

Gospel of John

- **Purpose of the book:** Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.
- **John the Baptist:** There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.
- **Testify:** to provide information about a person or event about which the speaker has direct knowledge

Jacob had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it... When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.” Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Testimony about Jesus

■ John the Baptist

- **Lamb of God who takes away sin of the world**
- **Man who comes after me who has surpassed me because He was before me:** Man whose ministry follows mine is greater than I am because He is older than me/existed before I did
- **One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit:**
 - Joel 2.28: I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
 - I am immersing you in water, He will immerse you in the Spirit.
- **God's Chosen One**
 - Isaiah 42.1-4; Here is My servant, whom I uphold, My Chosen One in whom I delight; I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations.

Jesus' Testimony about Himself



- **Son of Man-** Jesus' favorite self-designation; no clear stereotypes; Daniel 7.13-14
- **Bethel-** This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven
- **Jesus is the house of God:** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ... But the temple he had spoken of was his body.
- **Jesus is the gate of heaven:** Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

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■ Andrew- the Messiah

■ Philip- the one Moses wrote about in the Law and about whom the prophets also wrote, Jesus of Nazareth the son of Joseph

■ Nathanael- the Son of God, the King of Israel

The Lamb of God- Isaiah 53



- **Substitution**
- **Passover** – Exodus 12; lamb was killed and blood put on doorframes of Israel’s houses; angel of God ‘passed over’ every house with blood on doorframe
- **Isaiah 53- Like a lamb to the slaughter:**
 - He was pierced for our transgressions
 - He was crushed for our iniquities
 - Punishment that brought us peace was on Him
 - The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all
 - For the transgression of my people He was punished

Testimony about Jesus

- Word- with God and was God; all things created through Him; became flesh and dwelled among us
- True Light- gives light to everyone
- Son who came from the Father- full of grace and truth; reveals Father
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