

John 1:23

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'Make straight the way of the Lord'

The Gospel of
JOHN
"Come and See"

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John 1:19-31

The Voice

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And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then?

Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²² So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Exile and Exodus

Isaiah 40

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned



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I don't think they exist.

Waiting and Preparing

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³ A voice cries:

***“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.***

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

The “Christ”

Psalm 2

² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against ***His Anointed (“His Christ”).***

⁶ (God says) “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

“The Anointed One”

(OT)
Muh-shee-uh

Messiah

(NT)
Christos

Christ

Waiting and Preparing

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Lamb

^{29b} “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Exodus 12 (The Passover)

⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats...

⁷ “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.”

1 Peter 1

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Matthew 16:15-16

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

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Confess the
My Need for The Christ

Confess the
Magnificence of The Christ

Receive the
Powerful Gift from The Christ

Little “christs”

29b “Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!”

Acts 11:26

And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.