IN THE BEGINNING ORD

- What Evidence that Jesus is God?
 - John the Baptist

John 1:6-9

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.

He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

- John the Taylor
- John the Witness...

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This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."

People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

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In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

• What is Repentance?



- Change!

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

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Then John gave this testimony:

"I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me,

'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

- Why did John Baptize?
 - To Reveal Jesus as God

'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

- John 1:30-31

- Why do we Baptize?
 - To Identify with Jesus as Our God

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

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