

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Hear the Prophets Sing of Jesus

2 Chronicles 36:15-16; Matthew 3:1-12; 5:10-12; 14:1-12; 23:37;
Mark 6:14-29; Luke 1:5-25; 3:1-20; Hebrews 11:33-40

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Unison Cm Cm/Bb G^{7sus} G⁷ Cm Cm/Bb Ab Eb^{add9}/_G Eb/G Fm⁷Fm⁹ Bb^{sus}Bb

1. Hear the proph - ets sing of Je - sus In the pow'r of God's own word,
2. John the Bap - tist sang of Je - sus By the Spir - it's might - y breath.
3. Let the Spir - it sing of Je - sus Ev - 'ry mo - ment, ev - 'ry day

Cm Gm Bb Ab/C Cm Cm/Bb Ab Eb/G

Shar - ing in His bold o - be - dience, Sin - gle - mind - ed
See the road he walked be - fore Him: Rug - ged life and
Through your kind and lov - ing ser - vice, All you are and

Fm Ab Fm⁷ Ab Fm Ab G^{sus} G Ab⁷M7 Eb/G Bb Bb/C Bb/D Cm Cm/Bb

like their Lord; Beat - en, blood - ied, poor, de - spised
bru - tal death. Hear his cry, "Re - pent! O - bey!
all you say. Life in Him is your re - ward.

Ab Eb/Bb Abm/B Cm 1, 2 FmFm⁷ G Cm 3 Fm Fm⁷ G C^{sus} C^{sus}/_G C

Like their God Who bleeds and dies.
Christ has come! Pre - pare His way!"
Share His joy, and sing your Lord!

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JOHN THE BAPTIST
8.7.8.7.7.7.

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TOPICS: Advent; CHRIST HYMNS 1, Old Testament

LEAD-IN: *“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:10-12, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

John the Baptist

Though the story of John the Baptist appears in the New Testament,
in many ways he was the last of the Old Testament prophets.

He lived and died before the
death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. (See Matthew 11:11.)

In scripture, his introduction follows the pattern of the Old Testament prophets:

“When _____ were ruling, ‘the word of God came to _____, son of _____’.”
(Compare Luke 3:1-2 to Jeremiah 1:1-2; Ezekiel 1:1-3; Hosea 1:1, etc.)

John had the same bold message and manner as the prophets.

And like many of them,
because he courageously spoke God’s truth to powerful leaders,
he met a brutal death. (See Hebrews 11:37-38.)

The Old Testament prophets pointed to Jesus by their
bold obedience and
single-minded devotion to God.

Some also spoke specific prophecies about Him.

But John pointed to Jesus more immediately
than any of the other prophets.

John introduced the world to the living, breathing, present Christ.

He was Jesus’ contemporary and blood-relative.

Jesus and John led-off with the same message:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 3:2; 4:17)

They both lived a rugged life, and
in the end, both met a painful, humiliating death,
simply for speaking God’s word to those who didn’t want to hear.

But I love what John 10:40-42 says about John:

“(Jesus) went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He stayed there. Many came to Him and were saying, ‘While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.’ And many believed in Him there.” (NASB)

I want my words and my life to point to Jesus the way John’s did,
not by drawing attention to myself, but to Him.

I want my words and my life to say with John:

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30, NASB)