

# **The Mystery of the Spirit**

## **The Work of the Spirit in the Gospels**

### *Lecture 4*

How would you explain the mystery of the Trinity to a child?

### **His Work in Jesus**

The Holy Spirit features prominently in the life and ministry of Jesus. From conception to resurrection, the Holy Spirit was present.

#### **Conception**

(Luke 1:35; Matthew 1:20)

Why was conception by the Holy Spirit necessary?

#### **Ministry**

(Matthew 3:16; 4:1; Luke 4:14; see also Matthew 12:25-32)

#### **Resurrection**

(1 Peter 3:18; Romans 8:11; Ezekiel 37:11-14)

### **Metaphors for the Spirit**

What is the Spirit like? The Spirit is like:

#### **Water**

(John 7:38-39)

#### **Cleansing**

(Ezekiel 36:25-27)

#### **Nourishing**

(Isaiah 44:3-4)

### ***Freely Given***

(Revelation 22:17)

### **Fire**

(Isaiah 4:4; 1 Corinthians 2.10)

### **Wind**

(John 3:8; 1 Corinthians 12.11; Acts 2.1-4; see also Ezekiel 37.9-14)

### **Oil**

(Isaiah 61:1; 1 John 2.20, 27)

### **A Dove**

(Matthew 3:16)

### **A Voice**

(Matthew 10:20; John 16.13; Hebrews 3.7-8)

### **A Seal**

(Ephesians 1:13-14; 4.30; 2 Corinthians 1.21-22)

## **Application**