

Prologue

CHARACTERS: John the Apostle, ALL, John the Baptist

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 1

JOHN: In the beginning was the Word,

ALL: and the Word was with God,

JOHN: and the Word was God.

ALL: He was with God in the beginning.

JOHN: All things were created through Him,

ALL: and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created.

JOHN: Life was in Him,

ALL: and that life was the light of men.

JOHN: That light shines in the darkness,

ALL: yet the darkness did not overcome it.

JOHN: There was a man named John who was sent from God.

ALL: He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him.

JOHN: He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

ALL: The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

JOHN: He was in the world, and the world was created through Him,

ALL: (*ashamed and grieved*) yet the world did not recognize Him.

JOHN: (*sadly*) He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

ALL: (*joyfully*) But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to be children of God,

JOHN: yes, to those who believe in His name,

ALL: who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh,

JOHN: or of the will of man, but of God.

ALL: The Word became flesh and took up residence among us.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: We observed His glory,

ALL: the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father,

JOHN THE BAPTIST: full of grace and truth.

ALL: John testified concerning Him and exclaimed,

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JOHN THE BAPTIST: This was the One of whom I said, 'The One coming after me has surpassed me, because He existed before me.'

ALL: Indeed, we have all received grace after grace from His fullness,

JOHN: for the law was given through Moses,

JOHN THE BAPTIST: grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

ALL: No one has ever seen God.

JOHN: The One and Only Son

ALL: the One who is at the Father's side

JOHN THE BAPTIST: Jesus has revealed Him.

John the Baptist's Testimony

CHARACTERS: John the Apostle, ALL, John the Baptist, Levite, Teacher of the law, Voice of God

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 1

LEVITE: Who are you?

JOHN THE BAPTIST: I am not the Messiah.

LEVITE: Are you Elijah?

JOHN THE BAPTIST: I am not.

LEVITE: Are you the Prophet?

JOHN THE BAPTIST: No.

LEVITE: Who are you, then?

TEACHER OF THE LAW: We need to give an answer to the Pharisees who sent us. What can you tell us about yourself?

JOHN THE BAPTIST: I am a voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord—just as Isaiah the prophet said.

TEACHER OF THE LAW: Why then do you baptize if you aren't the Messiah, or Elijah, or the Prophet?"

JOHN THE BAPTIST: I baptize with water but someone stands among you, but you don't know Him. (*OTHERS look around*) He is the One coming after me, whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to untie.

JOHN: All this happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (*Pointing to JESUS*) This is the One I told you about:

ALL: After me comes a man who has surpassed me, because He existed before me.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: I didn't know Him, but I came baptizing with water so He might be revealed to Israel.

LEVITE: Tell us more

JOHN THE BAPTIST: I watched the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He rested on Him. I didn't know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water told me

VOICE OF GOD: The One you see the Spirit descending and resting on—He is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God! (*pointing to JESUS*)
Look! The Lamb of God!

Calling disciples

CHARACTERS: John the Apostle, ALL, John the Baptist

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 1

ANDREW: Let's follow him. (*pointing to JESUS*)

JESUS: What are you looking for?

ANDREW: Rabbi, where are you staying?

JESUS: Come and you'll see.

JOHN: Andrew and the other disciples stayed with him all day.

ANDREW: Simon, we have found the Messiah, the Anointed One! Come meet him.

JESUS: You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas, which means "Rock". (*to PHILIP*)
Philip, follow me!

JOHN: Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

PHILIP: Nathanael, we have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law and the prophets:
Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth!

NATHANAEL: Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

PHILIP: Come and see.

JESUS: Here is a true Israelite; no deceit is in him.

NATHANAEL: How do you know me?

JESUS: Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.

NATHANAEL: (*amazed*) Rabbi you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!

JESUS: Do you believe only because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this. You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

The Wedding at Cana (Ch. 2)

CHARACTERS: Mary, Andrew, Jesus, Chief Servant, Servant

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 2

ANDREW: Jesus' mother and we attended a wedding in Cana of Galilee.

MARY: *(to Jesus)* They don't have any more wine.

JESUS: *(tenderly)* What has this to do with me, woman? My hour has not yet come.

MARY: *(to servants)* Do whatever He tells you.

JESUS: *(to servants)* Fill those six stone water jars, the ones that 20 or 30 gallons each with water.

SERVANT: Here, Sir, they are filled.

JESUS: Now draw some out and take it to the chief servant.

CHIEF SERVANT: *(to groom)* Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people have drunk freely, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now.

ANDREW: Jesus performed this first sign in Cana of Galilee. He displayed His glory, and we disciples believed in Him.

Cleansing the Temple

CHARACTERS: John, Andrew, Jesus, Levite, All

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 2

JOHN: The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem to the temple.

ANDREW: Look at all the people selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and all the money changers.

JOHN: Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove everyone out of the temple complex with their sheep and oxen.

ANDREW: He also poured out the money changers' coins and overturned the tables.

JESUS: Get these things out of here! Stop turning My Father's house into a marketplace!

ANDREW: It is written: Zeal for Your house will consume me.

LEVITE: What sign of authority will you show us for doing these things?

JESUS: Destroy this sanctuary, and I will raise it up in three days.

LEVITE: (*mocking*) This sanctuary took 46 years to build, and will you raise it up in three days?

JOHN: But Jesus was speaking about the sanctuary of His body.

ANDREW: When He was raised from the dead, we disciples remembered that He had said this.

ALL: And we believed the Scripture and the statement Jesus had made.

LEVITE: While Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many trusted in His name when they saw the signs He was doing.

JOHN: Jesus, however, would not entrust Himself to them, since He knew them all

ANDREW: and because He did not need anyone to testify about man;

ALL: for He Himself knew what was in man.

Jesus and Nicodemus (Ch. 3)

CHARACTERS: John, Andrew, Jesus,

RUN TIME:

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 3

LEVITE: A Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, came to Jesus at night

NICODEMUS: Rabbi, we know that you have come from God as a teacher; for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him.

JESUS: I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

NICODEMUS: (*confused*) But how can anyone be born when he is old? Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?

JESUS: I assure you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

NICODEMUS: What do you mean?

ALL: Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit.

JESUS: Do not be amazed that I told you that you] must be born again. The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.

ALL: So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

NICODEMUS: How can these things be?

JESUS: Are you a teacher of Israel and don't know these things? I assure you: We speak what we know and we testify to what we have seen,

ALL: but you do not accept our testimony.

JESUS: If I have told you about things that happen on earth and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about things of heaven?

ALL: No one has ascended into heaven except the One who descended from heaven—the Son of Man.

JESUS: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

ALL: so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life.

JESUS: For God loved the world in this way:

ALL: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

JESUS: For God did not send His Son into the world that He might condemn the world,

ALL: but that the world might be saved through Him.

JESUS: Anyone who believes in Him is not condemned,

ALL: but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the One and Only Son of God.

JESUS: This, then, is the judgment: The light has come into the world,

ALL: and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

JESUS: For everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and avoids it,

ALL: so that his deeds may not be exposed.

JESUS: But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light,

ALL: so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God.

Jesus and John the Baptist

CHARACTERS: John, Andrew, Jesus, Peter, Nathanael, John the Baptist

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 3

ANDREW: After this, Jesus and we disciples went to the Judean countryside, where He spent time with us and baptized.

JOHN: John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water there.

ANDREW: People were coming and being baptized, since John had not yet been thrown into prison.

PETER: Rabbi John, Rabbi, the One you testified about, and who was with you across the Jordan, is baptizing

NATHANAEL: and everyone is flocking to Him.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: No one can receive a single thing unless it's given to him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah'.

NATHANAEL: That is true; you said you were sent ahead of him.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: He who has the bride is the groom. But the groom's friend, that would be me, stands by and listens for him.

PETER: and rejoices greatly at the groom's voice.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: So this joy of mine is complete. He must become greater, but I must become less.

ALL: The One who comes from above is above all.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: The one who is from the earth is earthly and speaks in earthly terms.

ALL: The One who comes from heaven is above all.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: He testifies to what He has seen and heard, (*sadly*) yet no one accepts His testimony.

ALL: The one who has accepted His testimony has affirmed that God is true.

ALL: For God sent Him, and He speaks God's words, since He gives the Spirit without measure.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hands.

ALL: The one who believes in the Son has eternal life,

JOHN THE BAPTIST: (*sadly*) but the one who refuses to believe in the Son will not see life;

ALL: instead, the wrath of God remains on him.

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (Ch. 4)

CHARACTERS: John, Andrew, Jesus, Samaritan Woman, Nathanael, Nicodemus, Samaritan Man

RUN TIME: 5 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 4

LEVITE: That Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John

NICODEMUS: Actually, Jesus Himself is not baptizing, but His disciples are.

JOHN: Jesus left the area and traveled through Samaria to Galilee.

ANDREW: We stopped at a town of Samaria called Sychar near the property that Jacob had given his son Joseph.

NATHANAEL: Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, worn out from His journey, sat down at the well.

ANDREW: It was about six in the evening and we disciples went to buy food in the town.

JOHN: A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

JESUS: Give Me a drink.

SAMARITAN WOMAN: (*a bit put off*) How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman? Jews do not associate with us Samaritans.

JESUS: If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would ask Him, and He would give you living water.

SAMARITAN WOMAN: (*scoffing*) Sir, you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this 'living water'? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and livestock.

JESUS: Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life.

SAMARITAN WOMAN: (*thinking this is a joke*) Sir, give me this water so I won't get thirsty and come here to draw water.

JESUS: Go call your husband, and come back here.

SAMARITAN WOMAN: I don't have a husband.

JESUS: You have correctly said, 'I don't have a husband. For you've had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.

SAMARITAN WOMAN: (*shocked by what JESUS knows about her*) Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, yet you Jews say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.

JESUS: Believe Me, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews.

ALL: But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

JESUS: Yes, the Father wants such people to worship Him.

ALL: God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

SAMARITAN WOMAN: I know that Messiah is coming, the Christ. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.

JESUS: I am He, the one speaking to you.

ANDREW: (*aside to other disciples*) why is Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman?

ALL (*stage whisper*) Shhhhh

ANDREW: (*aside to other disciples*) She's leaving and has left her water jar. (*to JESUS*) Rabbi, eat something.

JESUS: I have food to eat that you don't know about.

ANDREW: (*aside to other disciples*) Could someone have brought Him something to eat?

JESUS: My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work. Don't you say,

ALL: There are still four more months, and then comes the harvest.

JESUS: Listen to what I'm telling you: Open your eyes and look at the fields,

ALL: They are ready for harvest.

JESUS: The reaper is already receiving pay and gathering fruit for eternal life,

ALL: so the sower and reaper can rejoice together.

JESUS: For in this case the saying is true:

ALL: One sows and another reaps.

JESUS: I sent you to reap what you didn't labor for;

ALL: others have labored, and we have benefited from their labor.

JOHN: Meanwhile the woman spoke to the men of Sychar.

SAMARITAN WOMAN: Come; see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?

JOHN: They made their way to Jesus because many Samaritans believed in Him because of what the woman said when she testified

SAMARITAN WOMAN: He told me everything I ever did.

JOHN: The Samaritans asked Him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days.

SAMARITAN MAN: We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world.

Healing an Official's Son in Galilee

CHARACTERS: John, Andrew, Jesus, Official, Slave

RUN TIME: 1 minute

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 4

JOHN: Jesus went again to Cana of Galilee, where He had turned the water into wine.

ANDREW: There was a certain royal official whose son was ill at Capernaum.

JOHN: When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and pleaded with Him

OFFICIAL: Please, sir, come down and heal my son, for he is about to die.

JESUS: Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe. Go; your son will live.

OFFICIAL: Yes, Lord, I believe you.

ANDREW: While he was still going down, his slaves met him.

SLAVE: Your son is alive and well.

OFFICIAL: At what time did he recover?

SLAVE: Yesterday at seven in the morning the fever left him.

OFFICIAL: That is the very hour at which Jesus had told me my son would live.

JOHN: Then he himself believed, along with his whole household.

ANDREW: This was the second sign Jesus performed after He came from Judea to Galilee.

Healing the Sick in Jerusalem (Ch. 5)

CHARACTERS: John, Andrew, Jesus, Philip, Man, Levite

RUN TIME: 1-2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 5

JOHN: Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a Jewish festival.

ANDREW: By the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, called Bethesda in Hebrew, which has five colonnades.

PHILIP: Look at the large number of sick people—blind, lame, and paralyzed.

ANDREW: They wait for the moving of the water, because an angel goes down into the pool from time to time and stir up the water.

PHILIP: *(remembering)* That's right. The first one who gets in after the water is stirred will recover from whatever ailment he has.

MAN: I have been sick for 38 years.

JESUS: Do you want to get well?

MAN: Sir, I don't have a man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I'm coming, someone goes down ahead of me.

JESUS: Get up, pick up your mat and walk!

ANDREW: Instantly the man got well, picked up his mat, and started to walk.

LEVITE: This is the Sabbath! It's illegal for you to pick up your mat.

MAN: The man who made me well told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

LEVITE: *(angry)* Who is this man who told you, 'Pick up your mat and walk'?"

MAN: I don't know who it was. He slipped away into the crowd.

ANDREW: Later on, Jesus found him in the temple complex.

JESUS: See, you are well. Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn't happen to you.

MAN: *(to LEVITE)* It was Jesus who made me well.

The Father and the Son

CHARACTERS: John, Jesus, Levite, All

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: John 5

JOHN: The Jews began persecuting Jesus because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

JESUS: My Father is still working, and I am working also.

LEVITE: (*put out, offended*) He should die. Not only is He breaking the Sabbath, He is even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

JESUS: I assure you: The Son is not able to do anything on His own, but only what He sees the Father doing.

ALL: For whatever the Father does, the Son also does these things in the same way.

JESUS: For the Father loves the Son and shows Him everything He is doing,

ALL: and He will show Him greater works than these so that you will be amazed.

JESUS: Just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life,

ALL: so the Son also gives life to anyone He wants to.

JESUS: The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son,

ALL: so that all people will honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

JESUS: Anyone who does not honor the Son

ALL: does not honor the Father who sent Him.

JESUS: I assure you: Anyone who hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life

ALL: and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

JESUS: I assure you: An hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,

ALL: and those who hear will live.

JESUS: For just as the Father has life in Himself,

ALL: so also He has granted to the Son to have life in Himself.

JESUS: And God has granted me the right to pass judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

ALL: Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come out

JESUS: those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life,

ALL: but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of judgment.

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JESUS: I can do nothing on my own. I judge only as I hear,

ALL: and His judgment is righteous,

JESUS: because I do not seek my own will, but the will of Him who sent me.

LEVITE: (*stubbornly*) If you testify about yourself, your testimony is not valid.

JESUS: There is Another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony He gives about me is valid.

ANDREW: You have sent messengers to John, and he has testified to the truth.

JESUS: I don't receive man's testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

ALL: John was a burning and shining lamp, and for a time you were willing to enjoy his light.

JESUS: But I have a greater testimony than John's because of the works that the Father has given me to accomplish.

ALL: These very works he does testify about Jesus that the Father sent Him.

JESUS: The Father who sent me has Himself testified about me.

ALL: You have not heard His voice at any time, and you haven't seen His form.

JESUS: You don't have His word living in you, because you don't believe the One He sent.

ALL: You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them,

JESUS: yet they testify about me and you are not willing to come to me

ALL: so that you may have life.

JESUS: I do not accept glory from men, but I know you—that you have no love for God within you. I have come in My Father's name, yet you don't accept me.

ANDREW: If someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

JESUS: How can you believe? While accepting glory from one another,

ALL: you don't seek the glory that comes from the only God.

JESUS: Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father.

ANDREW: Your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

JESUS: For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about Me.

ALL: But if you don't believe his writings,

JESUS: how will you believe my words?