

## 2. SIGNIFICANCE OF WATER IN THE RELIGION

The **Jain literature** mentions to Varanasi as a Jain holy place since here were born 4 of the Jain Tirthankaras (the form-makers). The region of Sarnath, which is near the Varanasi, also features Jain sacred places such as Digambara Jain Temple, Singhpura – Southwest of the Dhamekh Stupa. Jain ghat, is a holy place for the Jain community for it is close to the birthplace of the seventh Jain Tirthankara which is located at the bank of the Ganga. Near this Ghat there are three Jain temples situated on bank of Ganges. Jain community people have a visit this place and have a dip in the Ganga and then go for prayers one by one in all the three consecrated temples.



## 2.2 Jainism

## 2.2 Christianity

Almost all **Christian** churches or sects have an initiation ritual involving the use of water. In most Western churches today the rite is performed by pouring water over the head three times and sometimes sprinkling water over the head (aspersion). Another important significance of water for Christianity is the "living water" that Jesus described himself as. John 4: 1-42 is the story of Jesus and a Samaritan woman to whom he offers living water so that she will never thirst again, in other words eternal life through him.



Jesus walking on water  
Matthew 14:22-33 New International Version (NIV)

