

The Holy Spirit's Role in the Life of Jesus

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Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Lk. 1:35, Matt. 1:18, 20, Is. 7:14) He also anointed Jesus at his baptism. (Acts 10:38, Matt. 3:16)

Thus, Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit so he could accomplish his saving mission and perform miracles. (Lk. 4:14, 4:18, Matt. 12:28, 18, Is. 42:1) He also led Jesus into the desert. (Mk. 1:12)

The coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church depended on Jesus's death, burial, resurrection and ascension. This is why Jesus mentioned that "another comforter" or "Paraclete" would abide with all believers for ever. (Jn. 14:16, 26)

The Spirit's role in the life of Jesus shows that Son-ship and spirit possession are identical – Jesus and born-again believers are united with God through the Holy Spirit. (Lk. 3:22)

His role in Jesus's life also shows us the rich sovereignty of God, the beauty of the Trinity, and it gave mankind a glimpse of what was to come when the Holy Spirit would indwell believers.