

Who is Jesus?

These are the description that go with each painting – they tell the story of Jesus in the correct order.

Activity

In the text there are some missing words. Can you use the word bank to fill in the gaps?

Word Bank

dove	mourning	angels
resurrected	kings	pity
healing	recognise	cured

The Adoration of the Kings by

Jan Gossaert (Jean Gossart)

This large altarpiece is crammed with peasants, animals, angels and richly dressed _____ and courtiers, come to worship the infant Christ, who sits on his mother's lap in a palatial but ruined building

The Baptism of Christ by

Piero della Francesca

Christ stands in a shallow, winding stream as John the Baptist pours a small bowl of water over his head. Three _____ in colourful robes witness the event. At this very moment the voice of God was heard – 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased' (Matthew 3: 16) – and the Holy Ghost, shown here as a _____ flying over Christ's head and towards us, descended upon him.

The Healing of the Man born Blind by

Duccio

It shows Jesus _____ a blind man, an episode told in John's Gospel. Jesus is shown wiping a mixture – made from mud and his own spit – over the man's eyes. The man carries a stick to guide his steps; when he, shown again at the far right of the picture, washes his face in the nearby pool, he drops his stick and looks up, _____.

The Mond Crucifixion by

Raphael

The sun and moon appear simultaneously in the sky, symbolising the eclipse that coincided with Christ's death. Saint Jerome and Mary Magdalene appear at the foot of the Cross and gaze up at Christ's body with reverence and _____. The Virgin, robed in purplish black to denote _____, stands to the left of the Cross and John the Evangelist to the right. They both look at the viewer and wring their hands in grief.

The Supper at Emmaus by

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio

On the third day after the Crucifixion two of Jesus's disciples were walking to Emmaus when they met the _____ Christ. They failed to _____ him, but that evening at supper he '... took bread, and blessed it, and brake and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight' (Luke 24: 30–31)