

# The Baptism of Jesus - CROWD

- Initially confused by John's reaction not to baptise
- Then amazed and awestruck by the scene, with the dove and voice
- Jesus is publicly identified to the people
- A ripple of excitement - they would want to tell others about what they had seen; the first witnesses
- The Messiah has come!

# The Baptism of Jesus - JOHN

- John is an agent of God's action
- Jesus confirms John's status and fulfils his ministry
- He would feel privileged and humbled by the role reversal
- John accepted his role, which was later affirmed by the dove
- Although Jesus does not need repentance, his baptism pictures the spiritual rebirth that Jesus will bring

# The Baptism of Jesus - JESUS

- Jesus is affirming John's ministry
- He is identifying with the people who also were baptised by John
- He is submitting himself to God's will
- Jesus would be both excited by the moment and perhaps daunted by the task ahead
- It is the pivotal start of his ministry
- Enabled by God's Spirit
- Identifies God as being not just in the temple - radical
- Dove - assured of God's Spirit

# The Baptism of Jesus - GOD

- A fulfilment of scripture (Psalm 2:7)
- God chose Jesus
- God's plan for humanity - a conscious decision about the time and place
- Public affirmation of Jesus as God's Son
- Public start of Jesus' ministry
- Dove - sign of God's Spirit on Jesus, declaring him God's Son (fulfilment of Isaiah 42:1)