

Holy Spirit's Ministry to Jesus

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Although we experience Jesus throughout Immanuel, we could not know Him without the Holy Spirit. He played a crucial part in Jesus' life while Jesus was doing His Father's will on earth. He now plays a necessary part in our lives.

Studies included in this article are the thirteen ministries of the Holy Spirit to Jesus recorded in Scripture.

1. To play a part in the conception of Jesus

Matthew 1:18, 20 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit... But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you**, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

2. To baptize Jesus in the Spirit

Luke 3:21-22 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the **Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him**, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Luke 4:1 Then Jesus, **being filled with the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

John 1:32-33 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and **He remained upon Him**. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and **remaining on Him**, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

3. To give Him power

Luke 4:14 Then Jesus returned **in the power of the Spirit** to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth **with the Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

4. To work through Him.

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5. To lead, drive, purpose in Him

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was **led up by the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Mark 1:12 Immediately **the Spirit drove Him** into the wilderness.

Luke 4:1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan **and was led by the Spirit** into the wilderness.

6. To baptize His followers

Isaiah 63:11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses *and* his people, *saying*: "Where *is* He who brought them up out of the sea With the shepherd of His flock? Where *is* **He who put His Holy Spirit within them.**

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

Mark 1:8 I indeed baptized you with water, but He will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**

Luke 3:16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**"

7. To facilitate communion in the Godhead

Luke 10:21 In that hour **Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit** and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight."

8. To empower Jesus' ministry

Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because **He has anointed Me To** preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; "To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.

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9. To raise Christ from the dead

Romans 8:11 But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh **but made alive by the Spirit**.

10. To vindicate/justify Jesus Christ

Romans 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with **power according to the Spirit** of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead**.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, **Justified in the Spirit**, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

11. To precede from the Father and sent by the Son to His disciples

John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom **I shall send** to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father**, He will testify of Me.

John 7:39 But this He spoke concerning **the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive**; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit**."

Acts 2:33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of **the Holy Spirit, He poured out** this which you now see and hear.

12. To bear witness that Jesus Christ is the Son of God

1 John 5:6, 8 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth...And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

13. To make Him known

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