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# The New Time of Jesus Beyond John the Baptist



**Jesus came  
from Galilee  
to John at the Jordan,  
to be baptized by him**

The Baptist is a liminal figure  
between the Old and New Testaments,  
a prophet of movement and transition,  
of the evolution of a story that could not be said to be closed,  
but which reopens to a new time, that of Jesus of Nazareth.  
We are at the moment when the voice of the Father  
is heard from heaven to show us the ever-new horizon  
of our journey,  
a horizon that is not an abstraction,  
but has the concreteness of a face and a life.

**The signs Jesus performs reveal the distinctive features  
that mark who he is—  
his choices, his mission,  
and the very reason he came:  
to proclaim the Kingdom and to save us.  
And these invite us  
to be generators of life to those around us,  
right there, where history continues to reveal  
the Father to us.**