

Commencement ¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. → Divine ? c.f. v.15 "Kingdom" - Regal

Divine Voice ^{Call} ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO
WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; Comes before Jesus

Commission ³THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.' "

In Wilderness ⁴John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness ²preaching a baptism of repentance for the ²Preaching forgiveness of sins. Outside Temple

⁵And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. New Exodus, New People, New Journey

He is other-worldly ⁶John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was ← Radical for God! locusts and wild honey.

⁷And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. Comes after John

Baptize - to X ⁸"I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." → Divine Help Marks new way of life

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; John in womb Jesus at Jordan Us at conversion

Divine Voice ^{Call} ¹¹and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

¹²Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness.

In Wilderness ¹³And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild Not Bambi beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him. Divine Help

Consequence ¹⁴Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of Preaching God, John → Jesus → Disciples → US!

Commission ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." → Entrance into Kingdom It has begun → like John, like us →

Will be in Wilderness ch. 6 ¹⁶As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.

Divine Voice ^{Call} ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." → future tense → Will come after Jesus Will preach ch. 3

¹⁸Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

¹⁹Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets.

²⁰Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.

Will be Commissioned Insert "behind/after" They (disciples) come after Jesus