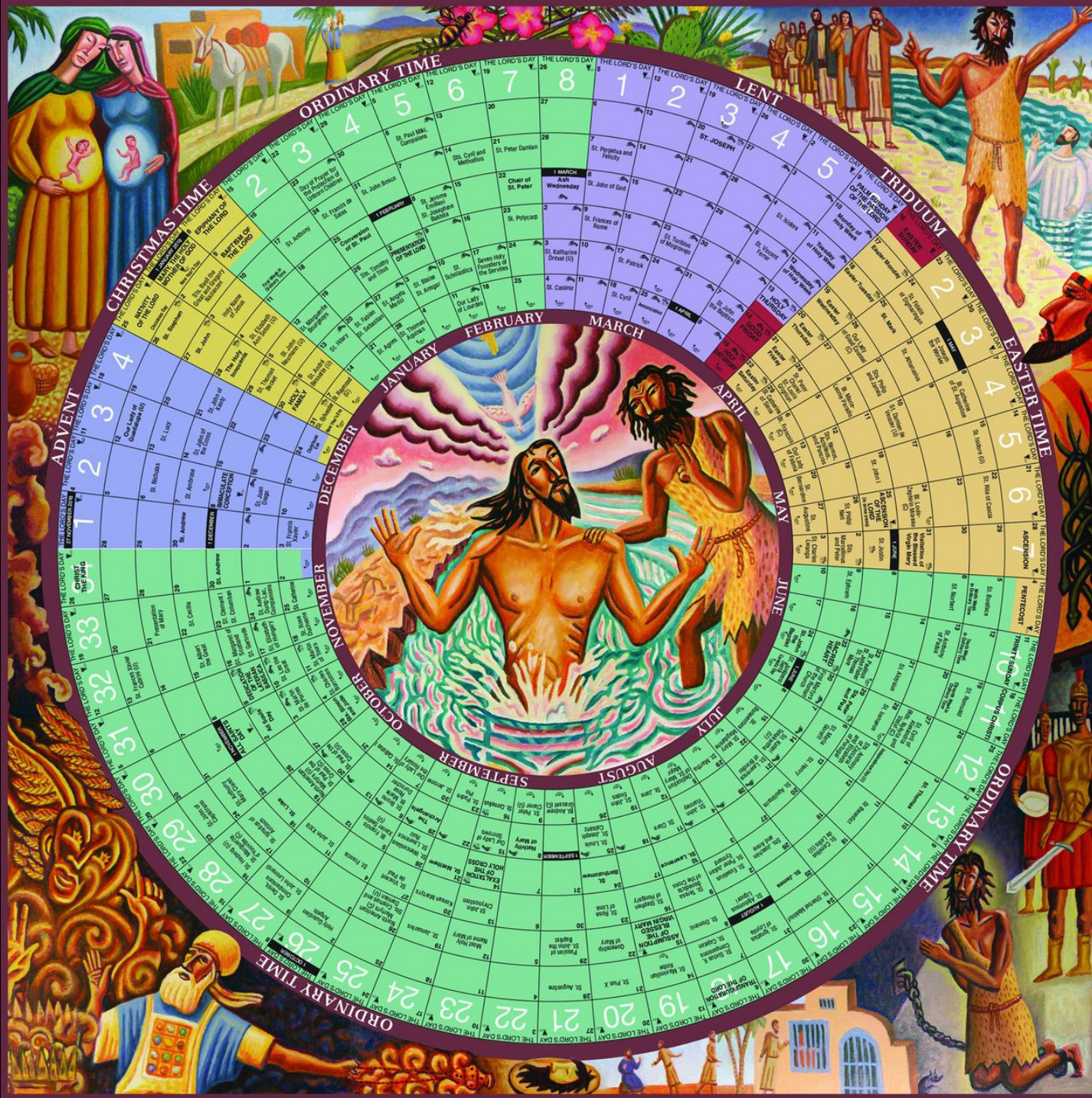


**the  
invitation  
of the  
Gospel of  
John**









# John 1

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**a new old story...**

# the new old story

in the beginning (John 1:1/Genesis 1:1)

light in the darkness (John 1:4f/Genesis 1:3-5)

[new] humanity\* (John 1:12-13/Genesis 1-2)

\*Exodus Imagery as well

theophany (John 1:14/Gen 2:1-4a/Exodus 20)

giving of the law (John 1:16-17/Exodus 19-24)

<sup>24</sup> Then the Pharisees who had been sent  
<sup>25</sup> asked him, "If you aren't the Messiah or  
Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have  
to baptize?"

<sup>26</sup> John told them, "I baptize with water, but  
right here in the crowd is someone you do not  
recognize. <sup>27</sup> Though his ministry follows  
mine, I'm not even worthy to be his slave and  
untie the straps of his sandal."

## John 1:29

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**to see...**



## seeing verbs\* in John 1

*hopaō* – to see (18, 33, 34, 39, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51)

*ide* – behold, look (29, 36, 47)

*blepō* – to see (29)

*phaneroō* – to reveal, shine (5, 31)

**John baptizes Jesus...**

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**John tells us about Jesus' baptism**

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John tells us what he sees at what  
must have been Jesus' baptism and  
also the significance of the dove and  
what his response was to this  
experience.



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**the invitation of the  
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John invites us to respond to Jesus  
as we (the intended reader) **see**  
Jesus revealed as well.



**past is now the new**

**the future is now happening**

**you will see even more**

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John 1:51

<sup>51</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you [plural] will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth."

Genesis 28:10-22 and Jacob's vision.

**a new old story...**



**past is now the new**  
**(not limited by the past stories)**

**the future is now happening**  
**(invitation to come and see)**

**you will see even more**  
**(invitation to see even more of Jesus)**

**come and see...**



the communion table...