





THE KINGDOM OF THE BELOVED SON

A Series through the life of Jesus Christ

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John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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but he came to testify about the Light.**

Luke 1

13 Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.

14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.

He shall never take wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb.

16 Many of the sons of Israel he will turn back to the Lord their God.

17 And he will go on before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children [Malachi 4:5–6] and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1

76 And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him,
77 to give to His people the knowledge of salvation through
the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the Dawn will visit us from on high,
79 to shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of
death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”
80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit;
and he lived in the wilderness until the time of his public
appearance to Israel.

Mark 1

1 This is the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“Behold, I will send My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way.” [Malachi 3:1]

3 “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.’ ”

[Isaiah 40:3]

Mark 1

4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 People went out to him from all of Jerusalem and the countryside of Judea.

Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

6 John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

7 And he began to proclaim: "After me will come One more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

Matthew 11

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

“What did you go out into the wilderness to see?

A reed swaying in the wind?

8 Otherwise, what did you go out to see?

A man dressed in fine clothes?

Look, those who wear fine clothing are found in kings' palaces.

9 What then did you go out to see?

A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

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9 The true Light who gives light to every man was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him.

11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

12 But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name,

He gave the right to become children of God—

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.

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14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 John testified concerning Him.

He cried out, saying, “This is He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’ ”

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16 From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is at the Father's side, has made Him known.

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**19 And this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him,
"Who are you?"**

**20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed,
"I am not the Christ."**

**21 "Then who are you?" they inquired. "Are you Elijah?"
He said, "I am not."**

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

**22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need an answer
for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"**

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23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“I am a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’ ” [Isaiah 40:3]

Isaiah 40

3 A voice of one calling:

**“Prepare the way for the LORD in the wilderness;
make a straight highway for our God in the desert.**

**4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill made low;
the uneven ground will become smooth,
and the rugged land a plain. [Luke 3:5]**

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24 Then the Pharisees who had been sent 25 asked him,

“Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

26 “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands One you do not know.

27 He is the One who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

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29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

30 This is He of whom I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’

31 I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel.”

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Repentance - John's baptism was a call to repentance.
- God has mercy for those who confess sin in repentance.

Denying Self - John's mission required his utter selflessness.
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Luke 9

23 Then Jesus said to all of them,

“If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Matthew 26

74 At that he began to curse and swear to them,

“I do not know the man!”

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John 3

26 So John's disciples came to him and said, "Look, Rabbi, the One who was with you beyond the Jordan, the One you testified about—He is baptizing, and everyone is going to Him."

27 John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.

28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but am sent ahead of Him.'

29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom.

The friend of the bridegroom stands and listens for him, and is overjoyed to hear the bridegroom's voice.

That joy is mine, and it is now complete.

30 **He must increase; I must decrease.**

Colossians 3

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Unwavering in Truth - John preached God's hard-to-hear truth.
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11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.



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