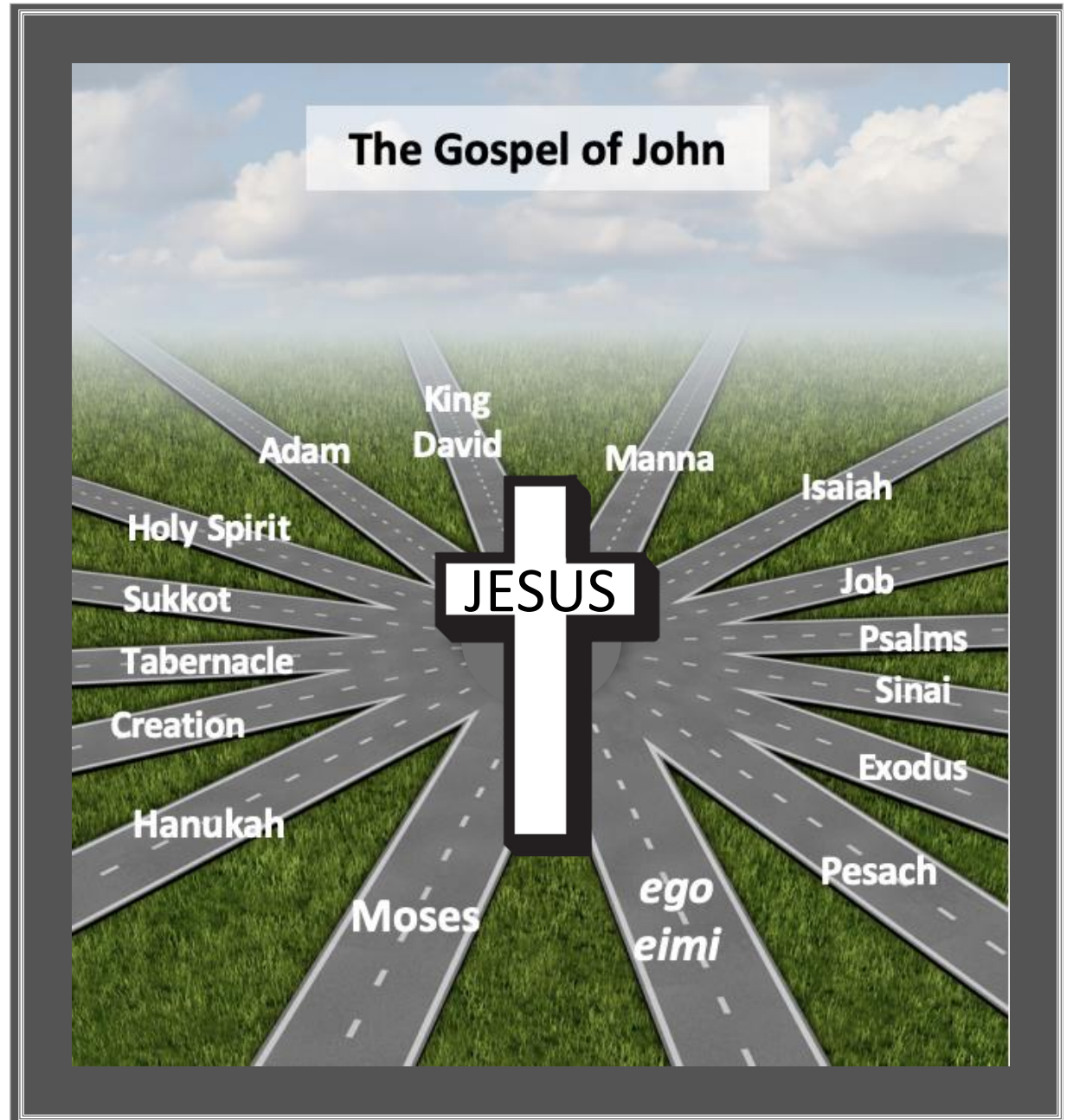


# Finding the Old Testament in the Gospel of John

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History is God's tapestry







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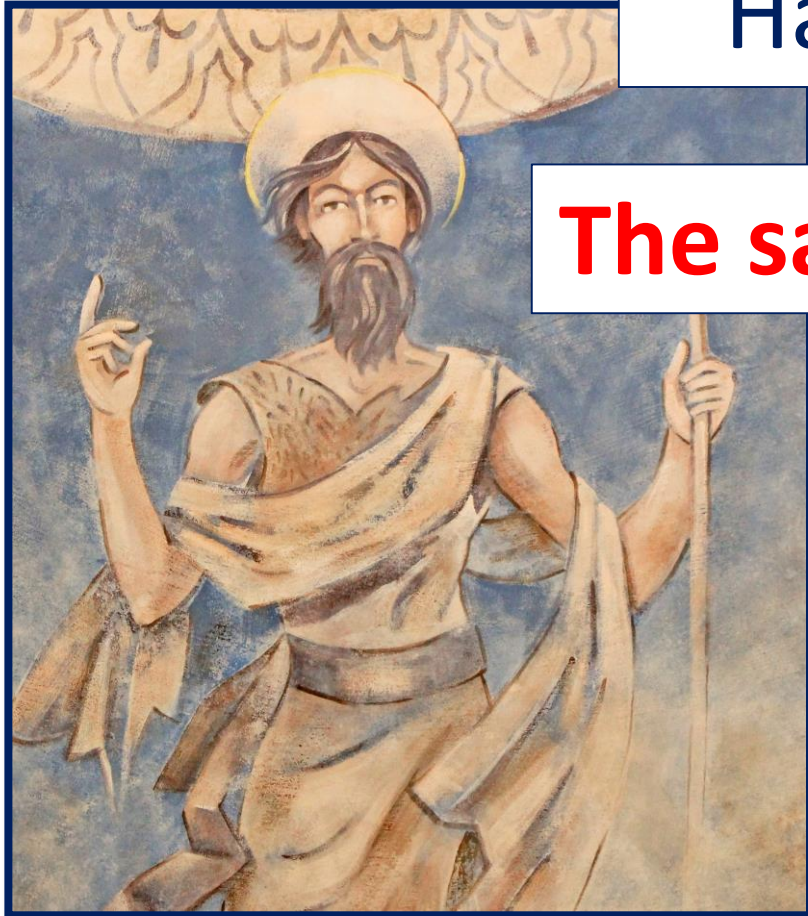
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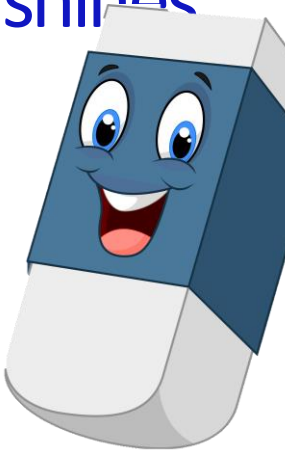
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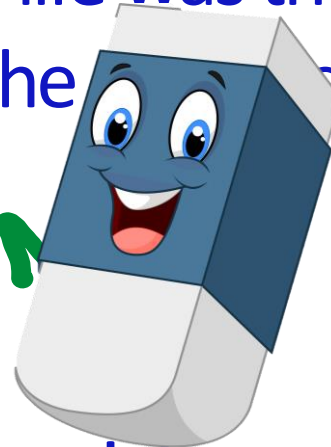
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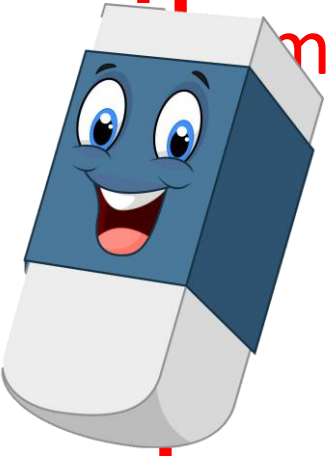
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Council of Nicaea (325AD)



The background image shows a scenic view of a town with red-tiled roofs and a prominent church spire, situated on a hillside. In the foreground, there are ancient stone ruins, including a large, semi-circular structure that appears to be a bathhouse or a similar public building. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty;  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of Very God,  
**Begotten, not made,**  
Being of one substance with the Father;  
By whom all things were made;

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A blue wireframe hourglass shape, resembling a gravitational well or a spacetime curvature, is centered on a dark blue background. The background is filled with soft, out-of-focus light spots (bokeh) in shades of blue and white. The wireframe consists of a grid of lines that converge towards a central point, creating a three-dimensional effect.

# JESUS

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Jn. 1:19 – Certain Jews **sent** priests and Levites to find  
out who John the Baptist was

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Jn. 3:17 – God **sent** his Son into the world to  
save the world



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Jn. 7:32 – The Chief Priests and Pharisees **sent** officers  
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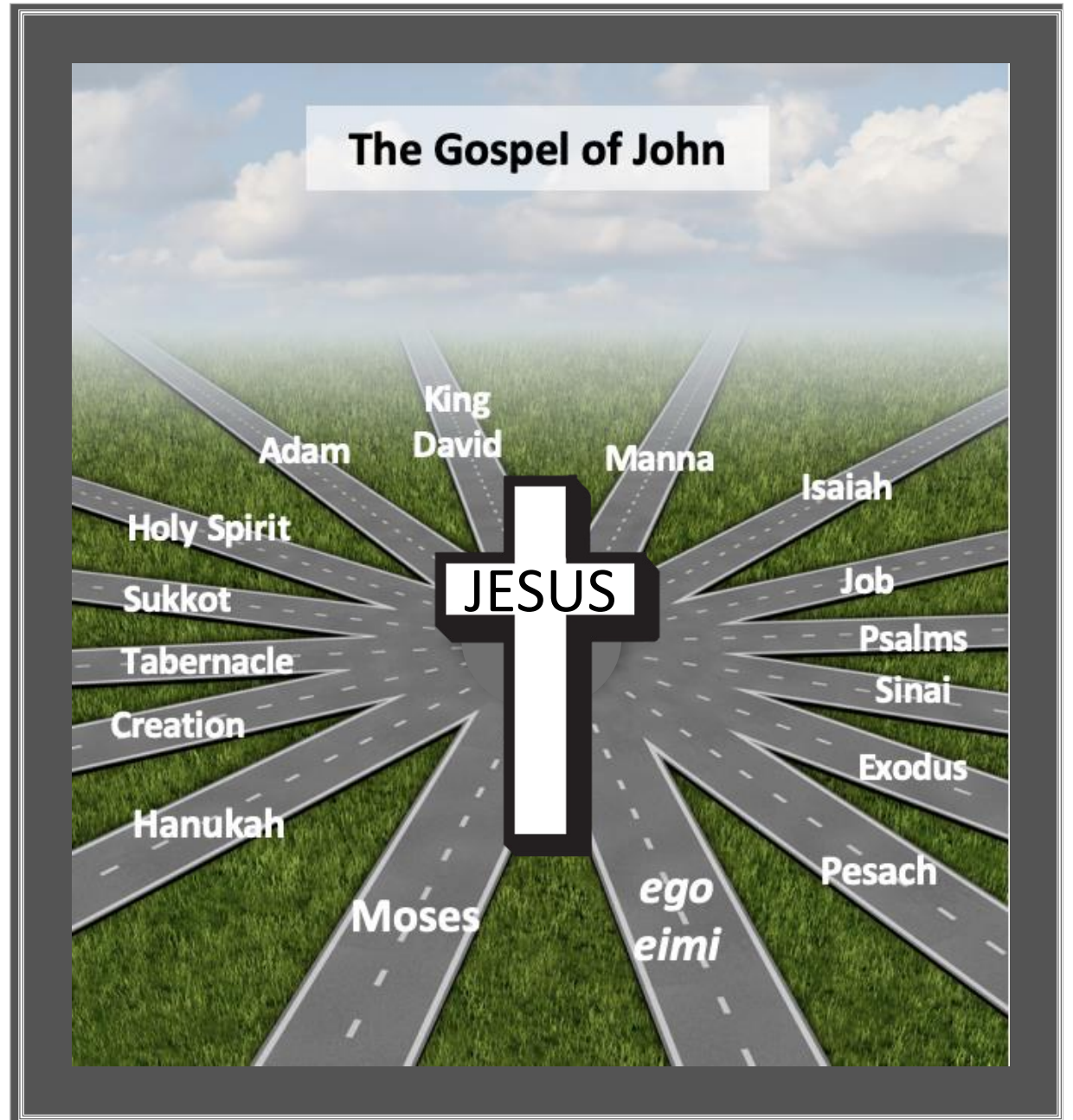
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# Finding the Old Testament in the Gospel of John

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# Moses and the burning bush



Come, I will send (*apostellō*) you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”... Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent (*apostellō*) me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent (*apostellō*) me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent (*apostellō*) me to you’ (Ex. 3:10, 13-15)



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Ex. 4:13 - “Oh, my Lord, please send (apostellō)  
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Ex. 4:28 - Moses told Aaron all the words of the  
LORD with which he had sent (apostellō)  
him to speak

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*Next Week*

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**Jesus: An indescribably  
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*“In the beginning was the  
Word, and the Word was with  
God, and **the Word was God.**”  
(Jn 1:1)*







**We have a purpose**



## **We have a purpose**

*“We are his workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared  
beforehand, that we should  
walk in them”  
(Eph. 2:10)*





**We have a choice!**





**We have a choice!**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send (apostellō), and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send (apostellō) me"  
(Isa. 6:8)