



INFORMED AND FAITHFUL

Lesson 7: Proclamation of the Messiah

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DILIGENCE IN PURPOSE

- ❖ **2 Timothy 2:15-16** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,
- ❖ **Avoid: *periistemi*: shun, turn away from, turn back**
- ❖ **2 Timothy 2:17-18** ...and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

THE PROTO EVANGELIUM

- ❖ **Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."
- ❖ **Isaiah 9:6** For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
- ❖ **Psalms 2:7** "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

HE DESCENDED...

- ❖ **Psalm 16:10** For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
- ❖ **Ephesians 4:9** Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?
- ❖ **Psalm 22:18** They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- ❖ **John 19:24** So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they CAST LOTS."

PRIEST AND KING

- ❖ **Psalm 110:4** The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."
- ❖ **Zechariah 6:13** "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the Lord, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices."
- ❖ **Hebrews 8:1** Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens...

PROPHECY PREDICTING JOHN

- ❖ **Malachi 3:1** "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts.
- ❖ **Malachi 4:4-6** "Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."

PROPHETS GARB

- ❖ **Mark 1:4-8** John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey. And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- ❖ **2 Kings 1:8** They answered him, "He was a hairy man with a leather girdle bound about his loins." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."
- ❖ **Zechariah 13:4** "Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a hairy robe in order to deceive;"

QUESTIONS ABOUT JOHN

❖ **John 1:19-23** This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." They asked him, "What then? **Are you Elijah?**" **And he said, "I am not."** "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

LAST OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET

- ❖ **Matthew 3:1-3** Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,
 - "The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
'Make ready the way of the Lord,
Make His paths straight!'"
- ❖ **Isaiah 40:3** A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God."

THEN WHAT DID JESUS MEAN?

- ❖ **Mark 9:11-13** They asked Him, saying, "Why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore all things. And yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He will suffer many things and be treated with contempt? "But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him."
- ❖ **John the Baptist fulfilled at Jesus first coming the role that Elijah would fulfill at the second coming**

JOHN...MY OTHER FAV PERSON

- ❖ **John 1:24-28** Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.
- ❖ **Worthy: *axios*: deserving, qualified**
- ❖ **John 3:29-30** "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. He must increase, but I must decrease."

JOHN'S DEATH

- ❖ **Matthew 14:6-12** But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod, so much that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. Having been prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist." Although he was grieved, the king commanded it to be given because of his oaths, and because of his dinner guests. He sent and had John beheaded in the prison. And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. His disciples came and took away the body and buried it; and they went and reported to Jesus.
- ❖ **Matthew 14:3-5** For when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." Although Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded John as a prophet.

BAPTISM OF JESUS

- ❖ **John 1:29-34** The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."
- ❖ **John 1:35-36** Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

- ❖ **Matthew 4:1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- ❖ **Matthew 4:3-4** And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' "
(Deuteronomy 8:3)
- ❖ **Genesis 3:6** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food...

LUST OF THE FLESH

TEMPTATION (part 2)

- ❖ **Matthew 4:5-6** Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You' and 'On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.' " (Psalm 91:11-12)
- ❖ **Genesis 3:6** ... and that the tree was desirable to make one wise....

BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE

TEMPTATION (part 3)

- ❖ **Matthew 4:8-10** Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.' " (Deuteronomy 6:13)
- ❖ **Genesis 3:6** ... and that it was a delight to the eyes...
- ❖ THE SHORTCUT...Jesus came to redeem enslaved peoples and land that was lost...NO DEATH REQUIRED

LUST OF THE EYES

- ❖ **1 Corinthians 15:45** So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

FOLLOW ME

- ❖ **Mark 3:14-15** And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons.
- ❖ **Matthew 4:19-22** And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. 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. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.
- ❖ **Mark 2:14** As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him.

LIFE PURPOSE

- ❖ **John 12:27** “Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”
 - ❖ **Ephesians 1:11** ...also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will...
 - ❖ Predestined: *prooridzo*: to limit in advance; there must be a limiting factor
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