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***<sup>4</sup>John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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.***

***<sup>6</sup>John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he was preaching, saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to bend down and untie the straps of His sandals. <sup>8</sup>I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."***

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***<sup>13</sup>And He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving Him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;***

***repent and believe in the gospel.”<sup>16</sup> As He was going along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will have you become fishers of people.”<sup>18</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.<sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John,***

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