

# The Year Of Following Jesus #5: John the Baptist

January 21, 2022

*Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today*

**January 29 & 30, 2022**

Blessed Be Your Name

**Welcome**

Come to the River

Your Great Name

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Build My Life

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #5 -**

**John the Baptizer's Origin Story - Pastor Ed**



## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs -** Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.

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### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- Thrive Thursday
- January service project - blankets, towels, baking sheets
- Bible in a year
- End of Year Tax Statements

### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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### Riverside Happenings

**January Service Project** - We are gathering baby blankets for the Alaska Chapter of the National Down Syndrome Congress. New baby blankets, fleeces, and quilts are appreciated. See Becky for more details.

**January Service Project (Part 2)** - The Afghan refugees are in need of new towels and large baking sheets. See Janet for details.

**Charitable Giving Receipts** - End of year statements are available. Email Aniela for a copy of your statement for taxes.

**Bible Study on YouVersion** - Join us in a bible study starting January 1st. Download the YouVersion bible app, search for EagleRiverside, and then add us as a friend. Search for the plan, "The Bible Recap with Tara Leigh Cobble."

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, February 12th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Thrive Winter Retreat New Date** - The new winter retreat dates for the high schoolers is March 25-27. There's still time to sign up. See Aniela for details.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, February 7th 13th 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine on Monday nights at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Taylor or Aniela.

**Thursday, February 3rd 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.

Questions? Like to help?

See Liz & Kyle, Taylor, or Aniela.

To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

IGNITE

REV

THRIVE

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

# Following The Year Of <sup>^</sup>Jesus #5

## John The Baptizer: An Origin Story

*God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

—John 1:6-9 (NLT)

## Observations On John:

### 1. John Was Jesus' Cousin.

- *What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible for God!*

—Luke 1:36-37 (NLT)

- *John grew up and became strong in spirit. And he lived in the wilderness until he began his public ministry to Israel.*

—Luke 1:80 (NLT)

## **2. John Was Not A Baptist.**

- *In those days John the Baptizer came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching.*

—Matthew 3:1 (NLT)

- *The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”*

—Matthew 3:3 (NLT)

1. Zealots- Soldiers
2. Sadducees- Jerusalem Priests
3. Pharisees- The Separate Ones
4. Essenes- The REALLY Separate Ones\*\*

- *John’s clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.*

—Matthew 3:4-6 (NLT)

## **3. John Didn’t Know Everything.**

- *Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah.*

—Luke 3:15 (NLT)

- *John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”*  
—Mark 1:7-8 (NLT)

- *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! He is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’ I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.”*  
—John 1:29-31 (NLT)

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—Proverbs 4:18-19 (MES)

## **Follow Through Step #5:**

**Prepare for the coming of the LORD. How? By living a life that shines brighter and brighter. How can I make my life shine brighter?**

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## **Riverside Info Texting System**

At Riverside we aren’t terribly organized- in fact we’re sort of the poster church for “disorganized religion”. So we use a “text for

information” system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone call you without asking for a call. If you can’t find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don’t answer try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

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For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-2662. You’ll get a text in return with a link to the info you asked for.

Frequently Asked Questions About Riverside- keyword= FAQs

Communion Info- keyword= Communion

New To Riverside? keyword= Guest

Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop

Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine

Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism

Youth Programs At Riverside:

Want info on 4-5 grade programs? keyword= Ignite

Want info on 6-8 grade programs? keyword= Rev

Want info on high school programs? keyword= Thrive