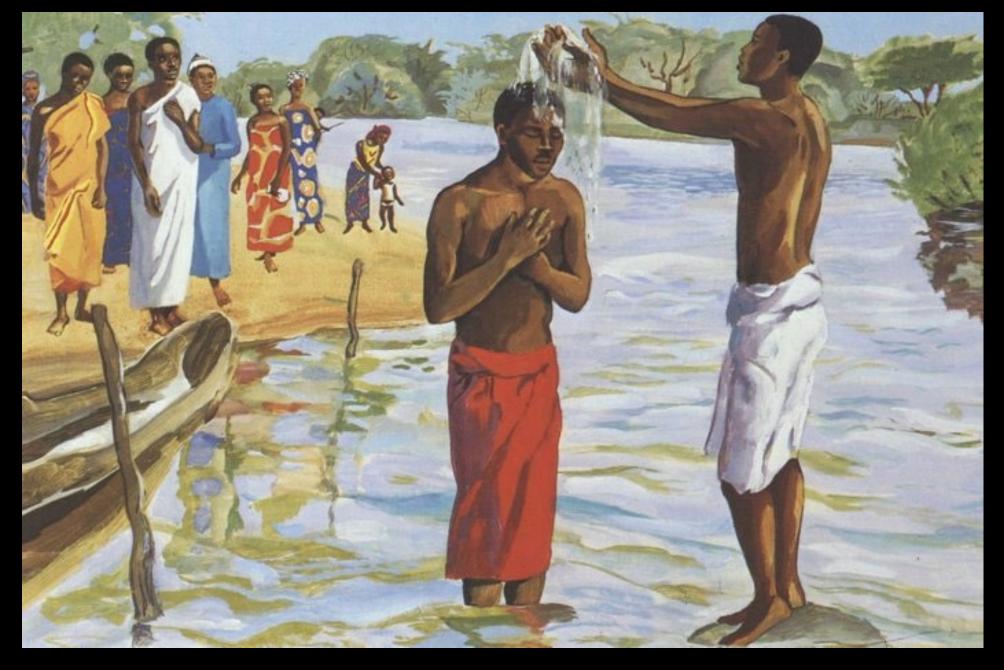
St. Ignatius Church

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.



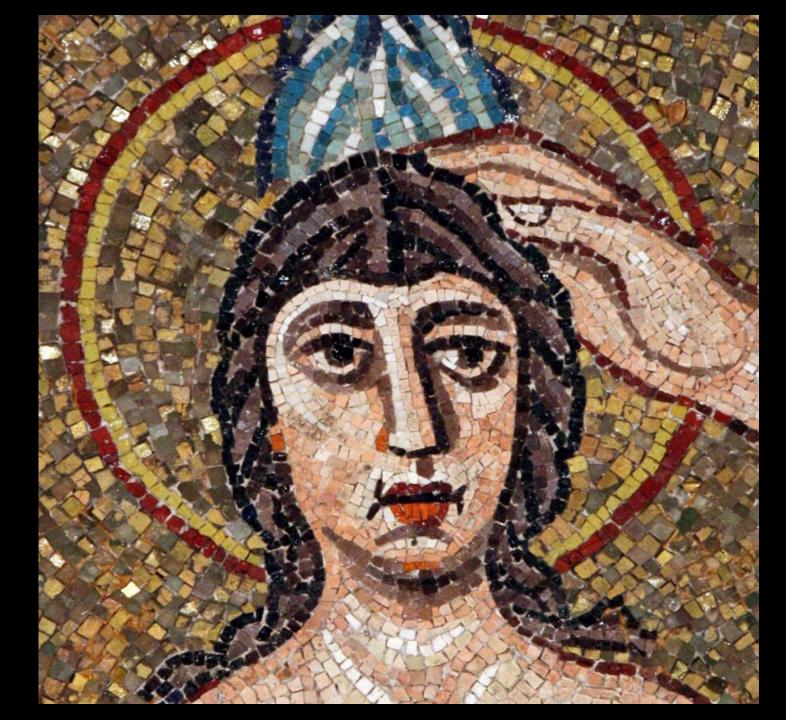
John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness -- Pieter Brueghel the Younger

And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.



Baptism of Jesus -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.



John Baptizing Christ

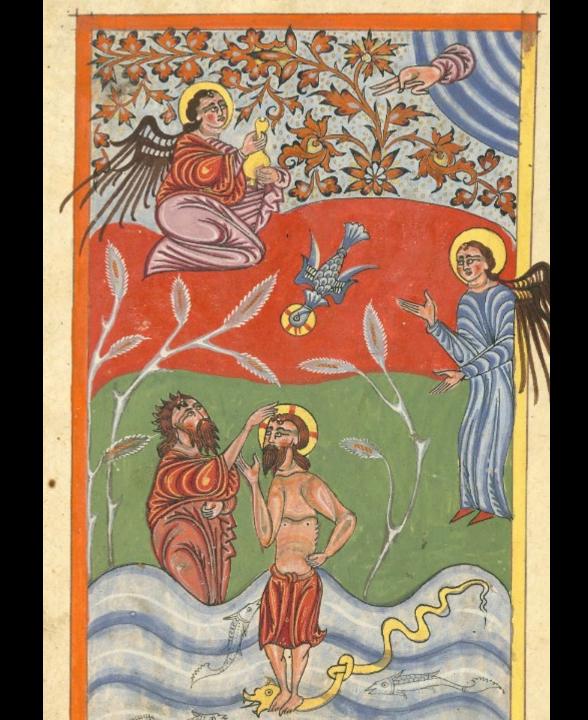
Arian Baptistery Ravenna, Italy

## I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



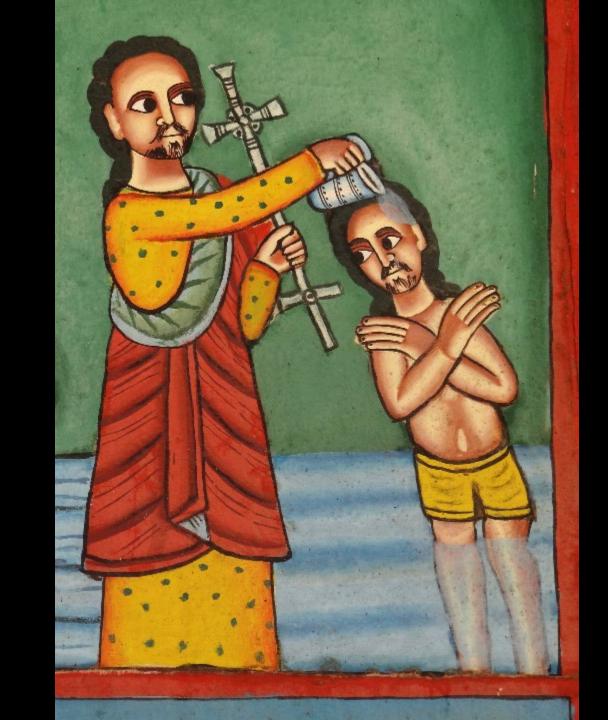
John Baptizing Christ

Lorenzo Scott SAAM Washington, DC



Baptism of Christ

Yohannes Vardapet Armenian Gospel Book Walters Art Museum Baltimore, MD In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.



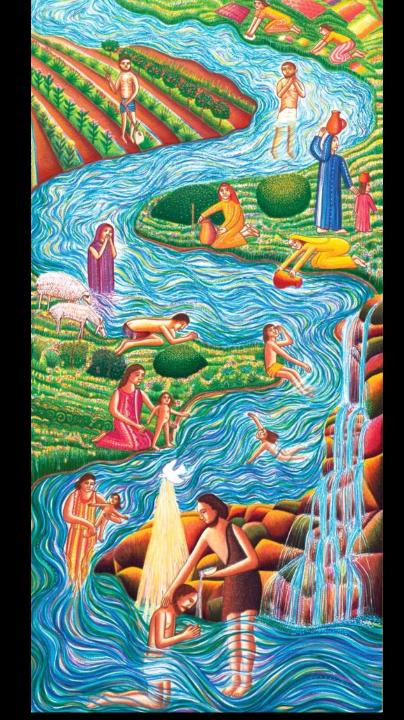
John Baptizing Jesus

I Yesus Church Axum, Ethiopia And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.



Baptism of Christ -- Dave Zelenka

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



River

John August Swanson

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