

The Gospel  
“*Good News*”  
according to  
John

## “The Second Witness”

Jn 1:6 There was a man sent from God;  
his name was John.

7 This one came as a witness,  
to bear witness concerning the Light,  
so that all might believe through him.

8 He was not that Light,  
but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Jn 1:6 Hubo un hombre, enviado por Dios,  
que se llamaba Juan.


7 El vino como testimonio,  
a fin de dar testimonio de la luz,  
para que todos creyesen por medio de él.

8 No era él la luz,  
sino que vino para dar testimonio de la luz.

Essenes = pious ones

Hippolytus; Refutation of Heresies

*4 basic groups*

1. Hyper legalists = can't touch a coin or enter cities because of images
  2. Circumcision party = Gentiles wanting to study Torah must receive circ, or be assonated  
(Zealots or Sicarii)
  3. Hyper-blasphemy = don't call any one Lord except the deity or risk death
  4. Ancients = continue with Law, Prophets and Writings **Lk 22:10-12** - *(did not fellowship with other 3)*  
(Karaites)
- 
- (Qumran)

John the “Immerser” probably grew up with those of Qumran

Traditionally Zacharias (*Lk 1:5-25*) was killed for trying to protect his son John from Herod’s plot to kill (*Mt 2:16-18*)

Elizabeth took John and fled to wilderness where they were met by a man in a “white robe” took John into a cave

The description of John in *Mt 3:1-6* places him clearly in the wilderness of Judea, probably around En Gedi, Qumran

*Mt 3:4* tells of his food “locusts and honey” which was the everyday food of the Essenes as recorded in their records

Essenes of Qumran and the Pharisees despised each other expressed by John when they came to him at Jordan

Mt 3:7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them. “You brood of snakes!” he exclaimed. “Who warned you to flee the coming wrath?”

8 Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.

9 Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones.

10 Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. *(NLT)*

Mt 3:7 Pero cuando Juan vio que muchos de los fariseos y de los saduceos venían a su bautismo, les decía: "¡Generación de víboras! ¿Quién os enseñó a huir de la ira venidera?"

8 Producid, pues, frutos dignos de arrepentimiento;

9 y no penséis decir dentro de vosotros: 'A Abraham tenemos por padre.' Porque yo os digo que aun de estas piedras Dios puede levantar hijos a Abraham.

10 El hacha ya está puesta a la raíz de los árboles. Por tanto, todo árbol que no da buen fruto es cortado y echado al fuego.

Essenes believed Messiah would come twice

as Son of Joseph as rejected (*Aaron*)

as Son of David as royalty at His return (*Moses*)

“Mashiach ben Yoseph”

“Mashiach ben Daveed”

This may be why John questioned Jesus asking if He was the One or should they look for another (*Mt 11:2-6*)

Mt 11:4 Jesus answered and said to them, go and tell John again those things which you hear and see:

5 the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised, and the poor have the gospel proclaimed to them.

6 And blessed is he, whoever shall not be offended in Me.

Mt 11:4 Y respondiendo Jesús les dijo: --Id y haced saber a Juan las cosas que oís y veis:

5 Los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos son hechos limpios, los sordos oyen, los muertos son resucitados, y a los pobres se les anuncia el evangelio.

6 Y bienaventurado es el que no toma ofensa en mí.

## NT Phrases only found in DSS

Jn 3:21 But he who practices truth comes to the Light

Jn 3:20 Porque todo aquel que practica lo malo aborrece la luz,

Jn 6:28 ...What shall we do that we might work the works of God?

Jn 6:28 Entonces le dijeron: --¿Qué haremos para realizar las obras de Dios?

2Co 6:15 And what accord has Christ with Belial?

2Co 6:15 ¿Qué armonía hay entre Cristo y Belial?

2Co 12:7 a messenger of Satan

2Co 12:7 un mensajero de Satanás,

Jn 1:19 And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you? (*Mt 3:7 – brood of snakes*)

20 And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he says, I am not. Are you that prophet? And he answered, No. (*Dt 18:15, 18*)

22 Then they said to him, Who are you so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say of yourself?

Jn 1:19 Este es el testimonio de Juan cuando los judíos le enviaron de Jerusalén unos sacerdotes y levitas para preguntarle: --¿Quién eres tú?

20 El confesó y no negó, sino que confesó: --Yo no soy el Cristo.

21 Y le preguntaron: --¿Qué, pues? ¿Eres tú Elías? Y dijo: -No lo soy. --¿Eres tú el profeta? Y respondió: --No.

22 Le dijeron entonces: --¿Quién eres?, para que demos respuesta a los que nos han enviado. ¿Qué dices en cuanto a ti mismo?



Jn 1:23 He said, I am "the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said. *(Is 40:3)*

Jn 1:23 Dijo: --Yo soy la voz de uno que proclama en el desierto: "Enderezad el camino del Señor" como dijo el profeta Isaías.

*Lk 3:5 Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be brought low,  
and the crooked shall be straight,  
and the rough ways shall be made smooth.  
6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

*Lk 3:5 Todo valle será relleno,  
y toda montaña y colina serán rebajadas.  
Los senderos torcidos serán enderezados;  
y los caminos ásperos, allanados;  
6 y toda carne verá la salvación de Dios."*

*(Is 50:2)*

Ac 19:3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

7 Now the men were about twelve in all.

Ac 19:9 But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. (9:2 *the Way*)

Ac 19:3 Entonces dijo: --¿En qué, pues, fuisteis bautizados? Ellos respondieron: --En el bautismo de Juan.

4 Y dijo Pablo: --Juan bautizó con el bautismo de arrepentimiento, diciendo al pueblo que creyesen en el que había de venir después de él, es decir, en Jesús.

5 Cuando oyeron esto, fueron bautizados en el nombre del Señor Jesús.

Ac 19:6 Y cuando Pablo les impuso las manos, vino sobre ellos el Espíritu Santo, y ellos hablaban en lenguas y profetizaban.

7 Eran entre todos como doce hombres.

Ac 19:9 Pero como algunos se endurecían y rehusaban creer, hablando mal del Camino delante de la multitud, se separó de ellos y tomó a los discípulos aparte, discutiendo cada día en la escuela de Tirano.

Jn 1:24 And they who were sent were from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him and said, Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor that Prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water, but One stands among you whom you do not know.

27 He it is who, coming after me, who has been before me; of whom I am not worthy to loosen the thong of His sandal.

Jn 1:24 Y los que habían sido enviados eran de los fariseos.

25 Le preguntaron y le dijeron: --¿Entonces, por qué bautizas, si tú no eres el Cristo, ni Elías, ni el profeta?

26 Juan les respondió diciendo: --Yo bautizo en agua, pero en medio de vosotros está uno a quien vosotros no conocéis.

27 El es el que viene después de mí, de quien yo no soy digno de desatar la correa del calzado.

Jn 1:28 These things were done in Bethabara  
beyond Jordan,  
where John was baptizing.

Jn 1:28 Estas cosas acontecieron en Betania,  
al otro lado del Jordán,  
donde Juan estaba bautizando.

**Bethabara = ferry house, house of passage, house of crossing**

*Possibly where Joshua led the people across the Jordan River into the “Promised Land”*

**Baptizo = to place into, to immerse, submerge**

*identified with a new beginning*

