



MWay Notes Week 03: Finding the Savior

John the Baptist Finds the Savior

Joseph found a savior to OBEY.

The magi found a savior to WORSHIP.

John the Baptist found a savior to SHARE...

His promised birth

Prophecies spell out his purpose.

[Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 3:3; Luke 1:13; 17]

Application: God is a promise maker and a promise keeper.

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. [2 Corinthians 1:20]

His proximity to Jesus

- Mary and Elizabeth Meet [Luke 1:39-41]
- At the Jordan River [Matthew 3:13-15]
- John's feeling about Jesus [John 3:28-30]
- Jesus' feeling about John [Matthew 11:11; 13-15]

Application: God does mighty things through sacrificially submitted individuals.

His powerful message

- Repent

Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

[Matthew 3:2]

- Show fruit consistent with repentance.

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. [Matt 3:8]

Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. [1 John 3:9]

- God is a God who sorts.

"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. He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." [Matthew 3:10; 12]

Application: Get real with God. Be honest about your junk.

His place of doubt

"Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" [Matthew 11:3]

"Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor. [Matt 11:4-5]

Application... Taking our doubt to Jesus leads us to the truth.

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." [John 8:31-32]