THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

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Proof of the Anticipated MESSIAH

THE APPROVAL OF THE FATHER

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- I. John <u>prepares</u> the way for Jesus (vv. 1-6).
 - A. Prophecy is being fulfilled (vv. 1-3).
 - B. Many <u>people</u> are being baptized (vv. 4-6).

- II. John <u>preaches</u> to the religious elite (vv. 7-10).
 - A. Their <u>pretense</u> is obvious (vv. 7-8).
 - B. Their position is flawed (vv. 9-10).

- III. John <u>points</u> to the supremacy of Jesus (vv. 11-12).
 - A. Jesus <u>perceives</u> the condition of the heart (v. 11).
 - B. Jesus <u>performs</u> the judgment of souls (v. 12).

- IV. John <u>publicly</u> baptizes Jesus (vv. 13-17).
 - A. Jesus <u>persuades</u> John to baptize Him (vv. 13-15).
 - B. God is <u>pleased</u> with Jesus (vv. 16-17).

Conclusion:

Will you rely on God's grace to live obediently?