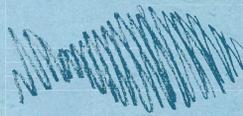


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## EXAMPLES FOR USING THE BIBLE

### EXAMPLE 1

If you need to express Christian beliefs when confronted by the argument of an atheist who states that humans are a product of evolution, go to the **APOLOGETICS** section in the **THEMATIC INDEX**. There you can find the topic **ATHEISM** and some of its stated arguments, which are expressed as questions, along with the biblical reference that begins the chain.

For example:

*Are we the product of evolution? Isaiah 42:5.*

Look up Isaiah 42:5 in the text of the Bible, which will be highlighted:

This is what God, the LORD, says —  
 who created the heavens  
 and stretched them out,  
 who spread out the earth  
 and what comes from it,  
 who gives breath to the people on it  
 and spirit to those who walk on it —

Then, read the footnote, which shows the following:

 **42:5. Apologetics. Atheism. *Are humans a product of evolution?*** God made everything that exists, and everything that is alive survives thanks to His power. [See also Gn 1:24.](#)

At the end of the footnote, you can see the suggested verse that continues the chain for this topic:

Then God said, "Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that crawl, and the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.

 **1:24. Apologetics. Atheism. *Are humans a product of evolution?*** In Creation, the divine mandate is that each species multiply "according to its kind." This is a direct contradiction of evolution, which claims that one species creates another one. [See also Gn 5:3.](#) Chain begins at Is 42:5.

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There we see that we can continue with the topic in Genesis 5:3, which also has its own footnote.

Adam was 130 years old when he fathered a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

 **5:3. Apologetics.** Atheism. *Are humans a product of evolution?* Man is subject to multiplying "according to its species", according to God's law. God's plan does not include evolution. Chain begins at Is 42:5.

The chain of verses that provide answers to the question of evolution ends here.

### EXAMPLE 2

If you are wondering how you can counsel someone that is going through deep depression, go to the **COUNSELING** section of the **THEMATIC INDEX**. In the sub-section **PERSONAL CONFLICTS** you will find **DEPRESSION** and various situations related to it.

For example:

*Recovery.* **Isaiah 43:1.**

Look up Isaiah 43:1 in the text of the Bible, which will be highlighted:

Now this is what the LORD says  
the one who created you, Jacob,  
and the one who formed you, Israel  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.

Then, read the footnote, which shows the following:

 **43:1. Counseling.** Personal conflicts. Depression. *Recovery.* God created us, made us, and redeemed us. There is nothing to fear. *See also Is 43:4.*

At the end of the footnote, the suggested verse that continues the chain for this theme is given, and so on.

### EXAMPLE 3

While doing a daily reading of the Bible, you come across a highlighted verse, Psalm 25:1.

*LORD, I appeal to you.*

If you go to the corresponding footnote, you will find:



**25:1. Devotion.** Prayer. What is it? *Surrendering the heart.* David pleads with God as he lifts up his soul to Him, demonstrating his trust and rest in Him. *See also Ps 62:8.* Chain begins at 1Sm 1:15.

The first biblical text suggested, Psalm 62:8, is the next passage in this particular chain, which begins in 1 Samuel 1:15.

It is important keep in mind that in just one footnote, you will not obtain a wide commentary that addresses all of the possibilities, but by following the whole chain of verses, you can obtain a more complete idea of what the Bible says about the topic.

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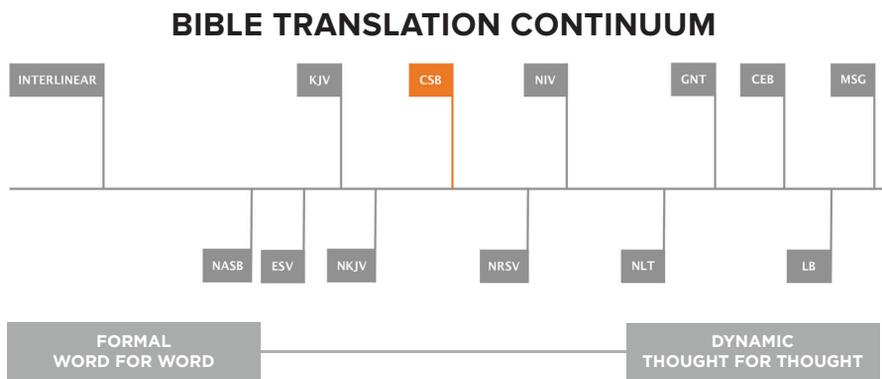
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## THE DEDICATION TO THEOPHILUS

**1** Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled<sup>A</sup> among us, <sup>2</sup> just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us. <sup>3</sup> It also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.<sup>B</sup>

## GABRIEL PREDICTS JOHN'S BIRTH

<sup>5</sup> In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest of Abijah's division named Zechariah. His wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> Both were righteous in God's sight, living without blame according to all the commands and requirements of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no children because Elizabeth could not conceive, and both of them were well along in years.

<sup>8</sup> When his division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> it happened that he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> At the hour of incense the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified and overcome with fear. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. <sup>14</sup> There will be joy and delight for you, and many will rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup> For he will be great in the sight of the Lord and will never

drink wine or beer. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> And he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to make ready for the Lord a prepared people."

<sup>18</sup> "How can I know this?" Zechariah asked the angel. "For I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years."

<sup>19</sup> The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> Now listen. You will become silent and unable to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time."

<sup>21</sup> Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. <sup>22</sup> When he did come out, he could not speak to them. Then they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was making signs to them and remained speechless. <sup>23</sup> When the days of his ministry were completed, he went back home.

<sup>24</sup> After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived and kept herself in seclusion for five months. She said, <sup>25</sup> "The Lord has done this for me. He has looked with favor in these days to take away my disgrace among the people."

## GABRIEL PREDICTS JESUS'S BIRTH

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged<sup>C</sup> to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And



**1:26-38. Christian Doctrine.** Angels. *Role.* Angels announce extraordinary events. They have been responsible for announcing great events in history. The angel Gabriel was charged with informing Mary that God had chosen her to give birth to the Messiah. *See also Lk 2:8-15 (p. 1124).* Chain begins at Heb 1:14 (p. 1358).

the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you."<sup>D</sup> <sup>29</sup> But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel told her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end."

### DEEPER WATERS

**JESUS** Transliteration of the name Joshua, which means "Yahweh saves." Name of the incarnation of God the Son; the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Luke 1:31

<sup>34</sup> Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?"<sup>E</sup>

<sup>35</sup> The angel replied to her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And consider

your relative Elizabeth — even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God."

<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

### MARY'S VISIT TO ELIZABETH

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judah <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped inside her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Then she exclaimed with a loud cry: "Blessed are you among women, and your child will be blessed!"<sup>F</sup> <sup>43</sup> How could this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For you see, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped for joy inside me. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill what he has spoken to her!"

### MARY'S PRAISE

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said:  
My soul praises the greatness  
of<sup>G</sup> the Lord,

 **1:28. Apologetics.** Catholicism. *Concerning the dogma of Mary and the immaculate conception.* The Greek word *kecharitoméne*, translated here as "favored woman," literally means "being invested with grace," meaning that this grace was something Mary received. Grace was not something she could bestow. *See also Eph 1:6 (p. 131).*

 **1:31,34. Apologetics.** Christian Science. *Did Mary conceive Jesus by her spiritual thoughts of life?* It was God's idea for Mary to give birth to Jesus. Therefore, she was surprised when the angel announced she would give birth. *See also Lk 1:35 (p. 112).* Chain begins at Jn 6:58 (p. 1179).

 **1:35. Apologetics.** Christian Science. *Did Mary conceive Jesus by her spiritual thoughts of life?* Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, not by her efforts or thoughts. Chain begins at Jn 6:58 (p. 1179).

 **1:38. Counseling.** Family. Authority. *The wise woman.* First we must learn how to submit to God and obey His will. We must follow Mary's example of courage and maturity when facing a challenge. *See also Col 3:18 (p. 1335).*

 **1:39-41. Counseling.** Family. Abortion. *God's care.* The existence of a new human being is revealed even in the womb. *See also Eph 1:3,4 (p. 131).* Chain begins at Is 49:1,5 (p. 797).

 **1:46. Devotion.** Selected prayers. *Magnificat.* This phrase sets the tone for Mary's prayer. Jesus's mother didn't consider herself greater than Him. Moreover, during her pregnancy, when Jesus's embryo physically depended on her, she was aware that the child was God and that she was His servant. *See also Lk 1:47 (p. 1122).*

47 and my spirit rejoices in God  
my Savior,  
48 because he has looked with favor  
on the humble condition  
of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations  
will call me blessed,  
49 because the Mighty One  
has done great things for me,  
and his name is holy.  
50 His mercy is from generation  
to generation  
on those who fear him.  
51 He has done a mighty deed  
with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud  
because of the thoughts  
of their hearts;  
52 he has toppled the mighty  
from their thrones  
and exalted the lowly.  
53 He has satisfied the hungry  
with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.  
54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering his mercy

55 to Abraham and his  
descendants<sup>A</sup> forever,  
just as he spoke to our ancestors.

56 And Mary stayed with her about three months; then she returned to her home.

#### THE BIRTH AND NAMING OF JOHN

57 Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she had a son. 58 Then her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her his great mercy, and they rejoiced with her.

59 When they came to circumcise the child on the eighth day, they were going to name him Zechariah, after his father. 60 But his mother responded, "No. He will be called John."

61 Then they said to her, "None of your relatives has that name." 62 So they motioned to his father to find out what he wanted him to be called. 63 He asked for a writing tablet and wrote: "His name is John." And they were all amazed. 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak,

 **1:47. Devotion.** Selected prayers. *Magnificat*. Mary did not doubt for a moment that she, like all other people, needed to be saved. She was a special woman, but she was human. Only Jesus saves. *See also Lk 1:48,49 (p. 1122)*. Chain begins at Lk 1:46 (p. 1121).

 **1:47. Apologetics.** Catholicism. *Concerning the dogma of Mary and the immaculate conception*. Mary herself acknowledged her personal need for salvation. Chain begins at Lk 1:28 (p. 1120).

 **1:47. Apologetics.** Catholicism. *Is Mary a divine coredeemer with Jesus?* Mary acknowledged that she herself needed God's salvation. *See also Mt 12:46-50 (p. 1063)*.

 **1:48,49. Devotion.** Selected prayers. *Magnificat*. Mary understood the magnitude of what God was doing in her life and didn't feel worthy. Like her, we should be humble and acknowledge that God Almighty took notice of us and, in love, sent His Son to die on the cross for all people. Only God could have done such a thing. *See also Lk 1:50 (p. 1122)*. Chain begins at Lk 1:46 (p. 1121).

 **1:50. Devotion.** Selected prayers. *Magnificat*. God is merciful and blesses people even when they don't deserve it. The most obvious evidence of His mercy was providing salvation for humankind through Jesus Christ so that all those who put their faith in Him would not be lost but have eternal life. *See also Lk 1:51-53 (p. 1122)*. Chain begins at Lk 1:46 (p. 1121).

 **1:51-53. Devotion.** Selected prayers. *Magnificat*. These verses stress God's power to be merciful towards those who trust Him and to destroy the proud who trust in themselves and do not understand their need for God. He showed those who considered themselves strong their weakness; He showed those who considered themselves important how small they were; He took away the resources of those who trusted in money. However, He exalted and provided for all the needs of those who humbly acknowledged their insufficiency. *See also Lk 1:54,55 (p. 1122)*. Chain begins at Lk 1:46 (p. 1121).

 **1:54,55. Devotion.** Selected prayers. *Magnificat*. Israel had not had a prophet for 400 years and yearned for the fulfillment of the promise, for the time the Messiah would deliver them from their spiritual darkness. Some probably wondered whether God had forgotten His people. The Lord never forgets His promises and always fulfills them. Christians will do well to remember this, because Jesus has promised that one day He will return in all His glory. What a day it will be, when the whole church can sing as Mary did, exalting God when He arrives. Chain begins at Lk 1:46 (p. 1121).

praising God. <sup>65</sup>Fear came on all those who lived around them, and all these things were being talked about throughout the hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup>All who heard about him took it to heart, saying, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the Lord's hand was with him.

#### ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY

<sup>67</sup>Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

- <sup>68</sup> Blessed is the Lord, the God  
of Israel,  
because he has visited  
and provided redemption  
for his people.
- <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn of salvation  
for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> just as he spoke by the mouth  
of his holy prophets  
in ancient times;
- <sup>71</sup> salvation from our enemies  
and from the hand of those  
who hate us.
- <sup>72</sup> He has dealt mercifully  
with our fathers  
and remembered  
his holy covenant —
- <sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father  
Abraham.  
He has given us the privilege,  
<sup>74</sup> since we have been rescued  
from the hand of our enemies,  
to serve him without fear  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness  
in his presence all our days.
- <sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called  
a prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord  
to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give his people knowledge  
of salvation

#### DEEPER WATERS

**FATHER** Forefather or patriarch. Ancestor.

Luke 1:73 **MOST HIGH** Highest. Lord. Creator. Indicates the sovereignty of God. He is over everything and everyone. Luke 1:76

through the forgiveness  
of their sins.

- <sup>78</sup> Because of our God's merciful  
compassion,  
the dawn from on high will visit us  
<sup>79</sup> to shine on those who live  
in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way  
of peace.

<sup>80</sup>The child grew up and became spiritually strong, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

#### THE BIRTH OF JESUS

**2** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire<sup>b</sup> should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This first registration took place while<sup>c</sup> Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup>So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town.

<sup>4</sup>Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him<sup>d</sup> and was pregnant. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger,<sup>e</sup> because there was no guest room available for them.

 **2:6-11. Apologetics.** Unification Church. *Was Jesus just a man without original sin, but not truly God?* Jesus was born the same way any other person was born but He was more than a mere mortal. The angel gave testimony that Jesus was the Lord, God Himself. Denying Jesus's deity is denying the story of His birth. *See also Dn 7:13,14 (p. 971).*

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## THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

<sup>8</sup>In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>A</sup><sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: <sup>B</sup><sup>11</sup>Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup>Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host<sup>C</sup> with the angel, praising God and saying:

## DEEPER WATERS

**GOOD NEWS** Message of the gospel. Luke 2:10  
**HOST** Army, troop, militia. Regarding angels, heavenly bodies. Luke 2:13

<sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
 and peace on earth to people  
 he favors!<sup>D,E</sup>

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

<sup>16</sup>They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.

## THE CIRCUMCISION AND PRESENTATION OF JESUS

<sup>21</sup>When the eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus — the name given by the angel before he was conceived. <sup>22</sup>And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were finished, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(just as it is written in the law of the Lord, **Every firstborn male will be dedicated<sup>F</sup> to the Lord<sup>G</sup>**) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice (according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, **a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons<sup>H</sup>**).

## SIMEON’S PROPHETIC PRAISE

<sup>25</sup>There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, looking forward to Israel’s consolation, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he saw the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, he entered the temple. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him up in his arms, praised God, and said,

<sup>29</sup> Now, Master,  
 you can dismiss your servant  
 in peace,  
 as you promised.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen  
 your salvation.

<sup>31</sup> You have prepared it  
 in the presence of all peoples —

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation  
 to the Gentiles<sup>I</sup>

and glory to your people Israel.

<sup>33</sup>His father and mother<sup>J</sup> were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and told his mother Mary: “Indeed, this child is destined to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel

 **2:8-15. Christian Doctrine.** Angels. *Role.* Angels praise and worship. The news of the Savior’s birth was undeniably a reason for great joy and worship. The angels announced the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds with praise. *See also Mt 18:10 (p. 1071).* Chain begins at Heb 1:14 (p. 1358).

 **2:8-11. Apologetics.** New Age. *Have there been many christs in history?* Jesus did not become a christ; He is and always has been the only Christ. *See also Jn 1:32,33 (p. 1168).*

and to be a sign that will be opposed<sup>k</sup> —<sup>35</sup> and a sword will pierce your own soul — that the thoughts<sup>l</sup> of many hearts may be revealed.”

#### ANNA'S TESTIMONY

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophetess, Anna, a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well along in years, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,<sup>m</sup><sup>37</sup> and was a widow for eighty-four years.<sup>n</sup> She did not leave the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayers.<sup>38</sup> At that very moment,<sup>o</sup> she came up and began to thank God and to speak about him to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.<sup>p</sup>

#### THE FAMILY'S RETURN TO NAZARETH

<sup>39</sup>When they had completed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.<sup>40</sup> The boy grew up and became strong, filled with wisdom, and God's grace was on him.

#### IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE

<sup>41</sup>Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival.<sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the festival.<sup>43</sup> After those days were over, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents<sup>q</sup> did not know it.<sup>44</sup> Assuming he was in the traveling party, they went a day's journey. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.<sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.<sup>46</sup> After three days, they found him in the temple sitting among

the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.<sup>47</sup> And all those who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.<sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

<sup>49</sup>“Why were you searching for me?” he asked them. “Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?”<sup>r</sup><sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them.

#### IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND WITH PEOPLE

<sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother kept all these things in her heart.<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

#### THE MESSIAH'S HERALD

**3** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was tetrarch<sup>5</sup> of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,<sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, God's word came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.<sup>3</sup> He went into all the vicinity of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,<sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

**A voice of one crying out  
in the wilderness:  
Prepare the way for the Lord;  
make his paths straight!**

 **3:1-3. Apologetics.** Archaeology. *Extrabiblical evidence about Jesus*. In *Annals* 15.44, Tacitus, the Roman historian, writes about Christians and the origin of the term “Christian.” He mentions Christ and His crucifixion at the hands of Pontius Pilate during the reign of Tiberius. *See also 1Jn 1:3 (p. 1389)*. Chain begins at Mk 14:55 (p. 1113).

- <sup>5</sup> Every valley will be filled,  
and every mountain and hill  
will be made low;<sup>A</sup>  
the crooked will become straight,  
the rough ways smooth,  
<sup>6</sup> and everyone will see  
the salvation of God.<sup>B</sup>

<sup>7</sup> He then said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"<sup>8</sup> Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance. And don't start saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. <sup>9</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup> "What then should we do?" the crowds were asking him.

<sup>11</sup> He replied to them, "The one who has two shirts must share with someone who has none, and the one who has food must do the same."

<sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

<sup>13</sup> He told them, "Don't collect any more than what you have been authorized."

<sup>14</sup> Some soldiers also questioned him, "What should we do?"

He said to them, "Don't take money from anyone by force or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup> Now the people were waiting expectantly, and all of them were questioning in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I am is coming. I am

not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with<sup>C</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing shovel is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with fire that never goes out." <sup>18</sup> Then, along with many other exhortations, he proclaimed good news to the people. <sup>19</sup> But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod added this to everything else — he locked up John in prison.

#### THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As he was praying, heaven opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in a physical appearance like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."

#### THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST

<sup>23</sup> As he began his ministry, Jesus was about thirty years old and was thought to be the

- son of Joseph, son of Heli,  
<sup>24</sup> son of Matthat, son of Levi,  
son of Melchi, son of Jannai,  
son of Joseph, <sup>25</sup> son of Mattathias,  
son of Amos, son of Nahum,  
son of Esli, son of Naggai,  
<sup>26</sup> son of Maath, son of Mattathias,  
son of Semein, son of Josech,  
son of Joda, <sup>27</sup> son of Joanan,  
son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel,  
son of Shealtiel, son of Neri,  
<sup>28</sup> son of Melchi, son of Addi,  
son of Cosam, son of Elmadam,  
son of Er, <sup>29</sup> son of Joshua,  
son of Eliezer, son of Jorim,  
son of Matthat, son of Levi,  
<sup>30</sup> son of Simeon, son of Judah,  
son of Joseph, son of Jonam,  
son of Eliakim, <sup>31</sup> son of Melea,  
son of Menna, son of Mattatha,  
son of Nathan, son of David,

#### DEEPER WATERS

**BAPTIZE** Appoint or name. To immerse oneself or be completely submerged in water. Luke 3: 16

 **3:8,9. Apologetics.** Hinduism. *Bhakti marga*: Is salvation attained by being a devout religious person? Some Jews believed that because they were the chosen people (biological inheritance) and because they kept the Law (religious inheritance) they were safe and were saved. However, John the Baptist stated that they needed something else. Culture, religion, and family are not enough. *See also Jn 5:39,40 (p. 1176).*



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