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THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT – LESSON 1 JESUS: THE SCRIPTURAL FOUNDER

- Jesus Said He Would Build The NT Church** (Mt. 16:18) *“Upon this rock I _____ my _____.”* This establishes the scriptural fact that Jesus promised to build *his* church. (Heb 3:4) *“For _____ is builded by _____ man; but he that built _____ is God.”* Man did not, and cannot, build the church of Jesus Christ. Man uses the materials God created to build physical things but God is The Creator. Man cannot infuse spirituality into anything apart from God.
- Since Jesus Is The Builder, That Rules Out Any Other Builder** Different religions honor various men as the originators of *their* church. Space prohibits listing the names and dates. Various congregations of the early church were simply referred to as *“churches of _____.”* (Rom 16:16).
- John The Baptist Died Before The Church Was Established** With malice toward none and charity toward all, we insist that no mere human, including John the Baptist, founded the NT Church. John was dead (Mt 14:10) before Jesus said, future tense, *“I will build my church.”* Jesus said of his kinsman John, *“Among them that are born of _____ there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is _____ in the _____ of heaven is greater than he.”* Scripture? _____ This is significant! John was never in the kingdom (ie: church). He couldn't have been lesser or greater. We recommend TPBS Lessons [#202](#), [#262](#), and [#333 – #334](#), on John the Baptist.
- John The Baptist Prepared The Material** By *material*, we mean the Jewish people. (Lk 1:17) *“And he shall go before him in the spirit and power _____, to turn the _____ of the fathers to the _____, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to _____ a people _____ for the Lord.”* His Message: (Mt 3:1-2) *“In those days came _____ the Baptist, preaching in the _____ of Judaea, And saying, _____ ye: for the _____ of heaven is at hand.”* It was close by! What was? _____

Jesus Christ: The Scriptural Foundation

- Jesus Is The Foundation** (1 Cor 3:11) *“For other _____ can no man lay than that is laid, which is _____.”* Since Jesus is the foundation, only _____ could have laid it. (2 Tim 2:19) *“Nevertheless _____ of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord _____ that are his. And, Let every one that _____ the name of Christ depart from _____.”* (Acts 4:12) *“Neither is there _____ in any other: for there is none _____ under heaven given _____, whereby we must be _____.”* What authoritative blueprint does one use to build on Christ's foundation? _____ All Christians are built (Eph 2:20-22) on *“the foundation of the _____ and _____, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.”* Christians are *“builded together for an _____ of God.”*