



#1 "For The World"

Jesus Came To Do Something Brand New In The World & FOR The World.

John The Baptist

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. Luke 3:2-3

John Was Effectively Acting Like A Walking, Talking TEMPLE.

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders^[c] in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ 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.'" ²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." John 1:19-27

John's Message:

The Days Of Compassionless, Loveless, Ritualistic RELIGION Were Coming To An End.

A Pivotal Moment

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" John 1:29-30

Jesus Was The BRIDGE Between The Old And The New Covenant.

Three New Things Jesus Came To Establish

#1. A New COVENANT

#2. A New COMMAND

#3. A New MOVEMENT

Life Group Discussion Questions

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in the context of small life groups where individuals can “circle up” and do life together. Find a group today and get connected. <https://waipunachapel.churchcenter.com/groups/life-groups>

Introduction:

Jesus didn't come to extend an old religion. He didn't come to clarify old truths. He didn't come just to preach sermons and offer wise teachings. From the angel's announcement to Mary that she would give birth to a son whose “kingdom would never end,” it was clear: Jesus would do something new in the world and for the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. What influenced your first impressions of Jesus—church, movies, television, art? How accurate were those first impressions?
2. What, if anything, surprised you about the Jesus described during the message?
3. Read John 1:15–18. Do you tend to view religion as a collection of laws (rules) or as a relationship with God defined by grace and truth? What shaped your view?
4. Read Matthew 5:17. How did Jesus fulfill the Law? What was God's purpose in giving Israel the Law? (see Gal 3:19, Romans 3:19–20)
5. Is it difficult for you to believe Jesus came to do something new for you? Why or why not?
6. What is one thing you can do to pursue a closer connection to Jesus? How can this group support and encourage you?

Moving Forward:

Jesus didn't enter the world in order to protect the status quo. He came to overturn it by changing our relationship with God. Jesus was the bridge between the old and new covenants. He was born under one to introduce the other. And he did it for the world.

Renewing Your Mind:

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. John 1:9–10

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