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Attached is the final proof of "THE BAPTISM OF JESUS" pdf file. As I said before, the conflation of pp. #107 was the most difficult of all the conflations in the restored gospel.

WM 107

((Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened: (And Jesus, when he was baptized, and straightway coming up out of the water, went up straightway out of the water:) (and, lo, Jesus saw the heavens were opened unto John, and he saw the Spirit of God, even the Holy Ghost, descending in a bodily shape like a dove, and lighting upon John:) (and there came a voice from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased!) And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!!!))

ORDER OF THE ACTUAL CONFLATED SCRIPTURE FOUND IN PARAGRAPH 107

- 4.) ((Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened:
 - 1.) (And Jesus, when he was baptized, and straightway coming up out of the water, went up straightway out of the water:)
 - 2.) (and, lo, Jesus saw the heavens were opened unto John, and he saw the Spirit of God, even the Holy Ghost, descending in a bodily shape like a dove, and lighting upon John:)
 - 3.) (and there came a voice from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased!)
- 5.) And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!!!))

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF HISTORICAL EVENT ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE

- 1.) (And Jesus, when he was baptized, and straightway coming up out of the water, [paused before he] went up straightway out of the water [to the other side of the Jordan]:)
- 2.) (and, lo, Jesus [paused and] saw the heavens were opened unto John, and he saw the Spirit of God, even the Holy Ghost, descending in a bodily shape like a dove, and lighting upon John:)
- 3.) (and there came a voice from heaven [being a private affirmation of John that only John and Jesus heard and saw], which said, Thou [John] art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased!)
- 4.) ((Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying [on the farther side of the Jordan], the heaven was opened:
- 5.) And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!! [being a public affirmation of John, which all the witnesses of the baptism of Jesus heard]))

COMMENTARY ON EVENTS SURROUNDING THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

- 1.) While standing in the midst of the river Jordan, John looks up upon a man standing on the river bank; and then John sees a dove coming down and lighting upon him; John now knows that the man standing up above him on the river bank is Christ. As it is written, "This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." (JOHN 1:30-34, KJV)
- 2.) Jesus walks down into the water, and stands before John to be baptized.
- 3.) John, knowing that Jesus is the Son of God, protests; but Jesus prevails in the matter.
- 4.) Jesus is immersed under the water by John, and then comes up to stand again before John; and then Jesus sees John look upward to heaven: As it is written, "(and, lo, Jesus saw the heavens were opened unto John, and he saw the Spirit of God, even the Holy Ghost, descending in a bodily shape like a dove, and lighting upon John:) (and there came a voice from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased!)"

This vision of '...the heavens were opened unto John, and Jesus and John both saw the Spirit of God...descending...like a dove...and lighting upon John...and there came a voice from heaven, which said,...' (being a private affirmation of the person of John,) (which only John and Jesus heard and saw,) formally concluded the ministry of John and announced the beginning of the ministry of Jesus.

- 5.) Jesus then turns and walks up out of the water to the farther side of the Jordan, and standing on the river bank looks back across the water upon John; and then Jesus looked upward, "...and praying, the heaven was opened: And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!!")

This sign of 'a voice from heaven' (being a public affirmation of the person of John,) (which all the witnesses of John's baptism of Jesus heard as they stood on the nearer side of the Jordan looking at John standing in the water and Jesus standing on the farther side of the Jordan,) formally concluded the ministry of John and announced the beginning of the ministry of Jesus.

- 6.) Then John, standing waist-deep in the middle of the river Jordan, in full-view of his disciples and those whom he had baptized and others who were standing nearby, points to the man on the farther side of the river Jordan whom he had just baptized, and bare witness of him for the first time, proclaiming,

This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. (JOHN 1:15-18, KJV)

- 7.) Then Jesus turned his back to John and the others watching, and immediately the spirit drove him east-ward into the wilderness. Fifty days later (being the first day of Kislev/November-December, 26 AD) John sees Jesus in the early morning walking on the west-side of the river Jordan, and it is written,

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. (JOHN 1:29-34, KJV)

In conclusion, please remember that there are three voices (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) all speaking almost simultaneously; giving slightly different testimonies of the baptism of Jesus; with events 1-2-3 nestled between events 4 and 5; followed by the testimony recorded in John 1:15-18 being the first public proclamation that the man standing on the farther side of the river Jordan was Jesus Christ, the Son of God. From this time forward, any of John's disciples, who did not leave John and follow after Jesus, became apostate; the best example of John's apostate followers being recorded in Luke 7:18-30.

The end of John's ministry is formally concluded by a Voice from heaven when Jesus is baptized (as recorded in pp. #107). The end of John's ministry is personally concluded by John himself when he sees Jesus standing on the west-side of the river Jordan; for John proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (as recorded in pp. #135 & 137). The end of John's ministry is physically concluded when he is beheaded by Herod (as recorded in pp. #567).

If you truly believe that Jesus is "God manifest in the flesh" then it would behoove you to have the dove descending and lighting upon John.

Wm. G. Pinard

THE DECLARATION OF THE APOSTLES
ACCORDING TO WILLIAM

MATT 3	MARK 1	LUKE 3	JOHN 1
13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.	9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee,		
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14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?			
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15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.			
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Then he suffered him.	and was baptized of John in Jordan.		
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16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:	10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:	21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,	
17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.	11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.	22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.	
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			15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
			16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
			17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
			18 No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

FOUND IN THE DECLARATION OF THE APOSTLES ACCORDING TO WILLIAM

MATT 3

MARK 1

LUKE 3

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16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:
 11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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PP. #107

<p>Basic Conflation Of M-M-L / PP. #107 Found In PP #107</p>	<p>Basic Conflation Of M-M-L / PP. #107 With Parenthetical Asides</p>	<p>William's Understanding Being: "...lighting upon John"</p>	<p>The Common Catholic Understanding Being: "...lighting upon Jesus"</p>
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<p>Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And Jesus, when he was baptized, And straightway coming up out of the water, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, he saw the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God the Holy Ghost descending in a bodily shape like a dove, and lighting upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.</p>	<p>((Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened: (And Jesus, when he was baptized, and straightway coming up out of the water, went up straightway out of the water:)) (and, lo, <u>he</u> saw the heavens were opened unto <u>him</u>, and <u>he</u> saw the Spirit of God, even the Holy Ghost, descending in a bodily shape like a dove, and lighting upon <u>him</u>:)) (and there came a voice from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased!) And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!!))</p>	<p>((Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened: (And Jesus, when he was baptized, and straightway coming up out of the water, went up straightway out of the water:)) (and, lo, <u>Jesus</u> saw the heavens were opened unto <u>John</u>, and <u>Jesus</u> saw the Spirit of God, even the Holy Ghost, descending in a bodily shape like a dove, and lighting upon <u>John</u>:)) (and there came a voice from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased!) And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!!))</p>	<p>((Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened: (And Jesus, when he was baptized, and straightway coming up out of the water, went up straightway out of the water:)) (and, lo, <u>John</u> saw the heavens were opened unto <u>Jesus</u>, and <u>John</u> saw the Spirit of God, even the Holy Ghost, descending in a bodily shape like a dove, and lighting upon <u>Jesus</u>:)) (and there came a voice from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased!) And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!!))</p>
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FOUND AT PARAGRAPH #107 IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO WILLIAM

PP. #107

Matthew 3:16-17

15 And <1161> Jesus <2424> answering <611> (5679) said <2036> (5627) unto <4314> **him <846>**, Suffer <863> (5628) it to be so now <737>: for <1063> thus <3779> it becometh <4241> (5723) <2076> (5748) us <2254> to fulfil <4137> (5658) all <3956> righteousness <1343>. Then <5119> he suffered <863> (5719) **him <846>**.

16 And <2532> Jesus <2424>, when he was baptized <907> (5685), went up <305> (5627) straightway <2117> out of <575> the water <5204>: and <2532>, lo <2400> (5628), the heavens <3772> were opened <455> (5681) unto **him <846>**, and <2532> **he saw <1492>** (5627) the Spirit <4151> of God <2316> descending <2597> (5723) like <5616> a dove <4058>, and <2532> lighting <2064> (5740) upon <1909> **him <846>**:

17 And <2532> lo <2400> (5628) a voice <5456> from <1537> heaven <3772>, saying <3004> (5723), **This <3778>** is <2076> (5748) my <3450> beloved <27> Son <5207>, in <1722> **whom <3739>** I am well pleased <2106> (5656).

Mark 1:9-11

9 ¶ And <2532> it came to pass <1096> (5633) in <1722> those <1565> days <2250>, that Jesus <2424> came <2064> (5627) from <575> Nazareth <3478> of Galilee <1056>, and <2532> was baptized <907> (5681) of <5259> John <2491> in <1519> Jordan <2446>.

10 And <2532> straightway <2112> coming up <305> (5723) out of <575> the water <5204>, **he saw <1492>** (5627) the heavens <3772> opened <4977> (5746), and <2532> the Spirit <4151> like <5616> a dove <4058> descending <2597> (5723) upon <1909> **him <846>**:

11 And <2532> there came <1096> (5633) a voice <5456> from <1537> heaven <3772>, saying, **Thou <4771>** art <1488> (5748) my <3450> beloved <27> Son <5207>, in <1722> **whom <3739>** I am well pleased <2106> (5656).

Luke 3:21-22

21 ¶ Now <1161> when all <537> the people <2992> were baptized <1722> <907> (5683), it came to pass <1096> (5633), that Jesus <2424> also <2532> being baptized <907> (5685), and <2532> praying <4336> (5740), the heaven <3772> was opened <455> (5683),

22 And <2532> the Holy <40> Ghost <4151> descended <2597> (5629) in a bodily <4984> shape <1491> like <5616> a dove <4058> upon <1909> **him <846>**,

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PP. #107

846 autov autos {ow-tos'} from the particle au [perhaps akin to the base of 109 through the idea of a baffling wind] (backward); pron

AV - him 1952, his 1084, their 318, he 252, her 242, they 121, same 80, himself 58, misc 1678; 5785

- 1) himself, herself, themselves, itself
- 2) he, she, it
- 3) the same

848 autou hautou {how-too'} contracted for 1438; pron

AV - himself 1, them 1; 2

- 1) of himself, themself, them (Wigram, J.B. Smith, and Strong incorrectly listed this number for 846.)

1438 eautou heautou {heh-ow-too'} (including all other cases) from a reflexive pronoun otherwise obsolete and the genitive case (dative case or accusative case) of 846; pron

AV - himself 110, themselves 57, yourselves 36, ourselves 20, his 19, their 15, itself 9, misc 73; 339

- 1) himself, herself, itself, themselves

3739 ov hos {hos} including feminine he {hay}, and neuter ho {ho} probably a primary word (or perhaps a form of the article 3588); pron

AV - which 418, whom 270, that 139, who 87, whose 52, what 40, that which 20, whereof 17, misc 346; 1389

- 1) who, which, what, that

- 1) to you

3778 outov houtos {hoo'-tos} including nominative masculine plural houtoi {hoo'-toy}, nominative feminine singular haute {how'-tay} and nominative feminine plural hautai {how'-tahee} from the article 3588 and 846; pron

AV - this 157, these 59, he 31, the same 28, this man 25, she 12, they 10, misc 34; 356

- 1) this, these, etc.

4671 soi soi {soy} dative case of 4771; pron

AV - thee 200, thou 14, thy 4, thine own 1, not tr 2; 221

4771 su su {soo} the person pronoun of the second person singular; pron

AV - thou 178; 178

- 1) you

1492 eidw eido {i'-do} or oida {oy'-da} AV - know 281, cannot tell + 3756 8, know how 7, wist 6, misc 19, see 314, behold 17, look 5, perceive 5, vr see 3, vr know 1; 666

- 1) to see; 1a) to perceive with the eyes; 1b) to perceive by any of the senses; 1c) to perceive, notice, discern, discover; 1d) to see; 1d1) i.e. to turn the eyes, the mind, the attention to anything; 1d2) to pay attention, observe; 1d3) to see about something; 1d31) i.e. to ascertain what must be done about it; 1d4) to inspect, examine; 1d5) to look at, behold; 1e) to experience any state or condition; 1f) to see i.e. have an interview with, to visit; 2) to know; 2a) to know of anything; 2b) to know, i.e. get knowledge of, understand, perceive; 2b1) of any fact; 2b2) the force and meaning of something which has definite meaning; 2b3) to know how, to be skilled in; 2c) to have regard for one, cherish, pay attention to (1Th. 5:12) For Synonyms see entry 5825

THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN CONCERNING JESUS

JOHN 1:15-37, KJV

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

JOHN 3:22-36, KJV

22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

24 For John was not yet cast into prison.

25 Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

LUKE 3:16

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CONCERNING JOHN

MATTHEW 11:7-15

7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

MATTHEW 17:9-13

9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

LUKE 7:18-30

18 And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things.

19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

27 This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

29 And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

LUKE 16:16

16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.