

Isaiah 11:1-2 & Matthew 3:16-17 NIV 1984

Isaiah 11:1-2 *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.*

Matthew 3:16-17 *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on Him.¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."*

A Family Tree: "From the stump of Jesse to the Savior of all: David's lineage, Jesus' legacy"

A Divine Mission: In these verses, we see the divine trio: The Spirit anoints, the Son fulfills, and the Father affirms—the Triune God in perfect unity.

- In these two passages we see the **presence** and **manifestation** of the Holy Spirit

"It takes the Trinity to make a Christian, it takes the Trinity to cheer a Christian, it takes the Trinity to complete a Christian, it takes the Trinity to create in a Christian the hope of glory." - Charles Spurgeon

While these two passages clearly speak of the Trinity, their message leans heavily towards the active work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus and His followers.

Isaiah's Holy Spirit: Present and Equipping

- The nature of the Spirit is gentle, "resting" in Isaiah and portrayed as a Dove in Matthew.
- In both Isaiah and Matthew, we see the Holy Spirit as equipping. We also see this on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:4 *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit **enabled** them.*)
 - The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.
 - The Spirit of counsel and of power.
 - The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Matthew's Holy Spirit: Vs. 16 *As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on Him.*

- **A Spirit of Orchestration:** Here we see the timing of God.
- **A Spirit that opens heaven:** Here we see the connection between heaven and earth.
- **A Spirit of Affirmation:** Here we experience the affirmation of God. "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. In the sermon, it was mentioned that the Holy Spirit is seen as a dove in Matthew 3:16. What does this symbolism convey about the nature of the Holy Spirit, and how does it relate to Jesus' baptism?
2. Reflecting on the statement, "It takes the Trinity to make a Christian," how does the concept of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) play a role in your understanding of your faith and relationship with God?
3. The sermon emphasizes the Holy Spirit's role as an equipper, providing wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord. How can believers actively seek and apply these attributes of the Holy Spirit in their lives today?
4. In Matthew 3:17, God affirms Jesus as His beloved Son. How does this affirmation impact your understanding of Jesus' identity and mission? How can this knowledge shape your relationship with Jesus and your confidence in His message?
5. Of all the 3 ways the Spirit is shown to work in Isaiah 11:1-2, which one do you currently need the most?