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Series: More Than Words
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More Than Words - A New Center

Part 1

Mark 1: The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ²as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”— ³“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” ⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

God is one God and exists in three persons.

- This is not the teaching of three gods who work in harmony.
- It is not the teaching that one God takes different forms.
- The persons of the Trinity always glorify one another.
- If the world was made by a triune God, relationships of love are what life is really all about.

In water baptism you die to the idea that everything must center on you.

- Temptation isn’t just trouble, it is a battle over who or what will be the center of your life.

The Gospel is not about following advice, it is about following Jesus.