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After he was baptized, Jesus went into the desert to pray. He needed to decide what God wanted the Messiah to do to make his Kingdom come. When Jesus came back from this time of prayer, he started to go around the country. He said, "God's kingdom is really coming!" He healed and helped people, so they would know that God was with them.

We call this work Jesus's MINISTRY. (MINISTRY means "helping people.") When Jesus began his ministry, he chose some helpers. We call his helpers DISCIPLES.



Jesus chose his disciples to come with him, learn from him, and help him do God's work. God does not do his work all by himself. He asks us to do it with him!

