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Life and Ministry

Preparation: John the Baptist

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts." - Malachi 3:1

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Jesus confirms that John the Baptist is the one to come in the spirit of Elijah.

“For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come... He who has ears to hear, let him hear”.

- Matthew 11:13-15, Malachi 4:5-6



Jesus's Ministry Begins In Galilee

"... so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." - Matthew 4:14-16

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His Ministry Characterized by Compassion, Love And Humility

This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

"Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope." - Matthew 12:17-21

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He Would Use Parables In His Ministry

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All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: *"I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."*

- Matthew 13:34-35



Jesus Was Anointed – We Are Too!

Luke 4:18 - *“The spirit of the Lord is upon me”...*

John 16:23 - *“Whatever you ask in my name”...*

1 Peter 2:9 - *“You are a Royal priesthood”...*

We are called to be ‘mini’ Christ’s

Little ‘anointed ones’ i.e., ‘*Christ-ians*’

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So, What Now?...

“The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.” - Mark Twain

“Look for Christ and you will find Him, and everything else.” - C S Lewis

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