

The Mission of Jesus

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 6**.

❖ As God's Son, Jesus was anointed the Christ. In this role, he came to earth as prophet, priest, and king.

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❖ *Christ* is another name for *Messiah*. The Messiah is the Savior the Jewish people awaited and who was spoken of in Scripture. *Christ* means "anointed one." The Israelites anointed prophets, priests, and kings with oil. Jesus was God's anointed one.

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❖ In Jesus' time, most Jewish people were expecting a Messiah to overthrow Rome. Jesus' mission as Messiah was to proclaim and make present the reign of God.

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❖ God's kingdom is not a place. It is the rule of God over our hearts. Jesus came to earth to proclaim God's kingdom on earth.

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❖ Elizabeth's baby leaped for joy when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, came to help her. Elizabeth's baby was John the Baptist.

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❖ Jesus was sinless, but through his baptism, he took on the sins of the world. This act symbolized that he was ready to die for us.

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❖ The epiphany after Jesus' baptism was the revelation of the Trinity through Jesus, God's voice, and the Holy Spirit as a dove.

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❖ Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, praying and fasting to prepare for his mission. This time echoes the 40 years the Israelites spent in the desert. Satan appeared to Jesus when he was in the desert and tempted him. Jesus overcame Satan and refused to compromise with evil.

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❖ Temptations are people, circumstances, and things that entice us to do what is wrong or to omit doing what is good. Temptations are not sins. Sin is choosing to do what is wrong or to omit what is good.

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❖ Mortal sins are serious sins that completely break off our relationship with God. Venial sins are less serious sins. They weaken our relationship with God.

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❖ Original sin, the consequences of the sin of our first parents, leaves us weak and makes it a struggle sometimes for us to do what is right.

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