

Vine Ministry UK Live Bible Study Session 12

7He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

In this verse we see that John the Baptist has come up against some stiff opposition from potential candidates to be baptised, those that are questionable of his calling. In verse 25 of John 1 we see that the men sent by the Pharisees also are questionable of John's identity. John's response in Luke 3:7 could well have been directed at these men. John is almost resenting the fact that they have equal opportunities to be saved by the baptism of Jesus Christ owing to their over persistent questioning and opposing the works that he does.

v26 Matt 3:11;

I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

This verse is clearly another witness account of what John has stated in the book of John, that Jesus is the one the Messiah offering this unique baptism of fire, the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:7,8;

And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, The strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Another witness account of John's declaration as to the identity of Jesus and foretelling of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Luke 3:16;

John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Interesting thing about this account and Matthew's is the distinction made between fire baptism and Holy Ghost baptism. We would be made to believe that they are one and the same however in this verse we see a distinction. Now who's account are we to accept as accurate. We have two which did not make reference to fire, two which did make reference to fire, three which made reference to the Holy Spirit and one which made reference to neither. We know that Luke's witness was an independent one he was not a disciple of Jesus he had no reason to be biased for him. One explanation why the term Holy Spirit and Fire may appear together in Matthew and Luke's accounts may be that Holy Spirit would have been prior to the death of Jesus when Jesus came at the time of John when the spirit would have been that of God himself the same spirit which descended upon Jesus at his baptism. Mark's account which refers to only the Holy Ghost could be speaking specifically about Acts 1:8 2:1-4. We can look even more objectively about these accounts of the same event by thinking about when we ourselves witness an event, there are many people who will witness the same event however, each have a different account of the same things. Whichever is the case I believe each account was referring to the Acts 2:1-4.

Acts 1:5;

,for John baptized with water, but will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now”.

This confirms the conclusions that were made previously.

13:25

And as John was finishing his course, he said. “What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.

Again we see that John denies that he is the Christ, but points to Jesus’ eminent arrival and rank.

v27 *v15,30 (John bore witness about him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said. He who comes after me ranks before me because he was before me”)*

Here we see that John’s moment has arrived, his purpose to be a witness as to the identity of Jesus and to point him out to everyone was now fulfilled. Jesus finally arrives on the scene. The moment that everyone has been waiting for. This is the Christ, the superior ranking one. John’s boss.

30This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.

Repeat of the previous verse.

V29 v36

And he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God”.

Verbal recognition of Jesus’ identity as the atonement for mankind. God’s offering for our Atonement and redemption.

Ex12:3

Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the 10th day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their father’s house, a lamb for a household.

This verse is cross referenced with v29 John 1 because it refers back to the Exodus of when God brought Israel out of captivity from the Egyptians. Likewise God’s people were in serious trouble they were in deep sin and were far removed from him, so it took an act of God to redeem his people back to him as they were lost in their transgressions and there was no one on earth able to help them other than God himself. Hebrews 1 v1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our father by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Isa53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth

This cross reference describes the scene at Jesus’ crucifixion illustrating in every way that he was indeed the Lamb of God and that he fulfilled his purpose on earth. Like a bridegroom to a bride he lays his life down for her. How are we to respond to such a gesture? Is it not that we too shall respond likewise. Offering our lives as a living sacrifice to him.

Acts 8:32;

Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth."

This particular piece of Scripture was taken from the story of Phillip one of Jesus disciples who was now an apostle, encountering a Ethiopian Eunuch who had come to Jerusalem to worship. Clearly someone under the old covenant. The Eunuch was reading a passage from the scripture, now picture this scene the Eunuch was reading a passage speaking about Jesus. However, clearly the Eunuch was ignorant about Jesus as he was still operating under the old covenant. Now the Angel of the Lord sent Phillip to this place to meet the Eunuch to explain to the Gospel and to baptise him. We also are reading scripture in this bible study and there are things we do not understand. So when we read and we seek to understand there is a helper at hand to explain. Just like Philip was sent to explain this passage to the Eunuch. Look for your helper as you read scripture. God always sends a helper to those who ask faithfully. Open your eyes and you will see or open your ears and you will hear.

1Pet1:19

But with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

This verse links the requirements God made of the sacrificial Lamb of the Exodus to the perfection of Christ as equally a Lamb without blemish.

Gen22:8

Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering my son." So they went both of them together.

Abraham was willing to give up his son as a sacrifice to God, We ask was there some significance in this act and the one now we see that Jesus carried out. Abraham prophesied about God's providence way back then. He was not only speaking to that current time and event, but of an event that was not even going to happen until many years later. The faith of Abraham, saved his son. He would have offered up his one and only son for God. He knew God would not have let him. He was so sure of the Love of God. He was sure without proof. The proof we have in Christ. John 3v16 God so loved the world, that he gave his ONLY Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. I think we are so spoiled and that it is more difficult for us to exhibit the faith that Abraham showed in the early days because we have so much proof of God's love for us. All we can do is accept our shortcomings and know that we are imperfect and strive to become more like Jesus every day. We have to be careful that we do not take the Love of God for granted and that we show much respect to him each day of our lives.

Rev5:6

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

This verse from the book of revelations describes what Christ looks like now in heaven, he has all the characteristics of God he has been wounded.

1John 3:5;

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

The purpose of Christ's mission on Earth is outlined in this verse. Animals were used in the early sin offering ceremonies of the Jews to God to take away sin. Leviticus 4

Heb10:4, 11

4For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

11And every priest stands Daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Here we see there is a difference between a sin offering and an offering which takes away sin once and for all. Bulls cannot take away sin. Only Jesus, God can. The mere fact that yearly there was a bull offered at the day of atonement indicated that there were expected to be repeated sins. However, Jesus' act of once and for all removing sin indicates that as you abide in him you remain atoned for your sins. He operates under the new order where he writes his laws in your mind and hearts. Let your conscience be your guide. You know when you are not doing something right. It is to him we are answerable to at his second coming.

3:16, 17;

16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

I think I pre-empted this verse in a previous verse if you see verse cross referenced in Genesis above.

Verse 17 of this chapter just confirms God's motives not to criticise but to have mercy and help us where we desperately need him.

4:42; They said to the woman , "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

This is an account of many who saw and witnessed Jesus' presence on earth. This is to reinforce the truth that he existed and does in fact exist.

12:47

If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

This confirms the purpose of Jesus' mission when he first came to earth not to judge, but to save this is the final act before judgment. He had given us all the chances to abide in him. He has come and seen, experienced first hand for himself our trials and tribulations and temptations therefore he can empathise and understand more about us and our needs.

1John 2:2;

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This verse is clearly speaking to Jews, who were God's original chosen people, anyone who is not a Jew is considered a Gentile which encompasses the rest of the world. We have the same rights as Jews if we are Gentiles.

4:14

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

This is just an eye witness account of all the people who had met Jesus prior his crucifixion and resurrection.

30v15,27

15(john bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks before me because he was before me.") 27even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie,"

This is a repetition of the testimony of John the Baptist, who was sent by God to bear witness of Jesus' existence and identity.

31Luke 1:17,76,77

17And he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

This is a prophesy which was about John the Baptist and his mission, to prepare the hearts of the people of Israel for Jesus' arrival. Note at this point the people who John was to target were specific. Later on we hear about the Apostles given the authority to share the Gospel with the Gentiles. May be this had something to do with the fact that when Jesus came his own did not recognise him and rejected him. Isn't that like what people whom we know and trust in the church sometimes do when they see knew people that God has specifically called to his kingdom. I certainly felt that there was a lot of scepticism when I first joined my church. It is almost as if well they had tried just about everything to get someone in and baptised to have someone willing to be baptised and to serve God was like too good to be true. Having to check it out and pull it apart not to mention a bought of jealousy. I remember when I announced that I was getting baptised and attended baptismal classes prior to baptism one senior lady said to me you won't be getting any brownie points for being baptised. This lady continued to bully me once I continued to seek to grow in Christ. In fact it was as if she was searching for something find against me but could not and then persisted to bully me. So rejoice when you find someone who is patient and willing to teach you all that they know about our Lord and to support you in your journey towards intimacy with him. Nothing she could do or say could discourage me. I was his and he was mine. That is the protection and the reassurance each and everyone who comes to Christ must know and understand.

76And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins.

This verse once again depicts the same as the previous however it deals with more specific aspects of the Ministry of John the Baptist. To teach about salvation, forgiveness of sins and point to Jesus. John could only teach about it, but only Jesus, God can forgive sins. This was a vital distinction. Is it not the case when we hear men of God speak, in particular prophets of the church they can only say Thus saith the Lord your sins are forgiven they themselves are unable to forgive sins. In fact every single person employed by God has no power other than what he has given them. It is to him we must give all reverence and glory. Not to the servant of God. That is why as a servant of God you must check yourself consistently for selfrighteousness and believing that because we are

servants of God and have been given power to carry out certain missions that he has ordained us to do. We must fully comprehend the mission that he has given us. Not put our own feelings into things by becoming judgemental of people who God forgives and expects us to help irrespective of what they have done and who they are. We see an example a servant of God acting exactly in this manner in the story of Jonah read the story for yourself of what was the result of his initial disobedience. Jonah chpt 1-4

Isa 11:2;

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

This is a prophesy about the spirit of the Lord and what happens to the servants of God. They gain his wisdom and his counsel. None of it is of their own accord, but of him.

v32seev7,

7He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

This verse succinctly sums up John's mission in a sentence. We see that all might believe through John's testimony. This puts a certain amount of pressure on John to withhold his character as a reliable source of information. He must be up standing and truthful. These are the characteristics required by people elected by churches to hold positions within the Church. They must have a high moral conduct and be honest and upstanding.

Matt3:16;And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

This is Matthew's account of what transpired at the Baptism of Jesus, when John Baptised him as outlined in John1v32

Mark1:10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

This is Mark's account of the event as depicted in John1v32 Each account is a second hand account of what actually happened where John related what he saw to each of these witnesses. They did not see the spirit themselves only John saw it as he was instructed by God that he would. However, we can safely assume that John confirmed this event to each of the witnesses that have given an account of his testimony. What we are to look at here is the variety of witnesses used. Matthew and John were both disciples of Jesus and Luke and Mark were not but were independent witnesses who were around at the time of the events that occurred. If you look at the Book of John as a court case to prove the events that occurred and the identity, mission and purpose of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. We are given evidence to which we can investigate personally at our leisure to discover for ourselves the truth about Jesus and why he came. What we can be sure of is that each witness became or were Christians and proved the evidence for themselves.

Luke3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

In Luke's account we have a little more information of the audible voice of God being heard by Jesus and obviously recounted to Luke.

Isa11:2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

This verse is a repetition of one previous. See above.

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Here we can see that God has given Jesus this anointing of the Holy Spirit with power, which enabled him to do all the miraculous things that he able. Why we may ask was this necessary? Jesus is the Son of God he must naturally come with all these attributes. Then we would be taking on the view point of those who totally misunderstood Jesus' mission on earth and said why don't he save himself he saved others. A prophesy was made about his mission he had to fulfil that prophesy as the atoner of our sins. If he did not go to the cross and die. We would still remain captive to sin and our relationship with God would not exist today. Now in order for Jesus to fully comprehend all that we suffer and are likely to embark he had to become like us, human in every way. Only difference is he was totally focused on his mission and totally tuned into God. Perfect he was and is our role model for today and always will be. God activated him by providing him with the Holy Spirit for service. This is how God prepares his servants for service.

V33v6luke3:2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

We need to be careful here, the word of God can mean hearing from God, Jesus, Promise of God. In this verse we see that the word of God came to the Zechariah. Who was the father of John the Baptist. This confirms several things Zechariah was indeed a Prophet himself, he was informed about what was to take place with John's birth and is part in what was going to happen with the coming of the Messiah. Clearly in this verse the word of God is not speaking of Jesus but of God's spirit communicating with him. He basically received a message from God.]

Ch3:5Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

This is a very bold and emphatic statement made by Jesus confirming the requirements to enter into the Kingdom of God. To be born of water not of just water in other words not to receive only the baptism of John but also the baptism of Christ Jesus which is the Holy Ghost. So if someone says to you don't need to be born of the spirit, they are indeed lying to you.

Matt3:11 I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Are we to assume from this verse that it is not enough that you are baptised with water, but that to be baptised with the spirit is essential to be confirmed as belonging to Jesus? It would appear so. If you are baptised with water you confirm that you are a sinner and you acknowledge that you were dead to sin and are now prepared to receive the spirit of truth, the Holy Ghost. This is a permanent non reversible act once you belong to him he is then there for your every need. It would therefore suggest further that the onus is on the believer to find out exactly what spiritual gifts and inheritance they have now acquired and are available to them. The only way that can be fully done is by growing and renewing of the mind, bible study is essential. No one has the right to stop you or hinder you from studying your bible diligently.

Mark1:8; I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

This is Mark's account that clearly distinguishes the two forms of baptism John's in preparatory baptism and Jesus' seal gift baptism.

Luke3:16; John answered them all, saying, I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

In Lukes account we hear that John has confirmed yet again that there shall be two baptisms.

Acts1:5

For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Here we have Jesus confirmation in the book of acts that the disciples who are to become apostles shall receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We know that John and Jesus were both prophetic and that the written of word of God remains unchanged and will be so until the time in memorial. Hence we are certain of this that if we are baptised with water we shall and are entitled to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What question springs to mind is why do we need the baptism of the Holy Spirit as well as the water baptism? It is quite a serious issue here it is a live commitment a personal acknowledgement that we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour provider, healer and that we will not turn to worship other Gods or rely on other forms of provisions our spiritual welfare. It gives us time to prepare for the seriousness of what it means to be a Christian for the life changing transformation that is to occur once we are in receipt of the Holy Spirit.

V36see v29

V38ch18:4,7;

4Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"

This is a very clever approach that Jesus employs every time that someone looks for him, it confirms that they want him it confirms his identity and it confirms their need of him for some reason. What is even more remarkable is the response of the Soldiers who heard him say I am he. They fell to the ground, why? At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and confess that he is Lord, King of Glory. I believe that the soldiers had an experience when they found Jesus. If it was an ordinary prisoner they would have just seized him and carried him off. They revered him, even when they were about to arrest him.

So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

The question raised here again would be why did Jesus repeat himself again here. They were not prepared for his honesty. He didn't try to hide he didn't try to defend himself he was unarmed hence the reaction would be to retreat. Cf how the wise men reacted at the birth of Jesus. In his presence you are made to

20:15

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away".

This verse also confirms that Jesus likes confirmation that it is indeed him that we are seeking hence why we go through the initial preparation of John's water baptism before we receipt his Spirit baptism. He didn't just go around baptising people who were not in need of him he only baptised people who were looking for him and needed. So many times we enter into contractual agreements not because we chose to but because in some way we were cojoiled into signing up. We then are set up for down the road when things don't go as per plan to complain to accuse and to have legal battles with the organisation that encouraged us or forced us to encounter into an agreement with them. Here we can see that Jesus' approach was purely just and correct therefore any allegations raised against him will not stand. What is the job the evangelist? To present the facts nothing more nothing less. Don't try to persuade just declare the word of the Lord. Jesus is enough to promote himself.

v49

ch3:2,26;

This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

This is confirmation of someone acknowledging Jesus' identity, mission and ability.

26And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness-look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him."

This confirms that Jesus was independent of John, and was now fulfilling his role as Messiah baptising and attracting followers. I don't feel that even at this point he was baptising with the spirit.

6:25

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

This is an indication as to whom they saw Jesus as a Teacher, a Jewish Leader they had no real concept of who he really was, or what a Messiah is they saw him as another Jewish Teacher a Rabbi nothing more than a Pharisee. How true is it of many today how our imaginations confine us to what we know and not what is reality?

ch20:16

Jesus said to her, "Mary," She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means teacher).

We see here that Mary also saw Jesus as a Teacher. Her concept was like everyone else. He taught like a Rabbi.

Mark10:51

And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight."

Jesus always had the mind set and posture of a servant asking what he can do for any one or asking whom do you seek. He was totally focussed on his purpose to serve the heal to deliver from when he woke in the morning until he set his head asleep at night. Everyone who respond to him saw him as Rabbi a Jewish teacher. My question is how many of you Christian leaders and servants say things

like when can I switch off? If for one moment you are allowed to say those words or switch off you are allowing your flesh to get in the way and you fall prey to the devil and leave yourself wide open for destruction. What each one of us is about is our purpose in this life as outlined by God. We are about that and nothing else. We strive daily to find out what that purpose is? How to perfect it? How to carry it out better and better each day? Always having the right posture by saying How may I help you? What can I do for you? Whom do you seek? In today's world if anyone is that focused on his mission they will say things like your obsessed, you work too hard. You are anti sociable. You don't need to work that hard. Jesus' mission was the ultimate mission it literally meant life and death. He was given the resources and the energy to carry out his mission. He was the epitome of time management using up every minute, second being totally plugged into God to guide direct and execute his mission. He never stopped thinking about his mission for one second, each day was totally filled up with his mission. When I read these words about his interaction with people it was always to give something or do something for them. He automatically knew that was expected of him, he never complained he just rolled up his sleeve each day and carried out his mission.

We need to decide who we are what our purpose is and just get on and do just that each day. This I sincerely believe is the key to true success and happiness, to discover and pursue and carry out what God's purpose is for our lives.

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Matt 4:18-22

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their net and followed him. 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Mark 1:18-20

18 and immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Luke 5:2-11

2 and he saw two boats by the lake, both the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus knees,

saying , "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."11And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

41ch4:25

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."

V42 ch21:15-17 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time. "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

1Cor1:12;

What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

3:22;

Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future-all are yours,

Matt16:18

And I tell you , you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

V43v35

ch2:1

v28

V44 ch12:21

So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

v45

21:2

Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

Luke 16:16;

The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached and everyone forces his way into it.

24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Matt2:23

And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

ch 6v42

They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

Luke3:23

Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was about thirty years of age, being the son (1as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,

V46ch7:41,52

41Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?"

52They replied, Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

47ps73:1

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

Rom9:4,6

4They are Israelite, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship and the promises. 6But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel.

Ps32:2

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Zeph3:13

Those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall grave and lie down, and none shall make them afraid."

Rev14:5

5 and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

V48 ch2 :24,25

But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no none to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

V49v38;

ch 6:69; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

11:27,

She said to him , “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

This woman was patronising Jesus. (COMING) she thought he was mad. She had lost hope because of Lazarus’ death. That is why Jesus had to resurrect Lazarus to prove his identity as the resurrection a

20:28

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

ch12:13;

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

Zeph3:15;

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Matt.27:11,42;

11fNow Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “ Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” 42”He saved other; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

Zech9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

V51Ezekiah1:1

In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

Matt3:16

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

Luke3:21

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened,

Gen28:12

And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

Dan7:13

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

From these cross references you can see the general purpose of this Chapter and of the Author, to provide unrefutable evidence as to the existence of Christ, His mission and his identity as the Son of God. The Author does this by incorporating eye witness accounts and events which demonstrated and proved without a doubt who Jesus is, was and to come. Rev1:v4

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