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# CBI e-Bulletin

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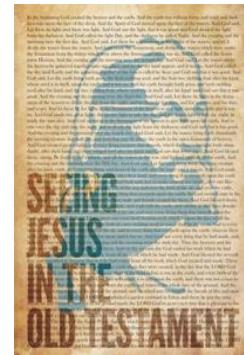
Welcome to the newest edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin! Keep reading to learn how John the Baptist gives us a motto to live by, start the year off with a Bible-in-a-Year reading guide, and much more!

## What's the Concordia Bible Institute?

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other resources to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God. If your congregation would like to host a seminar, please reach out to us at [Concordia.Bible@cuw.edu](mailto:Concordia.Bible@cuw.edu)

*"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."*

- Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238)



## A Motto to Live By

One day, John the Baptist was preaching about Jesus. The next day, “[John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” (Jn. 1:29). And on the day after that, “again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God!’” (Jn. 1:35–36).

It’s fascinating, isn’t it? Day in and day out, John the Baptist’s message was the same: “Behold the Lamb.” It was the motto he lived by.

So, what’s been *your* motto lately? John says “Behold the Lamb,” but so often we “behold all the things I need to do,” and “behold all this chaos in my life.”

I’m struck by how much “seeing” there is in the verses given above. John the Baptist *sees* Jesus, and then tells others to *behold* the Lamb. A few verses later John informs us that he got to *look* at the Spirit, and he then tells others about the Spirit that he *saw*. Jesus will then *see* two disciples following him, and tell them to come and *see*, and those disciples came and *saw*. Four different Greek words for seeing, all united by one and the same motto.

Behold...the many and various ways of beholding the Lamb! Behold the Lamb in your baptism into him, day in and day out. Behold the Lamb in the preached word about him. Behold the Lamb in your prayers to him and conversations about him. Behold the Lamb!

Did you notice that one day, Jesus came directly toward John, but on the next day, Jesus walked *by* John? I wonder what John was thinking. “Hey, what gives? I thought we had a good thing goin’ here!” But the thing is, John didn’t let that rattle him one bit, and just stuck to his motto: “Behold the Lamb.”

That’s because John knew where to see that Lamb no matter what, even if the going got tough. Yes, that’s still the Lamb of God; I know it by baptism and his word. I cling to those, even when he’s walking past me. I cling to those, even when I don’t see him in my life like I once did previously. I cling to those, and—here’s the best part—that’s right when *he* turns to see *me* (Jn. 1:38)!

When you see someone who feels like Jesus has simply been walking right by lately, “behold the Lamb who still sees you, and goes with you all the way.” When you see someone troubled by the darkness of sin, “behold the Lamb, his fleece as white as snow.”

Yes, “behold the Lamb”! That, I think, is a motto that can sustain us day in and day out, until that day when we get a new one that goes like this: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing” forever and ever.

Dr. Brian German

Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

**Christ in Every Word.  
Grace for Every Heart.**

The Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) is growing - and we invite you to join us. Our mission is simple yet profound: to strengthen faith and inspire believers by teaching *Christ in Every Word* of Scripture.




Biblical literacy is declining, but together we can reverse the trend. Your support equips disciples and strengthens families for generations to come.

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Did you make a resolution to read the Bible in a year? It's not too late to start! Simply looking to add to your devotions? Follow along with the calendar below. A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter. Start any time, and in a year you will have read through the entire Bible!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
1 Luke 2:29-32 Exodus 1-3	2 Psalm 59 Exodus 4-6	3 Psalm 60 Exodus 7-9	4 Psalm 61 Exodus 10-12	5 Psalm 62 Exodus 13-15	6 Psalm 63 Exodus 16-18	7 Psalm 64 Exodus 19-21
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## Podcasts in Video *and* Audio Format!

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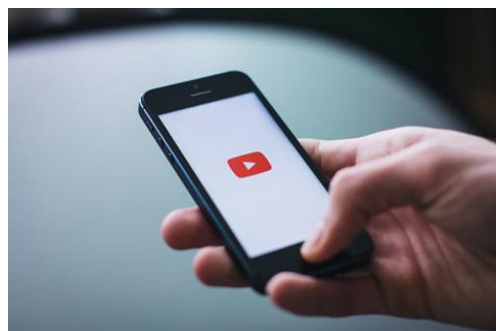
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John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. Since Jesus was the sinless Son of God, why did He have to be baptized by John? Perhaps it was because the Father wanted to publicly identify Him, but then was it a baptism of repentance?

### Answer:

These are great questions, and they were tackled in one of Dr. German's podcasts, #385, a part of the Top 40 Texts series which you can catch [here](#) on our website.

**Do you have a question you would like to ask Dr. German?**

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Dr. German's study offered through Continuing Education Studies of CUW

The book of Revelation is widely known for how it speaks about things that are way "up there" and way "down the road." While this is most certainly true, its real greatness is in the many fascinating ways it reveals the "right here" and the "right now" of what is taking place in Christian worship, the place where heaven meets earth. Come take a fresh look at this challenging book. This course features a close look at eight chapters from the book of Revelation, covered over six 30-minute video lectures, each supplemented with discussion questions and other instructional material. This course is online, you can take at your own pace, and the first (of five) sections is offered free, so you can sample before deciding on the whole series. Should you choose, the full series is *still* only \$49.

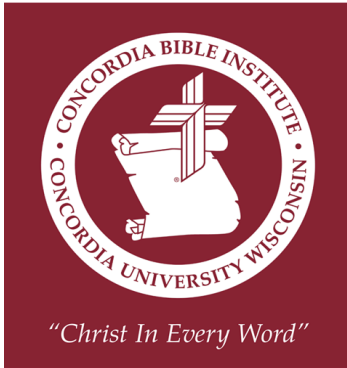
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