

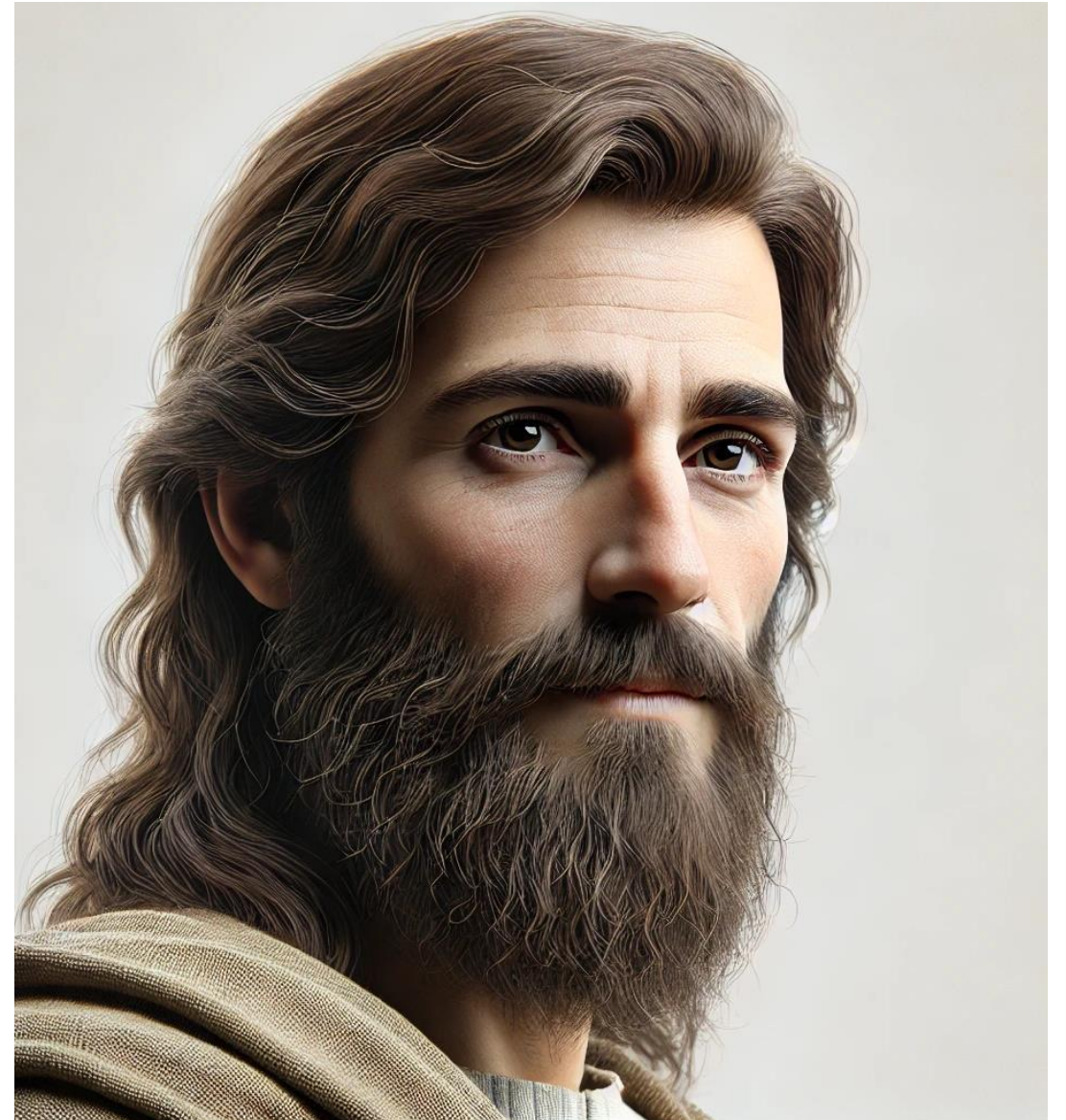
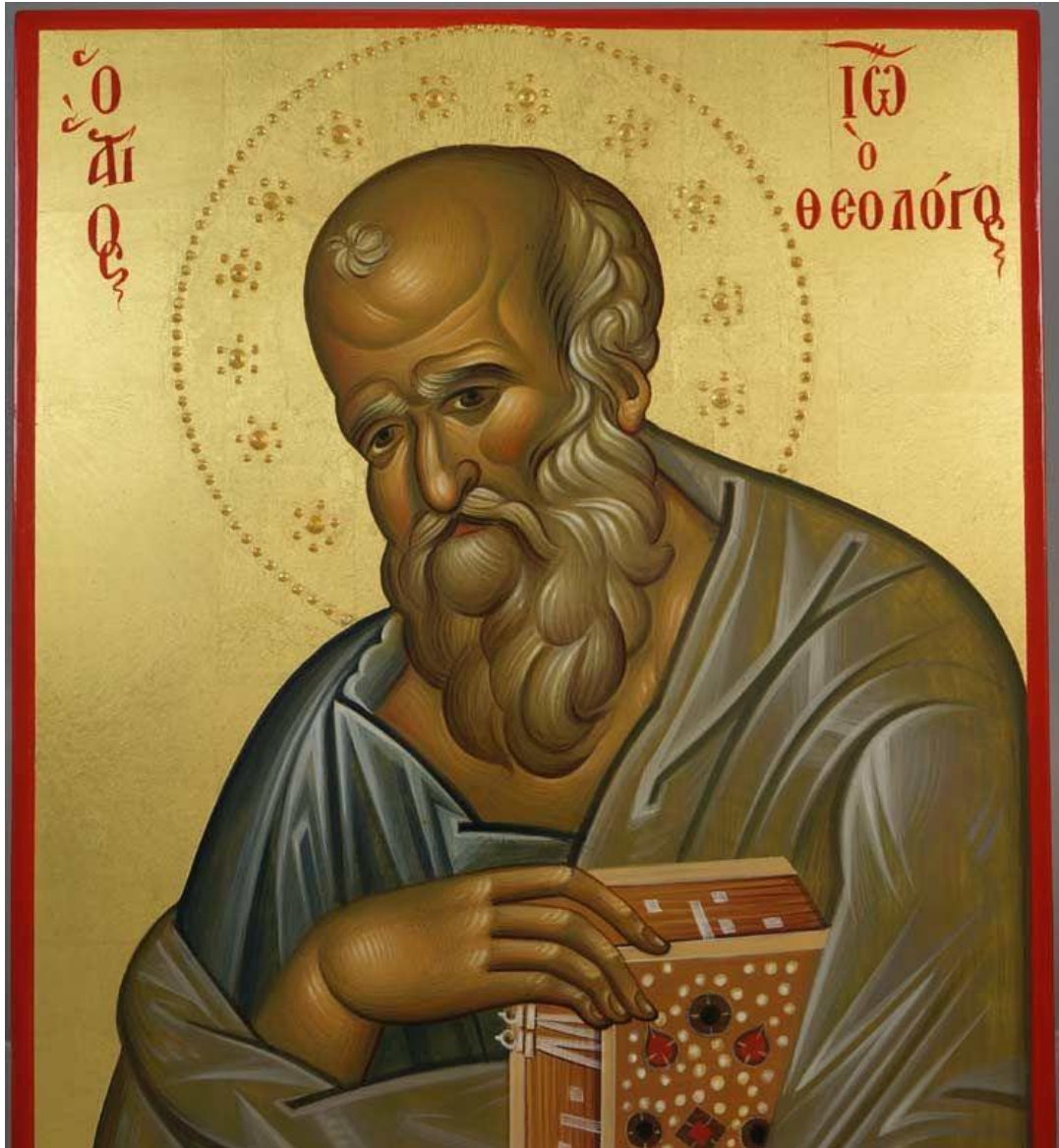


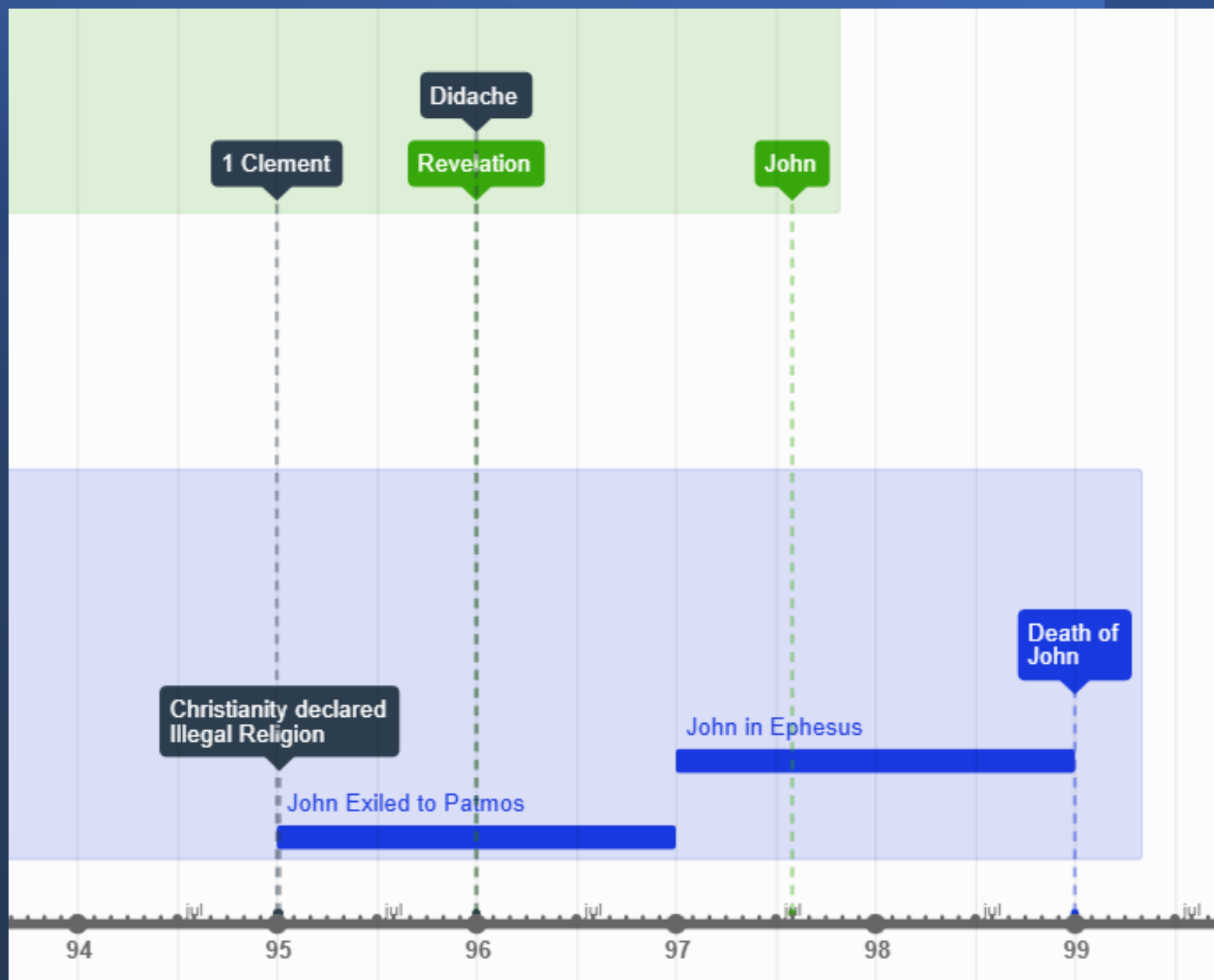
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CHURCH

Through the Bible

John 1-11

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Pardes (פרד"ס)

Matthew	דַּרַשׁ (<i>darash</i>), “inquire”
Mark	יָשָׁר (<i>p'shat</i>), “straight”
Luke	רֵמֵז (<i>remez</i>), “hints”
John	סוֹד (<i>sod</i>), “secret, mystery”

The I Am Statements

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1. I am the bread of life (John 6:35, 48, 51)
 2. I am the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5)
 3. I am the door of the sheep (John 10:7, 9)
 4. I am the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14)
 5. I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
 6. I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)
 7. I am the true vine (John 15:1)

Light

John 1:4 — In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind.

John 3:19 — “And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light; for their deeds were evil.”

John 9:5 — “I am the Light of the world.”

John 12:36 — “While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.”

The Father

John 5:33 — “The one who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

John 10:30 — “I and the Father are one.”

John 10:37-38 — “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

John 6:45 — “Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.”

John 8:18 — “I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me.”

Ἰουδαῖοι

Ioudaioi

Judeans



Judeans in John 7

Verse 1 — After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Judeans were seeking to kill Him.

Verses 25-26 — So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, “Is this man not the one whom they are seeking to kill? And yet look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Messiah, do they?”

Verse 52 — “You are not from Galilee as well, are you? Examine the Scriptures, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.”

John 11:7-8 — Then after this He said to the disciples, “Let’s go to Judea again.” The disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and yet You are going there again?”

λόγος

logos

word

**“In the beginning God created the
heavens and the earth.”**

Genesis 1:1

**“The LORD by wisdom founded the
earth...”**

Proverbs 3:19

**“By the word of the LORD the
heavens were made...”**

Psalms 33:6



WISDOM



TORAH



WORD

“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.”

Proverbs 8:22–23

**“In the beginning (*beresheet*) God created the
heaven and the earth.”**

Genesis 1:1

**“The LORD possessed me at the beginning
(*resheet*) of His way, before His works of old.”**

Proverbs 8:22

**“The fear of the LORD is the beginning
(*resheet*) of wisdom.”**

Psalms 111:10

**“From the beginning, with Wisdom
the LORD created and perfected the
heavens and the earth.”**

Genesis 1:1, *Targum Neofiti*

“In Wisdom the LORD created.”

Genesis 1:1, *Targum Yerushalmi*

**“In the beginning was the Wisdom,
And the Wisdom was with God,
And the Wisdom was God.**

It was in the beginning with God.

**All things came into being through Wisdom,
And apart from Wisdom, nothing came into
being that has come into being.”**

John 1:1-3 (Lancaster)

**“By the word of the LORD the
heavens were made...”**

Psalms 33:6

**And the Word of the LORD said: “Let there be light”; and there was light by his Memra.
(Genesis 1:3)**

And the Word of the LORD separated between light and darkness. (Genesis 1:4)

And the Word of the LORD called to the light, “Daytime.” (Genesis 1:5)

And the Word of the LORD said, “Let there be a firmament.” (Genesis 1:6)

And the Word of the LORD said, “Let the waters below be gathered.” (Genesis 1:9)

**And the Word of the LORD created man in an image and likeness from before the LORD, He created male and female, He created them.
(Genesis 1:27)**

On the seventh day the Word of the LORD completed his work which he had created, and there was Sabbath and repose before him on the seventh day from all his work which he had created. (Genesis 2:3)

**“In the beginning was the *Memra*,
And the *Memra* was with God,
And the *Memra* was God.**

**It was in the beginning with God.
Everything was made to exist through the
Memra,**

**And nothing that was made to exist was
made to exist except by it.”**

John 1:1-3 (Lancaster)

**“The Word became flesh, and dwelt
among us.”**

John 1:14

**“For of His fullness we have all received,
and grace upon grace. For the Law was
given through Moses; grace and truth
were realized through Jesus Christ”**

John 1:16-17

χάρις

charis

“kindness”

חסד

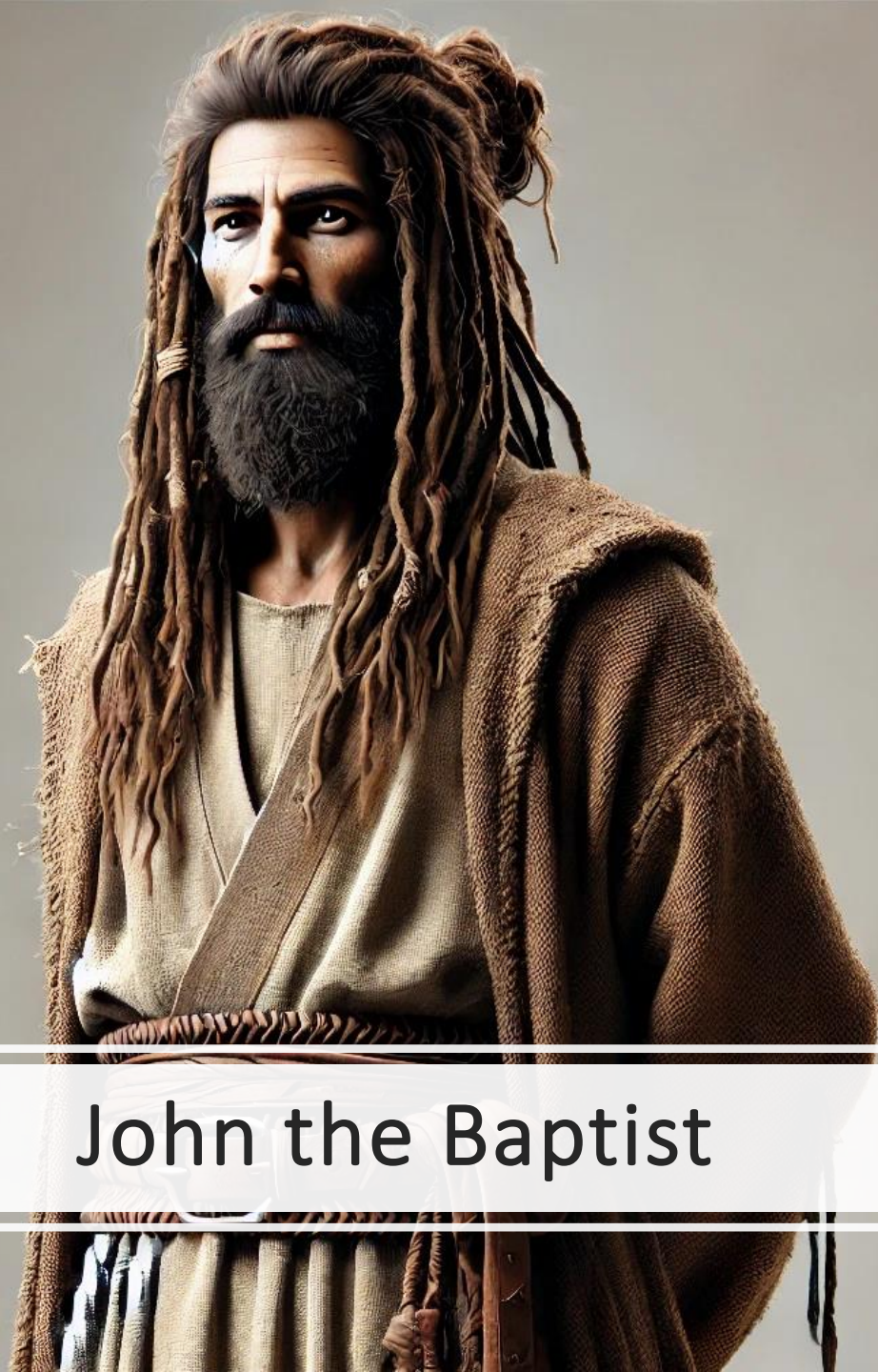
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“kindness”

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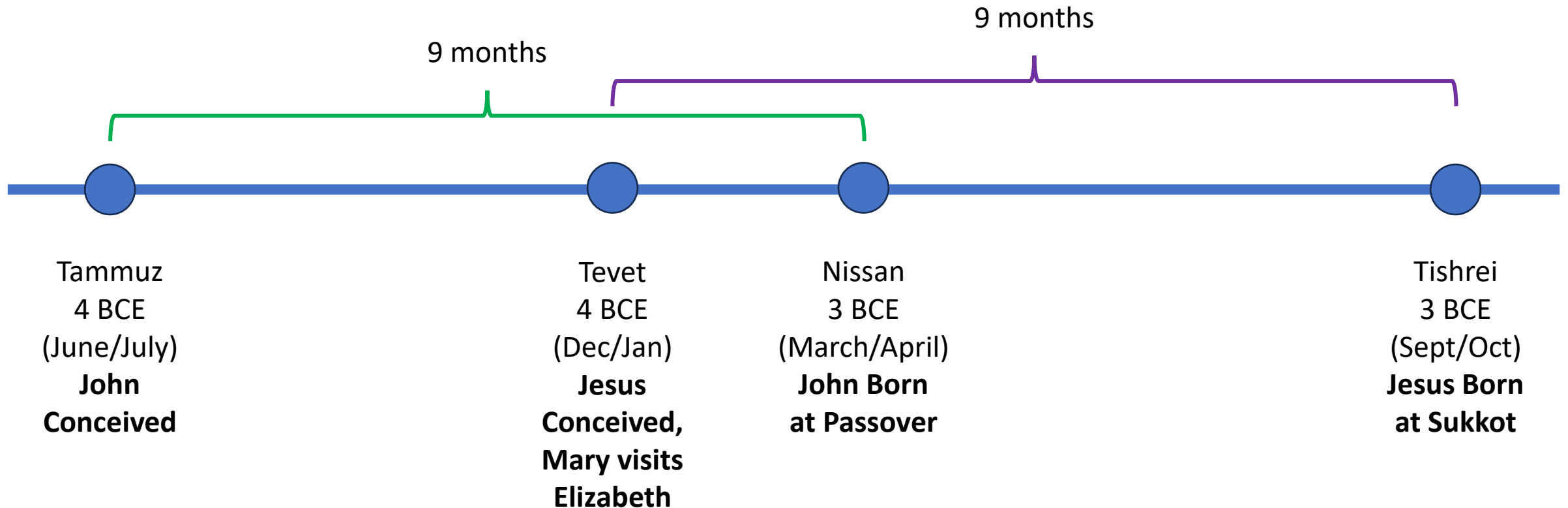
Kindness #1: The Torah through Moses

**Kindness #2: The revelation of the
Messiah**



John the Baptist

Timeline of John and Jesus' Births



John the Essene?

separated from the priesthood

protested the corrupt Sadducean high priesthood

anticipated imminent apocalypse and the Messianic Era

practiced austerity and asceticism

immersion for ritual purification

theology of repentance

operated in the wilderness

prophecy of Isaiah 40 as a guidebook

Essenes

Advocated seclusion, celibacy, communal living, and renunciation of worldly goods

White linen garments

Communal meals, ate bread daily

Lived and worked on the west side of the Dead Sea

John

Encouraged people to remain in their careers, did not call people to leave their lives

Camel's hair sack-cloth

Lived off the land, ate locusts and honey

Lived and worked along the Jordan



The Immersion of John







Nicodemus

“...a convert who just converted is like a child just born in that he retains no connection to his past life.”

(b. Yevamot 48b)

γεννηθῆ ἄνωθεν

gennethei anothēn

“born from above”