

# The Blended Gospel



An  
Illuminated Consolitation  
of  
the Gospel Accounts According to  
**Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**



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## Matthew 1

## Luke 1

## John 1

### The Word

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:1-3

In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shined in darkness; and the darkness *did* not comprehend it.

<sup>4</sup>Jn 1:4, 5

<sup>4</sup>That was the True Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, but the world knew him not.

He came to his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:11-13

<sup>4</sup>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:14


















<sup>4</sup>For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared *him*. <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:17, 18

### A Note to Theophilus

**I**nasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, even as they delivered them to us, which from the beginning were eye-witnesses, and ministers of the word; it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all

things from the very first, to write to you in order, most excellent Theophilus, that you might know the certainty of those things, wherein you have been instructed. <sup>3</sup>Lk 1:1-4

### The Generations of Jesus

**T**he book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham, the father of Isaac, the father of Jacob, the father of Judah and his brothers;  Judah fathered Phares and Zara of Thamar;  and Phares fathered Esrom, the father of Aram;  and Aram fathered Aminadab, the father of Naasson, the father of Salmon;  and Salmon fathered Booz of Rachab;  and Booz fathered Obed of Ruth;  and Obed fathered Jesse;  and Jesse fathered David the king;  and David fathered Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Uriah;  and Solomon fathered Roboam, the father of Abia, the father of Asa;  and Asa fathered Josaphat, the father of Joram, the father of Ozias;  and Ozias fathered Joatham, the father of Achaz, the father of Ezekias;  and Ezekias fathered Manasses, the father of Amon, the father of Josias;  and Josias fathered Jechonias and his brothers, about the time they were carried away to Babylon.  And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias fathered Salathiel, the father of Zorobabel;  and Zorobabel fathered Abiud, the father of Eliakim, the father of Azor;  and Azor fathered Sadoc, the father of Achim, the father of Eliud;  and Eliud fathered Eleazar, the father of Matthan, the father of Jacob;  and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, who is called Christ... <sup>1</sup>Mt 1:1-16

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<sup>3</sup>the son of Joseph, *the son-in-law of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Naum, the son of Esli, the son of Nagge, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Juda, the son of Joanna, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zorobabel, the son of Salathiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er, the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Simeon, the son of Juda, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathia, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Booz, the son of Salmon, the son of Naasson, the son of Aminadab, the son of Aram, the son of Esrom, the son of Phares, the son of Juda, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Thara, the son of Nachor, the son of Saruch, the son of Ragau, the son of Phalec, the son of Heber, the son of Sala, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Sem, the son of Noe, the son of Lamech, the son of Mathusala, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Maleleel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.* <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:23-38

'So all the generations from Abraham to David are **fourteen generations**; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are **fourteen generations**; and from the carrying away into Babylon to Christ are **fourteen generations**. <sup>1</sup>Mt 1:17

## Luke 1,3

### John's Birth

**T**here <sup>3</sup>was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zachariah, from the course of Abijah: and his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blameless in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. And they had no children, because Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. <sup>3</sup>Lk 1:5-7

<sup>3</sup>And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the time of incense. <sup>3</sup>Lk 1:8-10



An Angel Appeared - Abbott Handerson Thayer 1889



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And <sup>3</sup>there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zachariah saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, Fear not, Zachariah: for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you shall have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And he shall turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

And he shall 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 a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>3</sup>Lk 1:11-17

<sup>3</sup>And Zachariah said to the angel, Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well stricken in years. <sup>3</sup>Lk 1:18

<sup>3</sup>And the angel answering said to him, I am Gabriel, that stands in the presence of God; and am sent to speak to you, and to show you these glad tidings. And, behold, you shall be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season." <sup>3</sup>Lk 1:19, 20

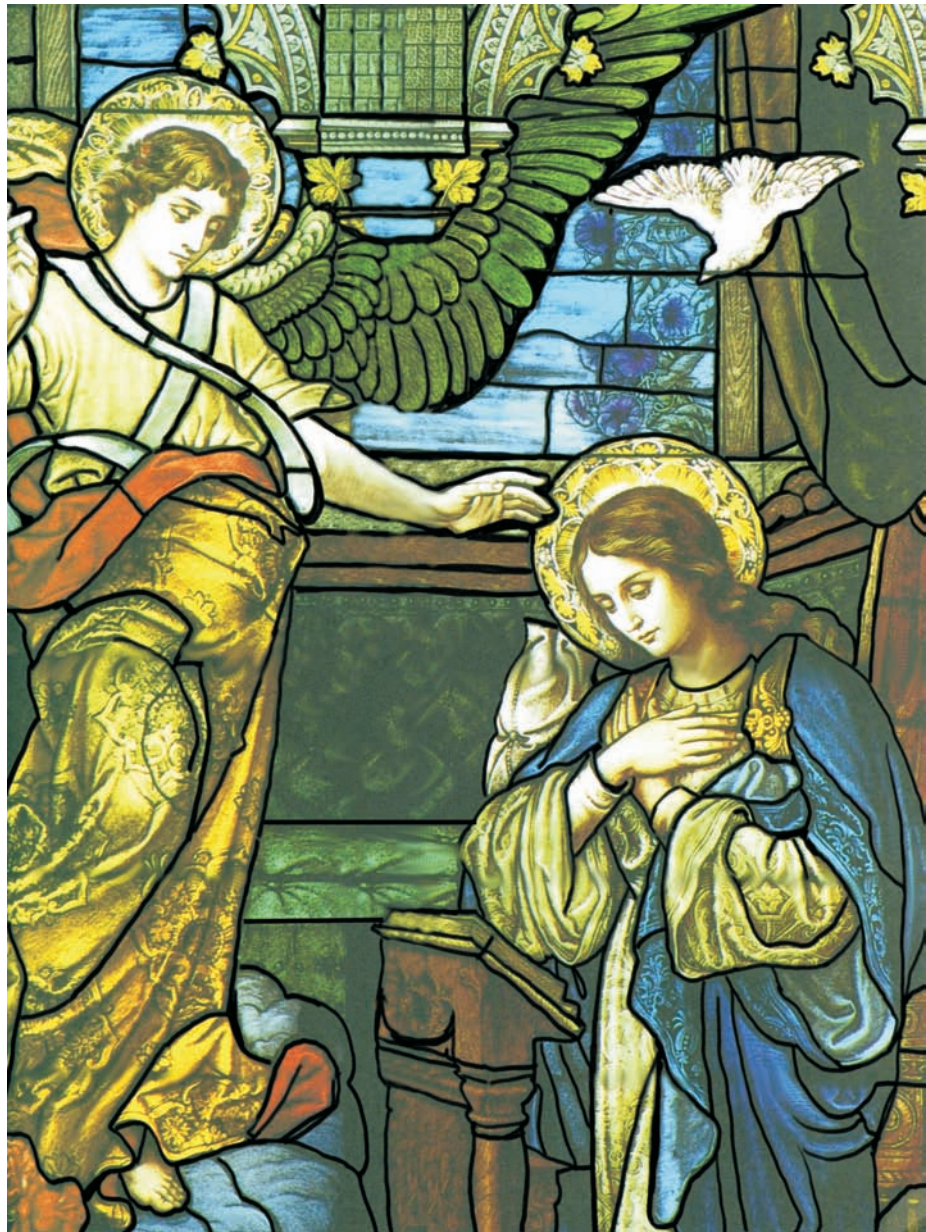
<sup>3</sup>And the people waited for Zachariah, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them. <sup>3</sup>Lk 1:21, 22

<sup>3</sup>And they perceived that he had seen a

vision in the temple: for he beckoned to them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, "Thus has the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein He looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among men."

<sup>3</sup>Lk 1:21, 23-25



Annunciation - Stained Glass 1903



## Luke 1

<sup>3</sup>And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, from the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>3</sup>And the angel came in to her, and said, "Hail, *you that are highly favored*, the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women." And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast

in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her, "Fear not, Mary: for you have found favour with God. And behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a Son, and shall call his name **JESUS**. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give to him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no

end." <sup>3</sup>Lk1:26-33

<sup>3</sup>Then Mary said to the angel, How shall this be, seeing I do not know a man?" <sup>3</sup>Lk1:34

<sup>3</sup>And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God. And behold, your cousin Elisabeth, she has also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible."

<sup>3</sup>Lk1:35-37

<sup>3</sup>And Mary said,

**Behold  
the handmaid  
of the Lord;**

be it unto me  
according to your word."

And the angel departed from her.

<sup>3</sup>Lk1:38



Orazio Gentileschi 1623



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## Luke 2

### Mary Visits Elizabeth

**A**nd <sup>3</sup>Mary arose in those days, and went in haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah; And entered into the house of Zachariah, and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spoke out with a loud voice, and said,

"Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And what *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed *is* she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." <sup>3</sup>Lk1:39-45



*Reunion - Carl Heinrich Bloch, Denmark 1886*



## Luke 2

<sup>3</sup>And Mary said, "My soul does magnify the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty has done great things to me; and holy *is* his name. And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation. He has showed strength with his arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy; as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever." And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house. <sup>3</sup>Lk1:46-56

<sup>3</sup>Now Elizabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbors and her cousins heard how the Lord had showed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zachariah, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, "Not so; but he shall be called John." And they said to her, "There is none of your kindred that is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." And they all marvelled. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, and praised God. <sup>3</sup>Lk1:57-64

<sup>3</sup>And Zechariah was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a Horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our

enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant to us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

<sup>3</sup>Lk1:67-79

<sup>3</sup>And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were spread abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea. And all that heard *them* laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be!" And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel. And the hand of the Lord was with him. <sup>3</sup>Lk1:65-66, 80

The Dayspring  
from on high  
has visited us!



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## Luke 2

### Joseph and Mary

**N**ow the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child by the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a public example, purposed to put her away privately.

But while he thought on these things, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take to you Mary your wife: for that which is conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call his name **JESUS** for he shall save his people from their sins."

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken from the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, God with us."

<sup>1</sup>Mt 1:18-23, Isaiah 7:14

'Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took to him his wife: And he did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name...



*No Room in the Inn - Federico Barocci 1528-1612*

### Jesus is Born

**A**nd <sup>3</sup>it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (and this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

**JESUS**

<sup>1</sup>Mt 1:24, 25



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<sup>3</sup>And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:6-8

<sup>3</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this *shall* be a sign to you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

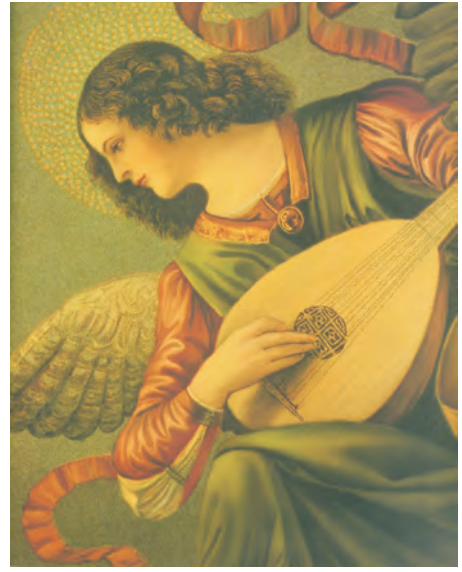
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:9-14



Guido Reni 1635  
Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones 1881



Melozzo Da Forlì 1438-1494  
William Bouguereau 1881





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*Adoration of the Shepherds - Gerrit van Honthorst 1622*

<sup>3</sup>And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

**And they came with haste,  
and found Mary, and Joseph,  
and the babe lying in a manger.**

<sup>3</sup>And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen,  
as it was told to them. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:15-20

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## Luke 2

<sup>3</sup>And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:21

<sup>3</sup>And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished...

(As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.) <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:23

And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:24

they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:22



*The Circumcision - Federico Barocci 1590*



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## Luke 2

<sup>3</sup>And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed to him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:25-27

<sup>3</sup>Then he took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word: for my eyes have seen your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:28-33

<sup>3</sup>And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;" <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:34

<sup>3</sup>(Yes, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:35

<sup>3</sup>And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher: she was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks likewise to the Lord, and spoke of him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:36-38

<sup>3</sup>And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:39



Simeon Blessed Them - Peter Paul Rubens 1612



## Matthew 2

“For we have seen  
his star in the east,  
and have come to worship him.”



Adoration of the Magi - Fray Juan Bautista Maino 1612

**The Wisemen**  
Now, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him.” <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:1-2

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when Herod had assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he questioned them as to the place of the Messiah's birth. <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:3,4

And they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, ‘And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of you shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.’” <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:5,6

Herod inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:7

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go, and search diligently for the young child; and when you have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.” When they had heard the king, they departed. <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:8,9

And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:9,10

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented to him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:12



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*The Magi Departed into Their Own Country - James Jacques Joseph Tissot 1894*

'But being warned by God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

And when they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying,

**Arise,  
and take the young child  
and his mother,  
and flee into Egypt,  
and be there until I bring you word: for Herod will  
seek the young child to destroy him."** <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:12-13

*Joseph's Dream - Georges de La Tour 1640*





## Matthew 2

### Flight to Egypt

'When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken from the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."' Mt 2:13-15



*Flight Into Egypt - Bartolome Murillo 1617-1682*

'Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was exceeding wroth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all its borders, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.' Mt 2:16



*Massacre of the Infants - Gustave Dore / Gary Hullquist*

'Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

"In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning,

Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Mt 2:17, 18



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### Matthew 2

#### Return to Nazareth

'But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the young child's life."

And he arose, and took the young child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned in Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there.

Being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene." <sup>1</sup>Mt 2:19-23

<sup>2</sup>And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. <sup>2</sup>Lk 2:40



*Anno Domini - Edwin Longsdon Long 1829-1891*



*The Young Carpenter*

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### Luke 2

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#### Lost in the Temple

**N**ow his parents went up to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother knew not of it. But his parents, supposing him to have been in the

company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they did not find him, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. Lk 2:41-47



*Jesus in the Temple - Paolo Veronese 1558*



*Jesus Among the Elders - Gustave Doré 1832-1883*



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## Matthew 3

<sup>3</sup>And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you thus dealt with us? Behold, your father and I have sought you sorrowing." <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:48

<sup>3</sup>And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Do you not know that I must be about my

## Luke 2,3

Father's business?" <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:49

<sup>3</sup>But they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:50

<sup>3</sup>And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them, but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:51

## John 1

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature,  
and in favor with God and man. <sup>3</sup>Lk 2:52



*The Young Carpenter - Gerrit von Honthorst 1630*

## Matthew 3

## Luke 2,3

## John 1

### John the Baptist

**N**ow <sup>3</sup>in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>3</sup>Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness<sup>4</sup> of Judea<sup>1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>Mt 3:1 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:1-2 <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:6

<sup>4</sup>John came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light... the true Light, which lights every man that comes into the world. <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:7-9

<sup>3</sup>And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; <sup>3</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:4 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:3, 4

<sup>1</sup>Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

<sup>2</sup>Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way before you."<sup>1</sup> Mt 3:2 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:2

<sup>2</sup>And there all the land of Judea went out to him, all the region about Jordan, and those of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>2</sup>And John was clothed with a raiment of camel's hair with a leather girdle of a skin about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey; <sup>1</sup>Mt 3:4-6 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:5, 6

<sup>1</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said to the multitude, "O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" <sup>1</sup>Mt 3:7 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:7

<sup>1</sup>Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: <sup>1</sup>and do not begin or think to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father:' for I say to you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham."<sup>1</sup> Mt 3:8, 9 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:8



John the Baptist - Rembrandt van Rijn 1635



## Matthew 3,4

## Mark 1

## Luke 3,4

<sup>1</sup>And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: therefore every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is hewn down, <sup>3</sup>and cast into the fire."

<sup>1</sup>Mt 3:10 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:9

<sup>3</sup>And the people asked him, saying, "Then what shall we do?" <sup>3</sup>He answered and said to them, "He who has two coats, let him impart to him that has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Then publicans also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Master, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Exact no more than that which is appointed you." And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do?" And he said to them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely: and be content with your wages." <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:10-14

<sup>3</sup>And as the people were in expectation... all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he was the Christ, or not. <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:15

<sup>4</sup>And... the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:19

<sup>4</sup>And he confessed, and did not deny; but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not." Are you that prophet?"

And he answered, No." Then they said to him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness. <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:20-23

<sup>3</sup>Prepare you the way of the Lord, make his paths straight as spoken by the prophet Isaiah. <sup>1,2,4</sup> <sup>3</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

<sup>1</sup>Mt 3:3 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:3 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:4-6 <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:23

<sup>4</sup>And they asked him, and said to him, They why do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, neither that prophet?" <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:25

<sup>4</sup>John answered them, saying, "I indeed baptize

you with water to repentance<sup>2,3</sup> <sup>4</sup>but there stands One among you, Whom you do not know."

<sup>1</sup>Mt 3:11 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:8 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:16 <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:26

<sup>4</sup>John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, "This was he of whom I spoke, 'he that comes after me is preferred before me:' <sup>4</sup>for he was before me.' <sup>4</sup>And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace." <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:15, 27, 16

<sup>4</sup>He that comes after me is mightier than I, <sup>3</sup>the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose." <sup>1</sup>Mt 3:11 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:7 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:16 <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:27

<sup>4</sup>He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire:<sup>2,3</sup> <sup>1</sup>whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his floor, and gather his wheat into the granary; but he will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>1</sup>Mt 3:11-12 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:8 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:16-17

<sup>3</sup>And many other things in his exhortation he preached to the people. <sup>4</sup>These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:18 <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:28



*The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness - Paolo Veronese 1562*



Matthew 3,4

Mark 1

Luke 3

John 1

## Jesus Baptised

**N**ow <sup>3</sup>when all the people were baptized, <sup>1,2</sup>it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee to Jordan, to be baptized by John. <sup>1</sup>Mt 3:13 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:9 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:21

<sup>4</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, .. "This is he of whom I said, After me comes a Man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore I come baptizing with water." <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:29-31

'But John forbad him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?" Jesus answering said to him, Allow *it to be so* now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. <sup>1</sup>Mt 3:14, 15

<sup>1,2,3</sup> And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up immediately out of the water: and then, the heavens were opened to him. <sup>1</sup>Mt 3:16, 17 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:10 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:21, 22

<sup>4</sup>And John bare record, saying, "I saw the Spirit <sup>1,2,3</sup> of God descending from heaven <sup>1,2,3</sup> in a bodily shape 'like a dove, and <sup>1,2,3</sup> lighting, <sup>4</sup>it abode upon him. And I did not know him: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said to me, 'Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Holy Ghost.' <sup>4</sup>And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:32-34

<sup>1</sup>And there came a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." <sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Mt 3:16 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:11 <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:22

John cried,

**<sup>4</sup>Behold the Lamb of God,  
Who takes away  
the sin of the world."** <sup>4</sup>Jn 1:29

<sup>3</sup>And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age. <sup>3</sup>Lk 3:23



Baptism of Jesus - Christen Dalsgaard 1824-1907



# The Blended Gospel

Matthew 4

Mark 1

Luke 4

John 1

## The Temptations

**A**nd <sup>3</sup>Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit <sup>2</sup>driving <sup>1</sup>him into the wilderness with the wild beasts, <sup>3</sup>to be forty days tempted by the devil.

<sup>1</sup>Mt 4:1 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:12, 13 <sup>3</sup>Lk 4:1, 2

<sup>3</sup>And in those days he did eat nothing. <sup>1</sup>And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungry. <sup>1</sup>Mt 4:2 <sup>3</sup>Lk 4:2

The <sup>3</sup>devil tempter <sup>1</sup>said, "If You are the son of God, command that these stones be made bread."

<sup>1</sup>But Jesus answered him, saying, "**It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.**" <sup>1</sup>Mt 4:3, 4 <sup>3</sup>Lk 4:3



*Temptation on the Temple - James Jacques Tissot 1836-1902*

<sup>1</sup>Then the devil took him up <sup>3</sup>to Jerusalem, the holy city, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, <sup>1</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down, for it is written, '**He shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you: and in their hands they shall uphold you and bear you up,** <sup>3</sup>lest

at any time you dash your foot against a stone.'

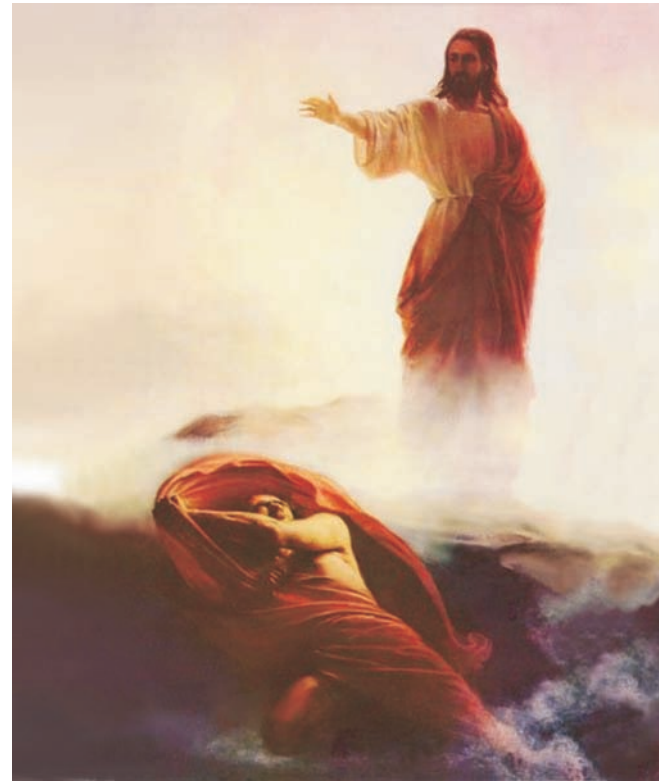
<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to him, "**It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'**" <sup>1</sup>Mt 4:5-7 <sup>3</sup>Lk 4:9-11

<sup>1</sup>Again, the devil took him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>3</sup>and the glory of them.

<sup>1</sup>And the devil said to him, "All these things and all this power will I give you, and the glory of them: for that is delivered to me; and to whomever I will give it.

<sup>3</sup>If you therefore will fall down and worship me, all shall be yours." <sup>1</sup>Mt 4:8, 9 <sup>3</sup>Lk 4:5-7

<sup>1</sup>Then said Jesus to him, "**Be gone, Satan, get behind me: for it is written, You shall worship the**



*Victory - Carl Heinrich Bloch 1886*

**Lord your God', <sup>3</sup>and him only shall you serve.'**"

<sup>1</sup>Mt 4:10 <sup>3</sup>Lk 4:8

<sup>3</sup>And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season, <sup>1</sup>leaving him.

<sup>1,2</sup>And behold, angels came and ministered to him.

<sup>1</sup>Mt 4:11 <sup>2</sup>Mk 1:13 <sup>3</sup>Lk 4:8



## John 1,2



Andrew and Thomas - Gian Lorenzo Bernini 1627

### Calling the Disciples

**A**gain 'the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples, looking upon Jesus as he walked said, 'Behold the Lamb of God!'

'And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.' <sup>4</sup>Jn1:35-:37

'Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you want?"' <sup>4</sup>Jn1:38

'They said to him, "Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where do you dwell?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he dwelled, and stayed with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour or 4 pm. 'One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>4</sup>Jn1:38-40

'First, he found his own brother Simon, and said to him, ' We have found the Messiah, which is, being

interpreted, the Christ.' And he brought him to Jesus.' 'And when Jesus saw him, he said, You are Simon the son of Jona: you shall be called Cephas, which is interpreted a stone.'" <sup>4</sup>Jn1:41, 42

'The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and find Philip, and say to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

'And Nathanael said to him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, Come and see.'" <sup>4</sup>Jn1:43-46

'Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said about him, "Look, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, When did you know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>4</sup>Jn1:47,8

'Nathanael answered and saith to him, Rabbi, you are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

<sup>4</sup>Jn1:49

'Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I said to you, ' I saw you under the fig tree'? You shall see greater things than these." He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, Hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." <sup>4</sup>Jn1:50, 51



## John 1,2

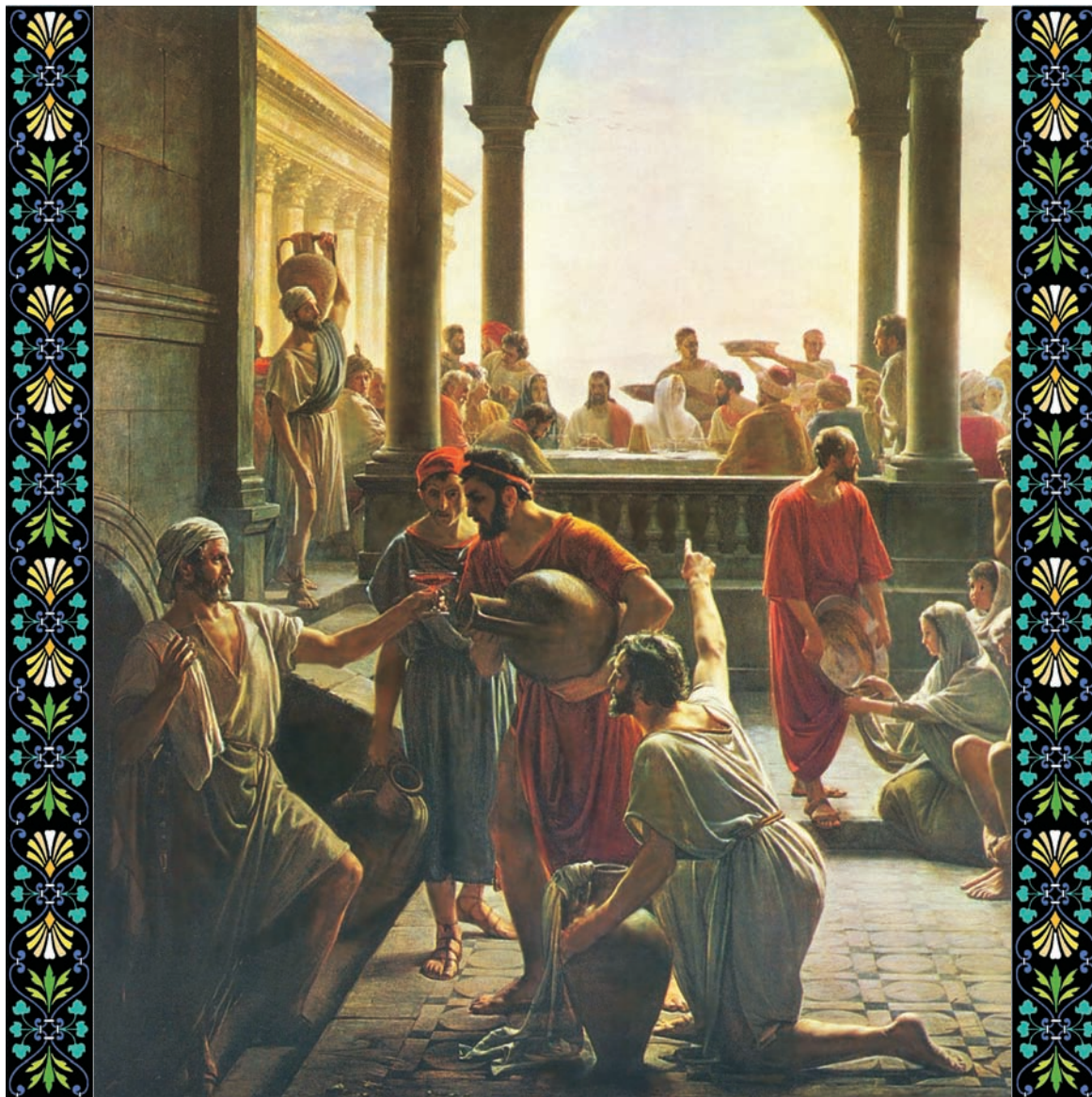
## Marriage in Cana

**A**nd 'on the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. <sup>1</sup>Jn 2:1-2

'And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what have I to do with you? My hour is not yet come." His mother said to the servants, Whatever he says to you, do *it*." <sup>4</sup>Jn 2:3, 4

'And there were set there six large stone water jars after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins (18-27 gallons) apiece. Jesus said to them, "**Fill the water pots with water.**" And they filled them up to the brim. Then he said to them, "**Draw out now, and bear it to the governor of the feast.**" And they bare *it*." <sup>4</sup>Jn 2:5-8

'When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not from where it came: (but the servants which drew the water knew)



Water to Wine - Carl Heinrich Bloch 1886



## John 1,2

<sup>4</sup>The governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* you have kept the good wine until now."<sup>4</sup>Jn 2:9,10

<sup>4</sup>This beginning of miracles Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed on him. <sup>4</sup>Jn 2:11

### Temple Cleansing

<sup>4</sup>After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brothers, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days. And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>Jn 2:12, 13

<sup>4</sup>And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting, and said to those who sold doves, "*Take these things out of here; do not make my Father's house a house of merchandise.*"

<sup>4</sup>Jn 2:14-16,

<sup>4</sup>He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables. And his disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of your house has eaten me up."

<sup>4</sup>Jn 2:15,17, Ps. 69:9

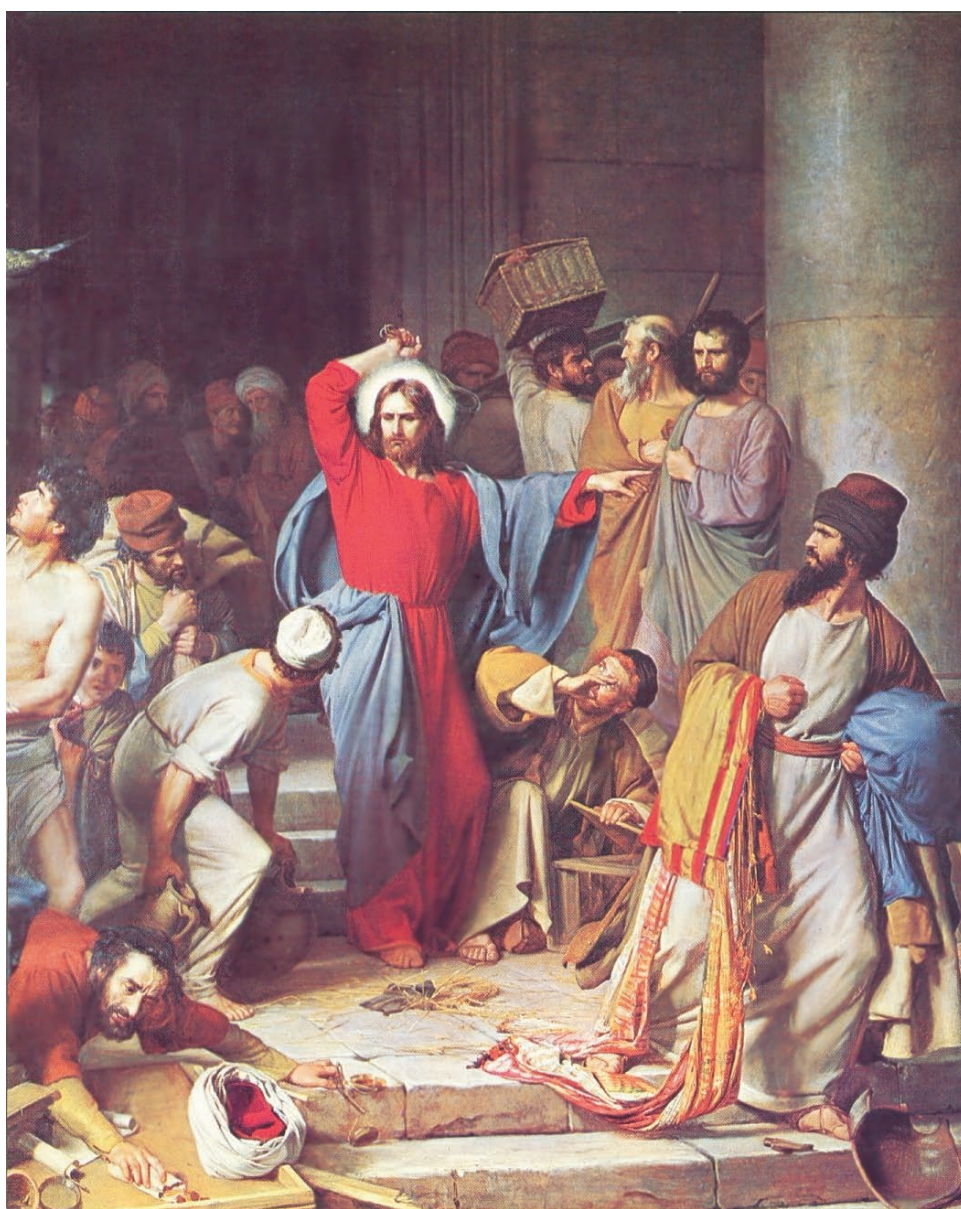
<sup>4</sup>Then the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign do you show us, seeing that you do these things?" <sup>4</sup>Jn 2:18

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, "*Destroy this temple, and in three days*

*"I will raise it up."*

Then the Jews said, "This temple was forty six years in building, and will you rear it up in three days?" But he spoke of the temple of his body.

<sup>4</sup>Jn 2:19-21



My Father's House - Carl Heinrich Bloch 1886



'When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this to them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.' <sup>4</sup>Jn 2:22

'Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself to them, because he knew all men, and did not need that any should testify about man: for he knew what was in man.' <sup>4</sup>Jn 2:23-25

#### Nichodemus

**T**here 'was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who came to Jesus by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God: for no man can do these miracles that you do, except God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, Except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Jn 3:1-3

'Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"' <sup>4</sup>Jn 3:4

'Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, Except a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it gusts, and you hear the sound of it, but can not tell from where it comes, and where it goes: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." <sup>4</sup>Jn 3:5-8

'Nicodemus answered and said to him, How can these things be?"' <sup>4</sup>Jn 3:9

'Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you a master of Israel, and do not know these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak what we do know, and testify what we have seen; and you do not receive our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and you do not believe, how shall you believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?"' <sup>4</sup>Jn 3:10-12

'No man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.'" <sup>4</sup>Jn 3:13-15



As Moses Lifted up the Serpent - Pieter Paul Rubens 1635



John 3:16

**F**or

God so loved the world,  
that he gave  
his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever  
believes in him  
should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



‘For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He who believes on him is not condemned: but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he who does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are made in God.”<sup>4</sup>Jn 3:16-21

‘After these things Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison.”<sup>4</sup>Jn 3:22-24

#### John's Disputing Disciples

‘Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came to John, and said to him, Rabbi, he who was with you beyond Jordan, to whom you bore witness, look, the same baptizes, and all *men* come to him.”<sup>4</sup>Jn 3:25,26



*John at Aenon - Bartholomeus Breenbergh 1634*



## John 3,4

‘John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing, except it is given to him from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that has the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice: therefore my joy is fulfilled.”’ <sup>4</sup>Jn 3:27-29

‘He must increase, but I *must* decrease. He that comes from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth: He that comes from heaven is above all. And what he has seen and heard, he testifies; but no man receives his testimony. He that has received his testimony has set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God: for God gives not the Spirit by measure *to him*. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. He that

believes on the Son has everlasting life, and he that does not believe on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him.”’ <sup>4</sup>Jn 3:30-36

‘When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (though Jesus himself did not baptize, but his disciples did) he left Judea. <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:1-3

### Woman at the Well

And ‘he needed to go through Samaria. Then he came to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob’s well was there. <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:4,5

‘Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat on the well: it was about the sixth hour (and his disciples were gone away to the city to buy food.)

<sup>4</sup>Jn 4:5,6

‘There came a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus said to her, *Give me a drink.*”’ <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:7

‘Then the woman of Samaria said to him, How is it that you, being a Jew, ask a drink from me a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.” Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that said to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water.”’ <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:9, 10

‘The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: then from where do you have that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his children, and his cattle?”’ <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:11, 12



Woman at the Well - “Guercino” Giovanni Francesco Barbieri 1591-1666



<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:13, 14

<sup>4</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I won't thirst, neither come here to draw."

<sup>4</sup>Jn 4:15

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' For you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband: in that you said the truth."

<sup>4</sup>Jn 4:16-18

<sup>4</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:19

<sup>4</sup>Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when you shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. You do not know what you worship: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews." <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:20-22

"But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:23, 24

<sup>4</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:25, 26

<sup>4</sup>And upon this his disciples came, and marveled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, to her 'What do you seek?' or to him, 'Why do you talk with her?'



*Sir, give me this water - Gustave Clarence Rodolphe Boulanger 1888*

The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the city and said to the men, "Come, see a man, who told me all things that I ever did: isn't this the Christ?" <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:27-29

<sup>4</sup>In the mean while his disciples urged him saying, "Master, eat." But Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know." Therefore the disciples said one to another, "Has any man brought him anything to eat?" <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:31-33



## John 4

‘Jesus said, “My food is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes harvest?’ Look, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal: that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. And here is that saying true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that where you bestowed no labor: other men labored, and you are entered into their labors.”’ <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:34-38

‘Then they went out of the city, and came to him. ‘And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, ‘he told me all that ever I did.’ So when the Samaritans were come to him, they sought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word. <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:30,39,40

‘They said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of your saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.”’ <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:42

### Nobleman's Son

**N**ow ‘after two days he departed from there, and went to Galilee. For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went to the feast. <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:43-45

‘So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman at Capernaum whose son was sick.

When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, the nobleman went to him, and sought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. <sup>4</sup>Jn 4: 46,47

‘Jesus said to him, “Except you see signs and wonders, you will not believe.”

The nobleman said to him, “Sir, come down or my child dies!”’ <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:48,49

‘Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him, and he went his way.

And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, “Your son lives!” He inquired of them the hour when he began to recover. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” So the father knew that *it* was at the same hour, in which Jesus said to him, ‘Your son lives.’ And he himself believed, and his whole house. This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judea into Galilee. <sup>4</sup>Jn 4:50-54



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## John 5

## Pool of Bethesda

**A**fter 'this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whoever then stepped in first after the troubling of the water was made whole of whatever disease he had.

And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, he knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, and said to him, "**Will you be made whole?**" <sup>4</sup>Jn 5:1-6

<sup>4</sup>The impotent man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me in the pool when the water is troubled: but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "**Rise, take up your bed, and walk.**" And immediately the man was made whole. He took up his bed, and walked. <sup>4</sup>Jn 5:7-9

<sup>4</sup>And the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him that was cured, "It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for you to carry *your* bed." He answered them, "He that made me whole, the same said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.' Then they asked

him, what man is that who said to you, 'Take up your bed, and walk?'" And he that was healed did not know who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place. <sup>4</sup>Jn 5:10-13

<sup>4</sup>Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said, "**Look, you are made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing comes to you.**" <sup>4</sup>Jn 5:14

*Rise, Take up Your Bed and Walk - Carl Heinrich Bloch 1883*

