

# JESUS WORTH FOLLOWING

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Jesus came to introduce something brand new to the world, for the world.

## John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesarwhen Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee,

his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abileneduring the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,

the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

#### Confessing their sins...

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

He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

## Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

# For the law was given through Moses...

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

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.

He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

## He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord."

Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

## "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know.

## He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them:

"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said

#### "Look...

#### "Look, the Lamb of God...

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin...

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

## Jesus was the bridge between the Old and New Covenants

Those who profit most from the status quo are least inclined to let it go.

#### New Covenant

## New Covenant New Command

## New Covenant New Command New Movement

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