

# THE SUNDAY PAPER

Year B  
1st SUNDAY  
after  
EPIPHANY

Advent and Christmas are over. We have finished waiting for the Messiah, and now we will no longer be thinking of the Messiah as a little baby. Instead, we are learning how Jesus was the Messiah, because he grew up and did the Messiah's work, and made God's ancient promises start to come true!

Our Gospel today takes us back to John the Baptist.

## JESUS IS BAPTIZED

Mark 1:4-11

WHEN JESUS WAS ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, JOHN WAS TELLING THE PEOPLE ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM!



John baptized people to help them wash away their sinfulness and get ready for what God was going to do.

Christians are baptized for the same reasons. But besides that, something special happens when we are baptized. God shares his Spirit with us so we can join in the Messiah's work!

