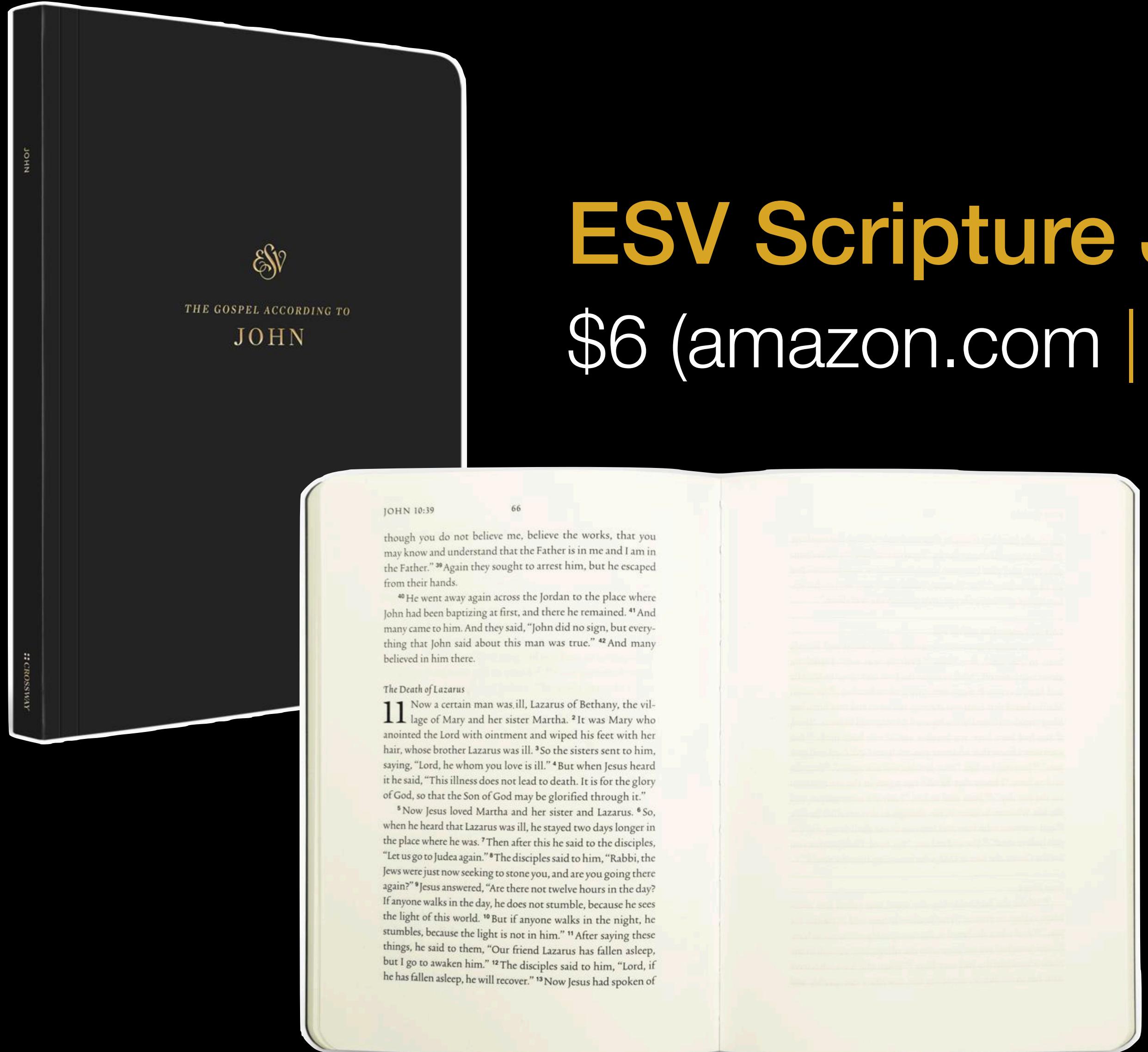




MATTHEW

Messiah Has Come



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Purpose

Matthew's gospel was written to provide clarity and stability for the early church concerning the person of Jesus as Israel's **Messiah** and as **Head of the Church**.

Q1

What does this teach me about Jesus as Messiah?

Q2

What does this teach me about Jesus as Head of the Church?

Principle

To fully experience a relationship with Jesus, we must know and embrace him for who he truly is. Jesus is and will always be the promised Messiah King of Israel and all that he says and does comes from who he is.

Matthew 3:1-17

1In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, **2** “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” **3**For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ” **4**Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. **5**Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, **6**and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Matthew 3:1-17

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. **14** John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” **15** But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. **16** And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; **17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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John's Background (Luke 1)

- *From the tribe of Levi*
- *Supernaturally born to an elderly couple.*

- *Birth and vocation foretold by God.*
- *Related to Jesus through his mother*

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Deuteronomy 30:1-3

*“And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, 2 and **return to the Lord your God**, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, **with all your heart and with all your soul**, 3 then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you.*

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Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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Matthew 3:4-6

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11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit** and **fire**. 12 His **winnowing fork** is in his hand and he will clear his threshing floor

Joel 2:28-32

28 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. 30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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Principle

The people of God need to choose to have a change of mind (repent), identify themselves with, and set themselves apart (consecrate) for the King and his coming Kingdom.

Q1

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Next Week

Matthew 4:1-11