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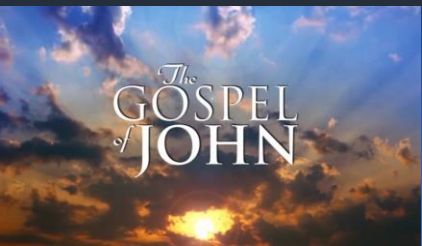
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The Word ("Logos")

➢ Words enable one person to tell another what is in their mind

➢ Logos - Something said or unsaid which embodies a concept or idea

➢ Jesus is The Word

  ➢ John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

  ➢ Rev. 19:11-13 "His name is called The Word of God."

➢ The Word is the expression of God's Mind

  ➢ Hebrews 1:1-3

➢ Through The Word we know God

  ➢ John 8:19 "if you knew Me, you would know My Father also."

  ➢ John 14: "He who has seen Me has seen the Father."

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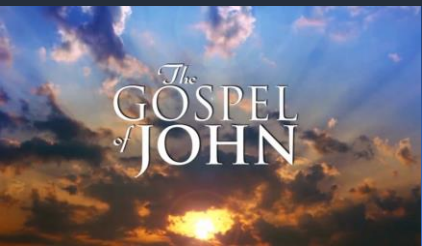
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Jesus is God

➤ In the beginning...the Word was with God (literally "face to face")

➤ The Word was God (Deity)

  ➤ Jesus is not the Father, but is Deity (God)

  ➤ Gnosticism beginning to take root (Jesus was not God)

All Things created through Him

➤ Col 1:16-17 "By Him all things were created...All things were created through Him and for Him."

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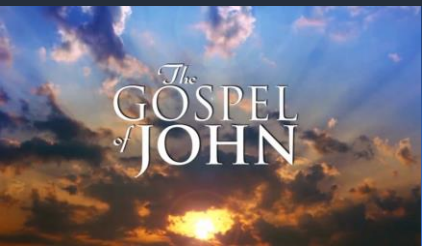
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Jesus is the Life

➢ Spiritual/Eternal Life

  ➢ Used 47 times in the Gospel (in almost every chapter)

  ➢ Jesus is not just the creator of life, but the SOURCE of eternal life

Jesus is the Light

➢ Used 16 times in Chapters 1-12

➢ The darkness is where ignorance, stumbling, and sin exist

➢ Jesus is the SOURCE of Light

The Choice (John 8:12) – "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

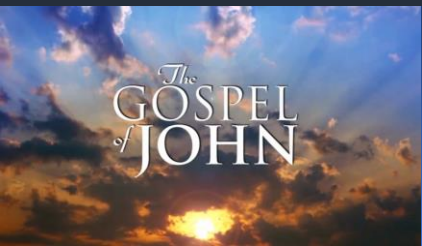*"…so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."*

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"Who Are You?"

➢ What are the Jews trying to figure out?

➢ Did the Jews understand that the Messiah was coming?

➢ Elijah?

  ➢ Malachi 4:5-6 - Last verses in the OT, prior to 400-year silence

  ➢ What would the Jews have been expecting based on Malachi?

➢ The Prophet?

  ➢ Deuteronomy 18:15

  ➢ Who was the Prophet? How do we know?

  ➢ How was the Prophet like Moses?

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"Who Are You?"

➤ Then who are you?

  ➤ Isaiah 40:3-5 – the preparation for the coming of the Christ

  ➤ Compare Luke 3:4-6 "All flesh will see the salvation of God"

  ➤ How is John preparing the nation of Israel?

  ➤ What was the purpose of John's baptism?

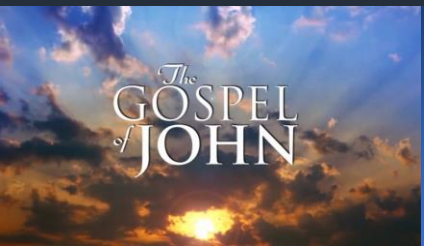*"…so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."*

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"Why are you baptizing?"

➤ By what authority was John baptizing?

➤ Consider what the Jews were seeing

  ➤ They were familiar with water and purification from the Old Law

  ➤ This was something new

  ➤ If you aren't the Christ, or Elijah, or the Prophet, by what authority are you, a mere man, baptizing people?

➤ John's answer

  ➤ What I am doing is insignificant by comparison

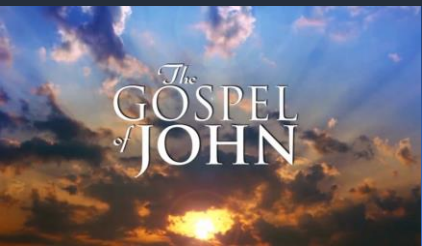 ➤ There is someone else among us who is so much greater

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The Lamb of God

➢ John had already baptized Jesus. Jesus was coming back from the 40 days in the wilderness

➢ Lamb of God, a familiar concept

➢ Lamb killed every year to mark the Passover

➢ Two lambs sacrificed every day (Exodus 29:30)

➢ Isaiah 53:7 reference to the Messiah

➢ How is John's "introduction" of Jesus significant?

➢ What concept should they have understood from this?

➢ "He existed before Me"

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John Explains His Baptism

➢ "I did not recognize Him"

➢ "So that He might be manifested to Israel"

➢ John's baptism was for what purpose?

    ➢ As a method of repentance for the Israelites

    ➢ To identify to John that Jesus was the Son of God

➢ Why is this so significant?

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