John the Baptist taught the people about Jesus Christ. He told them to repent of their sins and be baptized. John baptized those who repented of their sins.

Matthew 3:2–3, 5–6
The people asked John the Baptist how to live better lives. He told them to share with the poor, tell the truth, and be fair to others. He said that Jesus Christ would soon come. Jesus would give them the gift of the Holy Ghost.

*Matthew 3:2, 11-12; Luke 3:10-14*
One day when John the Baptist was baptizing people in the Jordan River, Jesus Christ came to him. He asked John to baptize Him. John knew that Jesus had always obeyed God’s commandments and did not need to repent. John thought that Jesus did not need to be baptized.


But God had commanded all people to be baptized, so Jesus told John to baptize Him. Jesus set an example for us by obeying God’s commandment to be baptized.

Matthew 3:16; 2 Nephi 31:7–9
When Jesus came up out of the water, the Holy Ghost came to Him. God spoke from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” John the Baptist also testified that Jesus was the Son of God.

Matthew 3:16–17; John 1:33–36; Jesus the Christ, 150