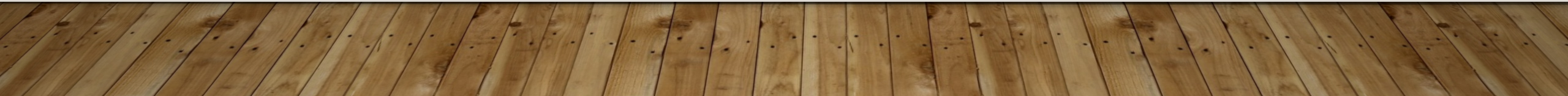


GOSPEL OF JOHN BOOK OF SIGNS (CHAPS 1-4)

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BOOK OF SIGNS

SEVEN SIGNS

1. Cana #1: Wedding at Cana (2:1-11)
2. Cana #2: Healing of the Official's Son (4:46-54)
3. Jerusalem: Healing of the Crippled Man (5:1-15)
4. Sea of Galilee: Feeding of the 5,000 (6:16-21)
5. Sea of Galilee: Crossing of the Sea (6:16-21)
6. Jerusalem: Healing of the Man Born Blind (chap. 9)
7. Raising of Lazarus (11:1-44)

JOHN THE WITNESS (BAPTIST)

“THIS IS THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN” (1:19)

- Role of John
 - Prologue:
 - “He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.” (1:6)
 - “John testified to him and cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ ” (1:15)
 - Book of Signs
 - “And this is the testimony of John...” (1:19-28)
 - “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world...” (1:29)

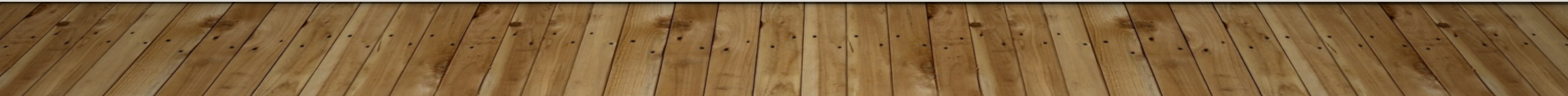
WHO IS JOHN?

NOT: MESSIAH, ELIJAH, THE PROPHET

- Messiah (Christos)
 - Anointed: king, priest, prophet
- Elijah
 - “Now I am sending to you Elijah the prophet, Before the day of the Lord comes, the great and terrible day; ” (Malachi 3:23)
 - John: No
 - Matthew: yes “All the prophets and the law prophesied up to the time of John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one who is to come.” (Matthew 11:13-14).”
- The Prophet
 - “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kindred; that is the one to whom you shall listen” (Deuteronomy 18:15).

WHO IS JOHN? VOICE IN THE DESERT

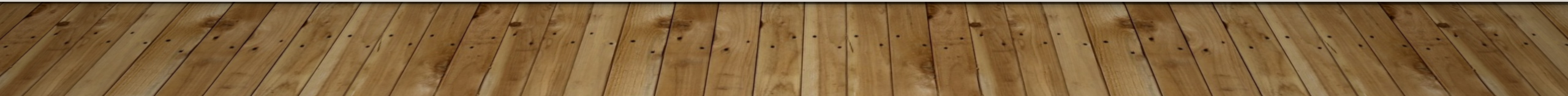
- “I am ‘the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord’” (1:23)
- “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” (1:26-27)



“BAPTISM” OF JESUS

JOHN’S TESTIMONY TO JESUS (1:29-34)

- “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”
- “John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”



LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD

- Passover Lamb (Exodus 12)
- Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53:7, 10)
 - “Though harshly treated, he submitted and did not open his mouth; Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth.”
 - “But it was the Lord’s will to crush him with pain. By making his life as a reparation offering, he shall see his offspring, shall lengthen his days, and the Lord’s will shall be accomplished through him.”

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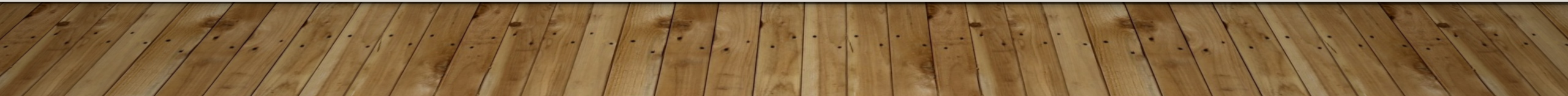
CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES (1:35-51)

- John to Jesus
 - Behold the Lamb of God - two disciples heard, followed Jesus (v. 37)
 - Rabbi (Teacher)
 - Messiah (Anointed)
 - One in Law and Prophets
 - Rabbi, Son of God, King of Israel
 - Son of Man

SON OF MAN IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

(1:51; 3:13-14; 6:27, 53, 62, 8:28; 9:35; 12:23, 34; 13:31)

- “Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”
 - Genesis: “Then he had a dream: a stairway rested on the ground, with its top reaching to the heavens; and God’s angels were going up and down on it.” (28:12)
- “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.” (3:13-14)
- “What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?” (6:62)
- “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (9:35)
- “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” (12:23)



SIGN - WATER TO WINE (JOHN 2:1-12)

- Wedding Feast
 - “My hour has not yet come...”
 - Water jars for Jewish ceremonial washings
 - Good wine
- “Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.”
- “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of [his] disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”
(John 20:30-31)

CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE (2:13-22)

JESUS' WORDS & SCRIPTURE

- Words of Scripture: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”
- Jesus’ Words: “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”
 - “Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. ”
 - “The Advocate (*Paraklētos*), the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.” (14:26)

NICODEMUS & SAMARITAN WOMAN

SIGN FAITH

- Introduction to the story of Nicodemus (2:23-3:15)
 - “While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature (*anthrōpos*). He himself understood it well (what was in *anthrōpos*)....Now there was a (*anthrōpos*) a Pharisee named Nicodemus... came to Jesus at night”
- Sign faith - “teacher who has come from God...”
 - Born again, born from above
 - Born of water and Spirit (Baptism)

SAMARITAN WOMAN (4:1-42)

JOURNEY OF FAITH TO MISSIONARY

- Misunderstanding: “living water” or fresh water
- Faith Journey of woman and Samaritan community:
 - Jew (v. 9)
 - Sir (*kyrios*, v. 11)
 - Greater than Jacob (v. 12)
 - Prophet (v. 19)
 - Messiah (v. 25)
 - Savior of the world (v. 42)

SAMARITAN WOMAN AS MISSIONARY

- “Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.”
- Samaritans: “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

SECOND SIGN AT CANA (4:46-54)

- Sign Faith
 - “Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe.” (4:48)
 - Now this was the second sign Jesus did when he came to Galilee from Judea. (4:54)

OVERVIEW

SIGN FAITH TO DEEPER FAITH

- Sign - Cana #1 Water into Wine
 - Temple Action: Scripture & Jesus' Words
 - Jesus and Nicodemus - "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?"
 - Jesus and the woman of Samaria - "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."
- Sign - Cana #2 Healing of the Official's Son
- "...when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. " (2:22)

WHO IS JESUS?

ONE FROM ABOVE (GOD)

- “The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things. But the one who comes from heaven [is above all]. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy. For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God...The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.” (3:31-36)
- “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” (3:16-27)