Chapter 6

John the Baptist Prepared the Way

Not only was the coming of the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament, there was also a prophecy that one would come before Christ, who would prepare the way for his arrival. The prophecy of Isaiah speaks of the one who would prepare the way for the coming of the Lord: *The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.* Isaiah 40:3. The New Testament claims that John the Baptist is the voice crying in the wilderness of which Isaiah had prophesied: *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.* Matthew 3:1-3. Gematria confirms that John the Baptist was, indeed, the prophet of whom Isaiah spoke, and that Jesus Christ is the one for whom John prepared the way.

The prophet (H5030) cried (H7121) in the wilderness (H4057) preparing (H6437) the way. (H1870)

נביא קרא מדבר פנה דרך 224 + 135 + 246 + 301 + 63 = **969**

JOHN (G2491) = 'Ιωάννην = **969**

The following three instances of numerical word association have the same gematria value. The prophet Isaiah prophesied that there would come a voice crying in the wilderness, and this was John the Baptist.

The prophet (H5030) said, (H559) there shall come (H935) the voice (H6963) of one crying (H7121) in the wilderness, (H4057) Prepare (H6437) ye the way (H1870) of the LORD. (H3068)

נבוא אמר בוא קול קרא מדבר פנה דרך יהוה 26 + 224 + 135 + 246 + 301 + 136 + 9 + 241 + 63 = **1381**

Isaiah (H3470) prophesied, (H5012) saying, (H559) There shall come (H935) the voice (H6963) of one crying (H7121) in the wilderness. (H4057)

ישׁעִיה נבא אמר בוא קול קרא מדבר

246 + 301 + 136 + 9 + 241 + 53 + 395 =**1381**

The prophet John the Baptist cried in the wilderness to prepare for the coming of the Lord, Jesus.

The prophet (H5030) cried (H7121) in the wilderness, (H4057) preparing (H6437) the way (H1870) of the LORD (H3068) Jesus (Yeshua). (H3442)

נביא קרא מדבר פנה דרך יהוה ישוע

386 + 26 + 224 + 135 + 246 + 301 + 63 =**1381**

JOHN (H2491) = 1 Ιωάννου = **1381**

Although the name of John is not used in the Old Testament, the name John in Hebrew versions of the New Testament is Yochanan, and is written as ילחנן which has a gematria value of 124. This spelling for "John" will be used in sentences to follow.

John (no *Strong's* #) **cried** (H7121) **in the wilderness.** (H4057)

יוחנן קרא מדבר

246 + 301 + 124 = 671

BAPTIST / **BAPTIZE** (G907) = βαπτισθ ηναι = 671

The prophet (H5030) John (no *Strong's #*) cried (H7121) in the wilderness, (H4057) preparing (H6437) the way (H1870) of the LORD. (H3068)

נביא יוחנן קרא מדבר פנה דרך יהוה

26 + 224 + 135 + 246 + 301 + 124 + 63 = 1119

JOHN (G2491) (root word spelling) = $^{\prime}$ Ιωάννης = **1119**

In the Gospel of John, it is written concerning the Word of God, that he was the light of men: *In him was life, and the life was the light of men*. John 1:4. Furthermore, it is written that there was a man who was sent from God to bear witness of that Light: *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1:6-9. John was sent to be a witness and came preaching repentance and baptism to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus, the true Light.*

There was (H1961) a man (H120) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God (H430) whose name (H8034) was John. (no Strong's #)

היה אדם שלח מן אלהים שם יוחנן

124 + 340 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 45 + 20 =**1043**

SEND (G3992) = πέμψης = **1043**

There was (H1961) a man (H120) whose name (H8034) was John (no *Strong's* #) that God (H430) sent (H7971) to bear witness. (H6030) (H5707)

היה אדם שם יוחנן אלהים שלח ענה עד

74 + 125 + 338 + 86 + 124 + 340 + 45 + 20 =**1152**

WITNESS (G3141) = μαρτυρίας = 1152

The Hebrew word H1961 was used for "there was" in the sentence above. Most often in the Old Testament a word for "there was" is not used, as in the otherwise identical sentence below for which the gematria value confirms the same truth with a different Greek word.

There was a man (H120) whose name (H8034) was John (no *Strong's #*) that God (H430) sent (H7971) to bear witness. (H6030) (H5707)

אדם שם יוחנן אלהִים שלח ענה עד

124 + 340 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 45 = 1132

TESTIFY / **WITNESS** (G1263) = διαμαρτυράμενοι = 1132

There was (H1961) a man (H120) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God (H430) for a witness. (H5707)

היה אדם שלח מן אלהים עד

74 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 45 + 20 = 653

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ βάπτισεν = **653**

REPENT (G3338) = μεταμεληθείς = 653

PREPARE / MAKE READY (G2090) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ τοιμασθῆι = 653

A man, (H120) **John** (no *Strong's* #), **was sent** (H7971) **from** (H4480) **God** (H430) **for a witness,** (H5707) **to bear witness.** (H6030) (H5707)

אדם יוחנן שלח מן אלהים עד ענה עד

74 + 125 + 74 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 124 + 45 = 956

BEAR WITNESS (G3140) = μαρτυρε \tilde{i} = 956

God (H430) **sent** (H7971) **the prophet** (H5030) **John** (no *Strong's* #) **to bear witness** (H6030) (H5707) **of that** (H1931) **Light.** (H216)

אלהים שלח נביא יוחנן ענה עד הוא אור

207 + 12 + 74 + 125 + 124 + 63 + 338 + 86 =**1029**

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = βαπτισθήσεσθε = 1029

There was (H1961) a man (H120) God (H430) sent (H7971) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light. (H216)

היה אדם אלהִים שׁלח עד ענה עד אוֹר

207 + 74 + 125 + 74 + 338 + 86 + 45 + 20 =**969**

JOHN (G2491) = Ἰωάννην = **969**

When either of two root words for "man" (H376 or H120) are employed in a sentence, the scriptural truth regarding John the Baptist is confirmed. The first three gematria examples use H376 for "man," with a value of 311.

There was a man (H376) whose name (H8034) was John. (no Strong's #)

אָרשׁ שׁם יוֹחנן

124 + 340 + 311 = 775

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = βεβαπτισμένοι = 775

There was a man (H376) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God. (H430) The same (H1931) came (H935) for a witness. (H5707)

איש שלח מן אלהים הוא בוא עד

$$74 + 9 + 12 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 311 = 920$$

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ βαπτίσθητε = **920**

There was a man (H376) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God. (H430) The same (H1931) came (H935) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness. (H6030) (H5707)

איש שלח מן אלהים הוא בוא עד ענה עד

$$74 + 125 + 74 + 9 + 12 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 311 = 1119$$

Now the root word for "man" H120, with a gematria value of 45 is used.

There was a man (H120) whose name (H8034) was John. (no *Strong's #*) The same (H1931) came (H935) for a witness. (H5707)

אדם שם יוחנן הוא בוא עד

$$74 + 9 + 12 + 124 + 340 + 45 = 604$$

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = βάπτισαι = 604

There was a man (H120) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God (H430) whose name (H8034) was John. (no *Strong's* #) The same (H1931) came (H935) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Son (H1121) of God. (H430)

אדם שלח מן אלהים שם יוחנן הוא בוא ענה עד בן אלהים

$$86 + 52 + 74 + 125 + 9 + 12 + 124 + 340 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 45 =$$
1381

JOHN (H2491) =
1
Ιωάννου = **1381**

John the Baptist came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light. He was not the Light but a witness that Jesus Christ was the true Light.

John (no *Strong's #*) **came** (H935) **for a witness.** (H5707)

יוחנן בוא עד

$$74 + 9 + 124 = 207$$

John (no *Strong's* #) was sent (H7971) for a witness (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light. (H216)

יוחנן שלח עד ענה עד אור

$$207 + 74 + 125 + 74 + 338 + 124 = 942$$

A WITNESS (G3144) =
$$μάρτυρα = 942$$

John (no *Strong's* #) came (H935) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light. (H216) He (H1931) was not (H3808) the Light; he (H1931) was (H1961) a witness. (H5707)

יוחנן בוא עד ענה עד אור הוא לא אור הוא היה עד

$$74 + 20 + 12 + 207 + 31 + 12 + 207 + 125 + 74 + 9 + 124 = 969$$

JOHN (G2491) = 1 Ιωάννην = **969**

John (no *Strong's* #) came (H935) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light, (H216) which (H834) is Jesus (Yeshua). (H3442)

יוחנן בוא עד ענה עד אור אשר ישוע

$$386 + 501 + 207 + 74 + 125 + 74 + 9 + 124 = 1500$$

There was a man (H120) John, (no *Strong's* #) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God; (H430) the same (H1931) came (H935) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light, (H216) that (H3588) all (H3605) men (H120) through (H5921) him might believe. (H539)

אדם יוֹחנן שׁלח מן אלהִים הוא בוֹא עד ענה עד אוֹר כִּי כּל אדם על אמן 91 + 100 + 45 + 50 + 30 + 207 + 74 + 125 + 74 + 9 + 12 + 86 + 338 + 124 + 45 =**1500**

LIGHT (G5457) (root word spelling) = $\phi \tilde{\omega} \zeta = 1500$

There was a man (H120) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God, (H430) whose name (H8034) was John, (no *Strong's #*) that to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the true (H571) Light. (H216)

אדם שלח מן אלהים שם יוחנן ענה עד אמת אור

$$207 + 441 + 74 + 125 + 124 + 340 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 340 + 45 =$$
1870

A Greek word in the Bible with a gematria value of 1870 is the spelling of the word in John 1:8 for "that Light."

LIGHT (G5457) = φωτός = **1870**

There was (H1961) a man (H120) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God (H430) whose name (H8034) was John. (no *Strong's* #) The same (H1931) came (H935) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light. (H216) He (H1931) was not (H3808) the Light, (H216) but (H3588) bore witness (H6030) (H5707) of the true (H571) the Light: (H216) the LORD (H3068) Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) Christ (the Messiah). (H4899)

היה אדם שלח מן אלהִים שם יוחנן הוא בוא עד ענה עד אור הוא לא אור כִּי ענה היה אדם שלח מן אלהִים שם יוחנן הוא בוא

$$358 + 386 + 26 + 207 + 441 + 74 + 125 + 30 + 207 + 31 + 12 + 207 + 74 + 125 + 74 + 9 + 12 + 124 + 340 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 45 + 20 = 3441$$

BEAR WITNESS (G3140) **OF** (G4012) **THE LIGHT** (G5457) = μαρτυρέω περί φ $\tilde{\omega}$ ς = 1746 + 195 + 1500 = **3441**

John (no Strong's #) was sent (H7971) from (H4480) God (H430) for a witness (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light. (H216) He (H1931) was not (H3808) the Light, (H216) but (H3588) a witness (H5707) of the only (H3173) Son (H1121) of God, (H430) the true (H571) Light. (H216)

יוֹתנן שׁלח מן אלהִים עד ענה עד אוֹר הוּא לא אוֹר כִּי עד יחִיד בּן אלהִים אמת אוֹר יוֹחנן שׁלח מן אלהִים ענה עד אוֹר אוֹר אוֹר אוֹר לא אוֹר בּי עד יחִיד בּן אלהִים אמת אוֹר 207 + 441 + 86 + 52 + 32 + 74 + 30 + 207 + 31 + 12 + 207 + 74 + 125 + 74 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 124 = **2290**

JOHN (G2491) **THE** (G3588) **BAPTIST** (G910) (all are root word spellings) = Ἰωάννης $\dot{0}$ Βαπτιστής = 1119 + 70 + 1101 = **2290**

It is proven through the numerical value of words that John the Baptist was sent to be a witness of the Light, and it is also proven that Jesus Christ is the true Light for whom John was sent to bear witness.

God (H430) sent (H7971) John (no *Strong's #*) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light, (H216) that (H3588) all (H3605) men (H120) through (H5921) him might believe. (H539) He (H1931) was not (H3808) the Light, (H216) but (H3588) was sent (H7971) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light. (H216)

אלהִים שׁלח יוֹחנן עד ענה עד אוֹר כִּי כּל אדמ על אמן הוּא לא אוֹר כִּי שלח ענה עד אוֹר עד אוֹר עד אוֹר

There was (H1961) a man (H120) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God (H430) whose name (H8034) was John. (no *Strong's* #) The same (H1931) came (H935) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light, (H216) that (H3588) all (H3605) men (H120) through him might believe (H539) in Christ (the Messiah) (H4899) He (H1931) was not (H3808) the Light. (H216)

הִיה אדם שׁלח מן אלהִים שׁם יוֹחנן הוּא בּוֹא עד ענה עד אוֹר כִּי כּל אדם אמן משִׁיח הוּא לא אוֹר

In the following sentence, the other Hebrew word for man (H376) is used.

There was a man (H376) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God (H430) whose name (H8034) was John. (no *Strong's* #) The same (H1931) came (H935) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light, (H216) that (H3588) all (H3605) men (H120) through (H4480) him might believe. (H539) He (H1931) was not (H3808) the Light, (H216) but (H3588) bore witness (H6030) (H5707) that Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) is the Light. (H216)

אָישׁ שׁלח מן אלהִים שׁם יוֹחנן הוּא בּוֹא עד ענה עד אוֹר כִּי כּל אדם מן אמן הוּא לא אוֹר כּי ענה עד ישׁוע אוֹר

John the Baptist was a prophet and a preacher who prepared the way by preaching repentance and baptism for purification: As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and

preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Mark 1:2-4. When the Hebrew root word for "preacher" is used in a sentence regarding the one who prepared the way for the Lord, the truth is confirmed.

The preacher (H6953) prepared (H6437) the way. (H1870)

קהלת פנה דרך

224 + 135 + 535 = 894

PREACH / **PREACHER** (G2784) = κηρύζατε = 894

The preacher (H6953) prepared (H6437) the way (H1870) of the LORD. (H3068)

קהלת פנה דרך יהוה

26 + 224 + 135 + 535 = 920

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (H907) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ βαπτίσθητε = **920**

Now, when the name of John is used in sentences consistent with what is written in the Bible, it is further confirmed that John the Baptist came preaching repentance to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

John (no *Strong's* #) **came** (H935) **preaching** (H7121) **in the wilderness,** (H4057) **saying,** (H559) **Repent.** (H5164)

יוחנן בוא קרא מדבר אמר נחם

98 + 241 + 246 + 301 + 9 + 124 =**1019**

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = ἐβαπτίσαντο = **1019**

John (no Strong's #) preached, (H7121) Repent. (H7725)

יוחנן קרא שוב

308 + 301 + 124 = 733

REPENT (G3340) = μετενόησεν =**733**

John the Baptist was the voice crying in the wilderness preparing the way of the Lord.

John (no *Strong's #*) **came** (H935) **preaching** (H7121) **in the wilderness.** (H4057)

יוחנן בוא קרא מדבר

246 + 301 + 9 + 124 = 680

PREPARE / MAKE READY (G2090) = ἡτοίμασαν = **680**

John (no Strong's #) was (H1961) the voice (H6963) of one crying (H7121) in the wilderness. (H4057)

יוֹחנן הִיה קול קרא מדבר

246 + 301 + 136 + 20 + 124 = 827

PREPARE / MAKE READY (G2090) = ἑτοιμάσας = 827

John (no *Strong's* #) came (H935) preaching (H7121) in the wilderness, (H4057) preparing (H6437) the way (H1870) of the LORD. (H3068)

יוחנן בוא קרא מדבר פנה דרך יהוה

26 + 224 + 135 + 246 + 301 + 9 + 124 = 1065

WAY (G3938) = παρόδωι = 1065

The Greek word that is used in Scripture for "baptize" means: to wash, to dip, to immerse, to cleanse by dipping or submerging. The word "baptize" is not found in the Old Testament, but the word that is used for "baptize" in Hebrew versions of the New Testament has, as its root, the word which means "to dip/to immerse." In the following gematria associations I have used the Hebrew root word which means "to immerse" in place of "Baptist," and for "baptized."

John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, and prepared the way of the Lord, by preaching repentance. In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matthew 3:1-3. Jesus, himself preached the same words as John the Baptist: Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:14-15.

John the Baptist is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah.

In those (H1992) days (H3117) came (H935) John (no Strong's #) the Baptist (to immerse). (H2881) This is he (H1931) that was spoken (H1696) of by the prophet (H5030) Isaiah. (H3470)

הם יום בוא יוחנן טבל הוא דבר נביא ישעיה

395 + 63 + 206 + 12 + 41 + 124 + 9 + 56 + 45 = 951

BAPTIST (G910) = $\beta \alpha \pi \tau_1 \sigma \tau \dot{\eta} v = 951$

In those (H1992) days (H3117) came (H935) John (no *Strong's #*) the Baptist (to immerse). (H2881) For (H3588) this is he (H1931) that was spoken (H1696) of by the prophet (H5030) Isaiah, (H3470) saying, (H559) The voice (H6963) of one crying (H7121) in the wilderness, (H4057) Prepare (H6437) ye the way (H1870) of the LORD. (H3068)

הם יוֹם בּוֹא יוֹחנן טבל כִּי הוּא דּבר נבִיא ישׁצִיה אמר קול קרא מדבּר פּנה דּרך יהוה

26 + 224 + 135 + 246 + 301 + 136 + 241 + 395 + 63 + 206 + 12 + 30 + 41 + 124 + 9 + 56 + 45 =**2290**

JOHN (G2491) **THE** (G3588) **BAPTIST** (G910) (all are root word spellings) = Ἰωάννης ὁ Βαπτιστής = 1119 + 70 + 1101 = 2290

Jesus Christ is the Lord for whom John the Baptist prepared the way. In the prior two gematria examples a word for "by" is not used, which is common in Scripture, whereas in the following sentence, the Hebrew word for "by" (H4480) is used.

John (no *Strong's* #) the Baptist (to immerse) (H2881) said, (H559) Repent. (H5162) For (H3588) this is he (H1931) that was spoken (H1696) of by (H4480) the prophet (H5030) Isaiah: (H3470) the voice (H6963) of one crying (H7121) in the wilderness, (H4057) Prepare (H6437) ye the way (H1870) of the LORD. (H3068)

יוֹחנן טבל אמר נחם כִּי הוּא דבר מן נבִיא ישׁעִיה קול קרא מדבר פּנה דרך יהוה 26 + 224 + 135 + 246 + 301 + 136 + 395 + 63 + 90 + 206 + 12 + 30 + 98 + 241 + 41 + 124 = 2368 = JESUS CHRIST

John the Baptist was sent by God to be a witness of the true Light, and to prepare for the coming of the Lord. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. John 1:6-8.

God (H430) sent (H7971) a man, (H120) John (no *Strong's #*) the Baptist (to immerse), (H2881) to prepare (H6437) the way (H1870) of the LORD. (H3068)

אלהִים שׁלח יוחנן טבל פּנה דרך יהוה

26 + 224 + 135 + 41 + 124 + 45 + 338 + 86 =**1019**

BAPTIST / **BAPTIZE** (G907) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ βαπτίςαντο = **1019**

John the Baptist bore witness to the true Light, and another Greek word with a gematria value of 1019 confirms this truth.

BEAR WITNESS (G3140) = μεμαρτύρηκε = 1019

The true Light for which God sent John the Baptist to be a witness, and prepare the way, is Jesus, the Son of God.

A man, (H120) John (no *Strong's #*) the Baptist (to immerse), (H2881) was sent (H7971) for a witness, (H5707) to prepare (H6437) the way (H1870) for the Son (H1121) of God. (H430)

אדם יוחנן טבל שלח עד פנה דרך בן אלהים

86 + 52 + 224 + 135 + 74 + 338 + 41 + 124 + 45 =**1119**

JOHN (G2491) (root word spelling) = Ἰωάννης = **1119**

John the Baptist bore witness to the Light, and prepared the way of the Lord.

The prophet, (H5030) John (no *Strong's #*) the Baptist (to immerse), (H2881) bore witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light. (H216)

נביא יוחנן טבל ענה עד אור

207 + 74 + 125 + 41 + 124 + 63 = 634

BAPTISM (G908) (root word spelling) = βάπτισμα = 634

God (H430) sent (H7971) John (no *Strong's #*) the Baptist (to immerse) (H2881) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light, (H216) Jesus (Yeshua). (H3442)

אלהים יוחנן טבל ענה עד אור ישוע

386 + 207 + 74 + 125 + 41 + 124 + 338 + 86 =**1381**

JOHN (H2491) = 1 Ιωάννου = **1381**

There was (H1961) a man (H120) John (no *Strong's* #) the Baptist (to immerse) ,(H2881) sent (H7971) from (H4480) God; (H430) the same (H1931) came (H935) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light, (H216) that (H3588) all (H3605) men (H120) through (H5921) him might believe. (H539) He (H1931) was not (H3808) the Light, (H216) but (H3588) came (H935) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the true (H571) the Light: (H216) Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) Christ (the Messiah). (H4899)

היה אדם יוחנן טבל שלח מן אלהים הוא בוא עד ענה עד אור כִּי כּל אדם על אמן היה אדם יוחנן טבל שלח מן אלהים הוא לא אור כּי ענה עד אמת אור ישוע משיח

$$358 + 386 + 207 + 441 + 74 + 125 + 9 + 30 + 207 + 31 + 12 + 91 + 100 + 45 + 50 + 30 + 207 + 74 + 125 + 74 + 9 + 12 + 86 + 90 + 338 + 41 + 124 + 45 + 20 = 3441$$

BEAR WITNESS (G3140) **OF** (G4012) **THE LIGHT** (G5457) = μαρτυρέω περί φῶς = 1746 + 195 + 1500 = **3441**

John bore witness of the true Light, Jesus Christ.

John (no *Strong's* #) the Baptist (to immerse) (H2881) was sent (H7971) from (H4480) God (H430) for a witness, (H5707) to bear witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Light. (H216) He (H1931) was not (H3808) the Light, (H216) but (H3588) bore witness (H6030) (H5707) of the true (H571) Light; (H216) Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) Christ (the Messiah), (H4899) the Son (H1121) of God. (H430)

יוֹחנן טבל שלח מן אלהִים עד ענה עד אוֹר הוּא לא אוֹר כִּי ענה עד אמת אוֹת ישׁוע משׁיח בּן אלהים

John came preaching repentance in the wilderness and baptizing the people with water in the Jordan River.

He came (H935) preaching (H7121) repentance (H5164) and baptized (to immerse) (H2881) people (H5971) in the Jordan. (H3383)

בוא קרא נחם טבל עם ירדן

264 + 110 + 41 + 98 + 301 + 9 = 823

WILDERNESS (G2048) = ἐρήμους = 823

John (no Strong's #) preached (H7121) repentance (H5164) of sin (H2403) and baptized (to immerse) (H2881) with water. (H4325)

יוחנן קרא נחם חטאה טבל מִים

90 + 41 + 23 + 98 + 301 + 124 = 677

REPENTANCE (G3341) = μετανοίας = 677

The prophet (H5030) prepared (H6437) the way (H1870) of the LORD, (H3068) and baptized (to immerse) (H2881) the people. (H5971)

נבוא פנה דרך יהוה טבל עם

110 + 41 + 26 + 224 + 135 + 63 = 599

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ βάπτισα = **599**

John (no *Strong's* #) came (H935) preaching (H7121) in the wilderness (H4057) and baptizing (to immerse) (H2881) the people. (H5971)

יוחנן בוא קרא מדבר טבל עם

110 + 41 + 246 + 301 + 9 + 124 = 831

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = βαπτίζονται = 831

John (no *Strong's* #) came (H935) preaching (H7121) repentance (H1564) in the wilderness (H4057) and baptizing (to immerse) (H2881) the people (H5971) with water. (H4325)

יוחנן בוא קרא נחם מדבר טבל עם מִים

90 + 110 + 41 + 246 + 98 + 301 + 9 + 124 =**1019**

BAPTIST / **BAPTIZE** (G907) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ βαπτίσαντο = **1019**

John came to baptize the people with water and to bear witness of the one who was mightier, and would come after him to baptize with the Holy Ghost: *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:* Matthew 3:11.

John (no Strong's #) said, (H559) I (H589) indeed (H546) baptize (to immerse) (H2881) you with water. (H4325)

יוחנן אמר אני אמנה טבל מים

90 + 41 + 96 + 61 + 241 + 124 = 653

BAPTIST / **BAPTIZE** (G907) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ βάπτισεν = **653**

PREPARE / MAKE READY (G2090) = ἐτοιμάσθηι = 653

The Hebrew word H1419, which is most often translated as "great" can also mean "mighty," and is used for "mightier" in the following sentence.

John (no *Strong's* #) said, (H559) I baptize (to immerse) (H2881) you with water, (H4325) but (H3588) one (H259) that is mightier (greater) (H1419) will come (H935) to baptize (to immerse) (H2881) you with the Holy (H6944) Ghost. (H7307)

יוחנן אמר טבל מִים כִּי אחד גדוֹל בּוֹא טבל קדשׁ רוּח

214 + 404 + 41 + 9 + 43 + 13 + 30 + 90 + 41 + 241 + 124 =**1250**

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = βαπτίζων = 1250

John baptized with water and preached repentance to prepare the way of the Lord.

John (no *Strong's* #) preached (H7121) in the wilderness, (H4057) and baptized (to immerse) (H2881) with water (H4325) unto (H413) repentance .(H5164)

יוחנן קרא מדבר טבל מים אל נחם

$$98 + 31 + 90 + 41 + 246 + 124 = 1029$$

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = βαπτισθήσεσθε = 1029

John (no *Strong's* #) said, (H559) I (H589) indeed (H546) baptize (to immerse) (H2881) you with water (H4325) unto (H413) repentance. (H5164)

יוחנן אמר אני אמנה טבל מים אל נחם

$$98 + 31 + 90 + 41 + 96 + 61 + 241 + 124 = 782$$

PREPARE / **MAKE READY** (G2090) = ἡτοίμασμενην = **782**

Instead of using a separate word for "indeed," as used in the sentence above, most often in the Old Testament when an action is preceded by "indeed," the verb is used twice, without a separate word, as in the next sentence in which a different Hebrew word is used for "mightier."

John (no Strong's #) said, (H559) I indeed baptize (to immerse) (H2881) (H2881) you with water (H4325) unto (H413) repentance: (H5164) but (H3588) he that comes (H935) after (H310) me is mightier (H6105) than (H4490) I.

יוחנן אמר טבל טבל מִים אל נחם כִּי בּוֹא אחר עצם מן

$$90 + 200 + 209 + 9 + 30 + 98 + 31 + 90 + 41 + 41 + 241 + 124 = 1204$$

BAPTISM (G908) =
$$βαπτίςματος = 1204$$

The one who John said would come after him, and is mightier, is Jesus Christ.

I indeed baptize (to immerse) (H2881) (H2881) you with water (H4325) unto (H413) repentance: (H5164) but (H3588) he that comes (H935) after (H310) me is mightier. (H6105)

טבל טבל מים אל נחם כי בּוֹא אחר עצם

$$200 + 209 + 9 + 30 + 98 + 31 + 90 + 41 + 41 = 749$$

As shown previously, 749 is the gematria value for the proper Hebrew spelling of Jesus Christ.

YESHUA HA-MASHIACH (YESHUA THE MESSIAH/JESUS CHRIST)

ישוע המשיח

$$363 + 386 = 749$$

Jesus Christ for whom John prepared the way is mightier than John, and baptizes with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

John (no Strong's #) said, (H559) I (H589) indeed baptize (to immerse) (H2881) (H2881) you with water (H4325) unto (H413) repentance: (H5164) but (H3588) he that comes (H935) after (H310) me is mightier (H6105) than (H4480) I, whose shoes (H5275) I am not (H3808) worthy (H2428) to bear: (H5375) Christ (the Messiah) (H4899) shall baptize (to immerse) (H2881) you with the Holy (H6944) Ghost, (H7307) and with fire. (H784)

יוֹחנן אמר אנִי טבל טבל מִים אל נחם כִּי בּוֹא אחר עצם מן נעלה לא חִיל נשׂא יוֹחנן אמר אנִי טבל סבל מִדשׁ רוּח אשׁ

The prophet (H5030) prepared (H6437) the way (H1870) of the LORD, (H3068) and baptized (to immerse) (H2881) the people, (H5971) saying (H559) unto (H413) them, Repent. (H5162)

נבוא פנה דרך יהוה טבל עם אמר אל נחם

$$98 + 31 + 241 + 110 + 41 + 26 + 224 + 135 + 63 =$$
969

JOHN (G2491) =
1
Ιωάννην = **969**

John baptized and preached repentance for remission of sins.

He (H1931) baptized (to immerse) (H2881) in the wilderness, (H4057) preaching (H7121) repentance (H1564) of sin. (H2403)

הוא טבל מדבר קרא נחם חטאה

$$2398 + 301 + 246 + 41 + 12 = 721$$

REMISSION / FORGIVENESS (G859) = $\dot{\alpha}\phi\dot{\epsilon}\sigma\epsilon\iota = 721$

He (H1931) baptized (to immerse) (H2881) men (H120) in the wilderness, (H4057) preaching (H7121) repentance (H1564) of sin. (H2403)

הוא טבל אדם מדבר קרא נחם חטאה

$$23\ 98 + 301 + 246 + 45 + 41 + 12 = 766$$

REMISSION / FORGIVENESS (G859) = $\alpha \varphi \epsilon \sigma \iota v = 766$

He (H1931) baptized (to immerse) (H2881) men (H120) in the wilderness, (H4057) preaching (H7121) repentance (H1564) for (H4480) remission (forgiveness) (H5547) of sins. (H2403)

הוא טבל אדם מדבר קרא נחם מן סלִיחה חטאה

$$23 + 113 + 90 + 98 + 301 + 246 + 45 + 41 + 12 =$$
969

JOHN (G2491) =
1
Ιωάννην = **969**

Gematria proves conclusively that John the Baptist was the one who was prophesied by Isaiah to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ.

John (no Strong's #) came (H935) to fulfill (H4390) the prophecy (H5016) of the voice (H6963) of one crying (H7121) in the wilderness. (H4057)

יוחנן בוא מלא נבואה קול קרא מדבר

$$246 + 301 + 136 + 64 + 71 + 9 + 124 = 951$$

BAPTIST (G910) =
$$\beta \alpha \pi \tau i \sigma \tau \acute{\eta} v = 951$$

John (no *Strong's* #) the Baptist (to immerse) (H2881) fulfilled (H4390) the prophecy (H5016) of Isaiah, (H3470) of one crying, (H7121) Prepare (H6437) ye the way (H1870) of the LORD. (H3068)

יוחנן טבל מלא נבואה יששיה קרא פנה דרך יהוה

$$26 + 224 + 135 + 301 + 395 + 64 + 71 + 41 + 124 =$$
1381

JOHN (H2491) = 1 Ιωάννου = **1381**

There was (H1961) a voice (H6963) of one crying (H7121) in the wilderness. (H4057) Prepare (H6437) ye the way (H1870) the LORD, (H3068) saying, (H559) Repent, (H5162) for (H3588) the kingdom (H4467) of heaven (H8064) is at hand. (H7138)

היה קול קרא מדבר פנה דרך יהוה אמר נחם כי ממלכה שמים קרוב

$$308 + 390 + 135 + 30 + 98 + 241 + 26 + 224 + 135 + 246 + 301 + 136 + 20 = 2290$$

JOHN (G2491) **THE** (G3588) **BAPTIST** (G910) (all are root word spellings) = Ἰωάννης ὁ Βαπτιστής = 1119 + 70 + 1101 = 2290

After Jesus was baptized by John, Scripture tells us that the Spirit of God proclaimed the divinity of his Son, Jesus Christ: And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. And straightaway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Mark 1:9-11. Jesus was called the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee: And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. Matthew 21:11. Jesus came from his home in Nazareth of Galilee to be baptized by John. A remarkable confirmation of Biblical truth regarding Jesus, the Son of God, being from Galilee is seen in the following use of root words in Greek.

Jesus (G2424) of Galilee, (G1056) the only (G3441) Son (G5207) of God. (G2316)

'Ιησοῦς Γαλαλαια μόνος Υἱός Θεός

$$888 + 86 + 430 + 680 + 284 = 2368 = JESUS CHRIST$$

The following sentences of Biblical truth confirm what is written in Scripture as the result of words that are found for the randomly calculated values.

Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) came (H935) from (H4480) Galilee (H1551) and was baptized (to immerse) (H2881) in the Jordan. (H3383)

ישוע בוא מן גליל טבל ירדן

$$264 + 41 + 73 + 90 + 9 + 386 = 863$$

DIP / TO DIP IN / MAKE WET (G1686) =
$$\dot{\epsilon}$$
μβαπτόμενος = **863**

Another Greek word with the same value is significant in relation to this passage of Scripture, in that after being baptized, the voice of God acknowledged Jesus as his "beloved Son."

BELOVED (G27) = ἀγαπητοῦ =
$$863$$

The Son (H1121) of God (H430) came (H935) from (H4480) Galilee (H1551) and was baptized (to immerse) (H2881) in the Jordan. (H3383)

Two different spellings of the same Greek word have a gematria value of 615.

BAPTIST / **BAPTIZE** (G907) (this is the spelling of the word as it is used in Mark 1: 9, when speaking of John baptizing Jesus: "baptized of John") = $\frac{1}{2}$ βαπτίσθη = 615

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) =
$$βαπτίζεις = 615$$

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by the prophet John the Baptist. When the word for "prophet" is used in a sentence of scriptural truth, remarkably, there is confirmation once again by a different numerical value which was also found at random.

The Son (H1121) of man (H120) was baptized (to immerse) (H2881) by the prophet (H5030) in the Jordan. (H3383)

BAPTIZE / BAPTIST (G907) =
$$βαπτίζειν = 465$$

Jesus, the Son of man and Son of God, the Messiah, was baptized by John in the Jordan.

The prophet (H5030) preached (H7121) repentance (H5164) and baptized (to immerse) (H2881) the Son (H1121) of man (H120) in the Jordan (H3383) river. (H5104)

JOHN (G2491) (root word spelling) = Ἰωάννης = **1119**

The Son (H1121) of God (H430) was baptized (to immerse) (H2881) by the prophet (H5030) in the Jordan. (H3383)

MESSIAS (MESSIAH) (G3323) =
$$Mεσσίαν = 506$$

The Son (H1121) of God (H430) was baptized (to immerse) (H2881) by the prophet (H5030) John (no *Strong's #*) the Baptist (to immerse) (H2881 in the Jordan. (H3383)

$$\textbf{BAPTIST} \ / \ \textbf{BAPTIZE} \ (G907) = \beta \alpha \pi \tau \iota \sigma \theta \tilde{\eta} v \alpha \iota = \textbf{671}$$

As Jesus was coming out of the Jordan River after being baptized, the voice of God proclaimed the divinity of Jesus and acknowledged him as his beloved Son.

The beloved (H157) Son (H1121) of God (H430) was baptized (to immerse) (H2881) in the Jordan. (H3383)

אהב בן אלהים טבל ירדן

264 + 41 + 86 + 52 + 8 = 451

BELOVED (G27) = ἀγαπητήν = 451

Thou (H859) art my beloved (H157) Son, (H1121) in whom (H834) I am well pleased. (H2654)

אתה אהב בן אשר חפץ

178 + 501 + 52 + 8 + 406 = 1145

LOVE / BELOVED / TO BE WELL PLEASED (G25) = $\alpha \gamma \alpha \pi \tilde{\omega} \sigma \iota v = 1145$

John the Baptist saw the Spirit like a dove descending upon Jesus.

John (no Strong's #) saw (H7200) the Spirit (H7307) like a dove. (H3123)

יוֹחנן ראה רוּח יונה

71 + 214 + 206 + 124 = 615

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = $\frac{2}{3}$ $\theta \pi \pi i \sigma \theta \eta = 615$

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = βαπτίζεις = 615

John (no Strong's #) saw (H7200) the Spirit (H7307) like a dove (H3123) descending (H3381) upon (H5921) him.

יוחנן ראה רוח יונה ירד על

100 + 214 + 71 + 214 + 206 + 124 = 929

JOHN (G2491) = Ἰωάννηι = **929**

Most often in Scripture a word for "like" is not used, as in the previous two examples. However, there is a Hebrew root word which can be used for "like" or "like as." This word (H3644) which has a gematria value of 66 is used in the following three sentences.

When the Spirit descended like a dove upon Jesus, the Son of God, a voice was heard saying, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The Spirit (H7307) like (H3644) a dove (H3123) descended (H3381) upon (H5921) the Son (H1121) of God. (H430)

רוח כמו יונה ירד על בן אלהים

86 + 52 + 100 + 71 + 66 + 214 = 803

BE WELL PLEASED (G2106) = εὐδοκήσαμεν = **803**

The Spirit (H7307) like (H3644) a dove (H3123) descended (H3381) upon (H5921) the Son (H1121) of man. (H120)

רוח כמו יונה ירד על בן אדם

45 + 52 + 100 + 71 + 66 + 214 =**762**

A different spelling of the same Greek word which has a gematria value of 803, has a gematria value of 762.

BE WELL PLEASED (G2106) = εὐδόκησεν = 762

John the Baptist saw the Spirit like a dove descending upon Jesus.

John (no *Strong's* #) **saw** (H7200) **the Spirit** (H7307) **like** (H3644) **a dove** (H3123) **descending.** (H3381)

יוחנן ראה רוח כמו יונה ירד

214 + 71 + 66 + 214 + 206 + 124 = 895

BAPTIST / BAPTIZE (G907) = $\dot{\epsilon}$ βαπτίζοντο = **895**

SEE (G3708) = $\alpha \pi i \delta \omega$ = **895**

John (no *Strong's* #) saw (H7200) the Spirit (H7307) like (H3644) a dove (H3123) descending (H3381) upon (H5921) Jesus (Yeshua). (H3442)

יוחנן ראה רוח כמו יונה ירד על ישוע

386 + 100 + 214 + 71 + 66 + 214 + 206 + 124 =**1381**

JOHN (H2491) = 1 Ιωάννου = **1381**

As Jesus was coming out of the water the voice from heaven acknowledged him as the Son of God.

The Son (H1121) of God (H430) came up (H5927) out of (H4480) the water, (H4325) and he saw (H7200) the Spirit (H7307) descending (H3381) upon (H5921) him. And there came (H935) a voice (H6963) from (H4480) heaven, (H8064) saying, (H559) Thou (H859) art my beloved (H157) Son, (H1121) in whom (H834) I am well pleased. (H2654)

בן אשר אתה אחב בן אשר בוא קול מן שמים אמר אתה אחב בן אשר בן אלהים עלה מן מִים ראה רוּח ירד על בוא קול מן

$$178 + 501 + 52 + 8 + 406 + 241 + 390 + 90 + 136 + 9 + 100 + 214 + 214 + 206 + 90 + 90 + 105 + 86 + 52 = 3168 = LORD JESUS CHRIST$$

After what he had seen, John the Baptist became a witness that Jesus was the Son of God: *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! John 1:29-34, 36.*

John the Baptist bore witness that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, the Son of God who would take away the sins of the world.

John (no *Strong's* #) bore witness (H6030) (H5707) that (H3588) Christ (the Messiah) (H4899) is the Lamb (H3532) of God. (H430)

יוחנן ענה עד כִּי משִׁיח כּבשׁ אלהִים

$$86 + 322 + 358 + 30 + 74 + 125 + 124 = 1119$$

JOHN (G2491) (root word spelling) = $^{\prime}$ Ιωάννης = **1119**

John was sent by God to prepare the way, and to be a witness. He had been told by God that he would see the Spirit descend upon the one who would come to baptize with the Holy Spirit, and that this would be the Son of God.

Upon (H5921) whom (H834) you see (H7200) the Spirit (H7307) descending (H3381) and remaining (H5975) on (H5921) him, the same (H1931) is the Son (H1121) of God (H430) which baptizes (to immerse) (H2881) with (H5973) the Holy (H6944) Ghost. (H7307)

על אשר ראה רוח ירד עמד על הוא בן אלהים טבל עם קדש רוח

$$214 + 404 + 110 + 41 + 86 + 52 + 12 + 100 + 114 + 214 + 214 + 206 + 501 + 100 = 2368 = JESUS CHRIST$$

John (no *Strong's* #) said, (H559) I bear record (H6030) (H5707) that (H3588) this (H2088) is the Son (H1121) of God. (H430)

יוחנן אמר ענה עד כי זה בן אלהים

$$86 + 52 + 12 + 30 + 74 + 125 + 241 + 124 = 744$$

JESUS (YESHUA) (H3442) CHRIST (the MESSIAH) (H4899)

רשוע משיח

$$358 + 386 = 744$$

John (no *Strong's* #) prepared (H6437) the way (H1870) of the LORD, (H3068) and bore witness (H6030) (H5707) that (H3588) this (H2088) is the Son (H1121) of God. (H430)

יוחנן פנה דרך יהוה ענה עד כי זה בן אלהים

$$86 + 52 + 12 + 30 + 74 + 125 + 26 + 224 + 135 + 124 = 888 = JESUS$$

John (no *Strong's* #) the Baptist (to immerse) (H2881) bore witness (H6030) (H5707) that Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) is the Son (H1121) of God. (H430)

יוחנן טבל ענה עד ישוע בן אלהים

$$86 + 52 + 386 + 74 + 125 + 41 + 124 = 888 = JESUS$$

John said that after him would come one mightier than him who would baptize differently than he baptized: *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.* Matthew 3:11. Gematria confirms that Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Holy Ghost.

Jesus (Yeshua) (H3442) **baptizes (to immerse)** (H2881) **men** (H120) **with** (H5973) **the Holy** (H6944) **Ghost.** (H7307)

ישוע טבל אדם עם קדש רוח

214 + 404 + 110 + 45 + 41 + 386 = 1200

BAPTIZE (G907) (root word spelling) = βαπτίζω = 1200

John (no Strong's #) said, (H559) I (H589) indeed (H389) baptize (to immerse) (H2881) you with water (H4325) unto (H413) repentance: (H5164) but (H3588) he (H1931) that cometh (H935) after (H310) me is mightier (H6099) than (H4480) I, and the LORD, (H3068) will come (H935) to baptize (to immerse) (H2881) you with (H5973) the Holy (H6944) Ghost, (H214) and with fire. (H784)

יוֹחנן אמר אנִי אך טבל מִים אל נחם כִּי הוּא בּוֹא אחר עצוּם מן יהוה בּוֹא טבל עם קדש רוּח אשׁ

$$301 + 214 + 404 + 110 + 41 + 9 + 26 + 90 + 206 + 209 + 9 + 12 + 30 + 98 + 31 + 90 + 41 + 21 + 61 + 241 + 124 = 2368 = JESUS CHRIST$$

In the Gospel of John, the following is written concerning the Word which became flesh, and the witness of John the Baptist: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. John 1:14-15. John was a witness that the Word was Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

John (no *Strong's* #) bore witness (H6030) (H5707) of the Word, (H1697) and cried, (H7121) saying, (H559) This (H2088) was (H1961) the only (H3173) begotten (H3205) Son (H1121) of God, (H430) of whom (H834) I spoke, (H1696) He that cometh (H935) after (H310) me is preferred (H1961) before (H2962) me: for (H3588) Christ (the Messiah) (H4899) was (H1961) before (H2962) me.

יוֹחנן ענה עד דבר קרא אמר זה הִיה יחִיד ילד בּן אלהִים אשׁר דבר קרא אחר הִיה טרם יוֹחנן ענה עד דבר קרא אמר זה הִיה טרם

The gematria evidence is quite clear. John the Baptist is the one whom Isaiah prophesied would be the voice of one crying in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Lord. It is also apparent from the evidence presented that Jesus Christ is the beloved Son of God, who baptizes not with water as John did, but with the Holy Spirit.