

# JESUS THE BAPTIST

John 1.14-34 // May 10, 2020

## BREAKING THE SILENCE

Malachi 4.5, 6 // Deuteronomy 18.18 // Isaiah 40.3-5

It had been 400 years since Israel had a prophet declaring the truth of God. And now, an eccentric man named John was speaking as if he himself was a prophet of God. John was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth of the Judean Hill Country. His mother was the cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. It was foretold to Elizabeth that John would be the forerunner in the spirit of Elijah to prepare a path for the Messiah.

## BAPTIZING IN THE SPIRIT

John's Gospel kicks off with an explosion of declaration, quickly followed by this story that focuses in on not just the baptism of Jesus, but on the baptism that Jesus brings. As John's baptism is merely symbolic, the baptism of Jesus is something that only Jesus can do. He immerses His people in the Holy Spirit. He fills them and seals them. This is the ministry He came to do.

Isaiah 11.1, 2 // Luke 4.18-21 // Joel 2.28, 29  
1 Corinthians 12.12, 13 // John 7.38, 39

The Holy Spirit is given not just to flow into us,  
But also to flow out from us.

## CARRYING ON

As we are immersed by Christ into the Holy Spirit, we begin to overflow. Our words become words of life, our actions become deeds of righteous witness and service. And yet, there are times when we look at our lives and don't see this kind of evidence. But we also have the great promise that He is indeed the Promise. The Spirit's role is to seal us, guarantee us, teach us, bring remembrance of truth to us, and bear witness of Jesus to us.

Ephesians 1.13, 14 // John 14.26, 15.26  
1 Corinthians 12.3 // Matthew 28.18-20

We who have been baptized are now,  
by the authority given by Jesus the baptizer, to go,  
therefore, and baptize others.

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 1:3a  
He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read John 1.14-34. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

There are so many aspects of our faith, and the faith we live out is very complicated as we encounter hardship, suffering, trials, and dark periods of life. How do the truths in Ephesians 1.13, 14 help you to preach the Gospel to yourself and give you hope and confidence in your faith?

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### Repent and Ask for Provision

We see that the Spirit is given not only to fill us, but then to overflow from our hearts. But sometimes it may seem like a trickle. What things are going on in your mind, heart, or life that may be "clogging" the stream of living water from your heart? What might you ask the Lord for, as well as repent of, to unclog that stream?

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### Your Life Mission

Write down some of the ways you reached out to others this past week. Check in on each other on their "quarantine plan" for engaging and encouraging others. Continue to work on and work out a plan for you to be able to have these streams of living water flow from your heart and into the lives of those around you.

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End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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