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- 2) I tell others about Jesus.
- 3) I love honey.

How do you identify with Jesus?

- 1) I know God is pleased with me.
- 2) I want to obey.
- 3) I want to be baptized.

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- 2) So God could declare He was the Messiah.
- 3) So others would get baptized.

What did the Spirit signify?

- 1) God was with Jesus.
- 2) God's favor.
- 3) The flood was over.

If you have been baptized, what did it mean to you?

- 1) That I am not afraid of water.
- 2) That I am saved.
- 3) That I belong to God.

What would you like to hear God say to you?

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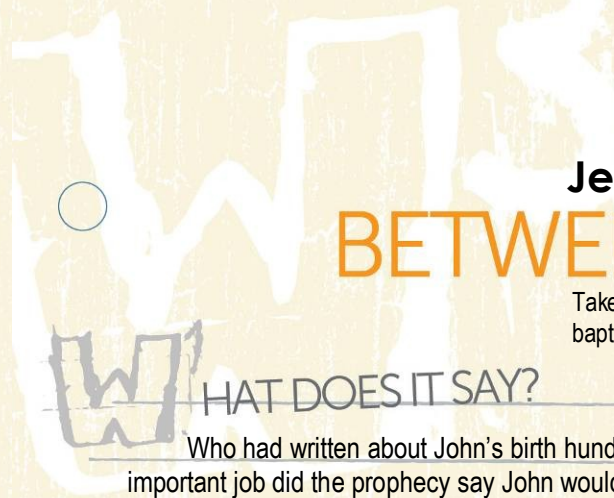
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What was the role of God, the Father?

What was the role of God, the Holy Spirit?



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