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THE
GOSPEL *of* JOHN

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 1:19-37

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.”

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“Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”²² So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’

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as the prophet Isaiah said.”²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,

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²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God,

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who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

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32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain,

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this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

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³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

John 1:6-8

There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John. ⁷ He came as
a witness, to bear witness about the
light, that all might believe through
him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to
bear witness about the light.

John 1:15

(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”)

Jesus the Lamb of God

John the Baptist was sent by God. He was a humble witness to the person and work of Jesus.

Jesus the Lamb of God

As Jesus' Church, we have been sent by Jesus into the world. Like John, we are to help the religious and the irreligious to repentance by pointing them to the glory, grace and splendor of Christ.

Jesus the Lamb of God

John knew his role, both the smallness of his role and the hugeness of his role. John did not seek his own fame or his own glory but neither did he shrink back from his role. As the church, we must know our role.

John 1:20

He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

Romans 10:9-15

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-15

11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

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13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?

Romans 10:9-15

And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me
to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It Is Well With My Soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It Is Well With My Soul

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious
thought!—

My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
more,

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my
soul!