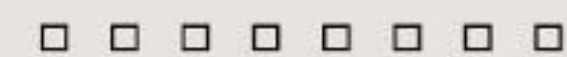


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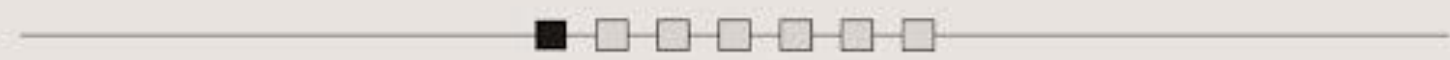




WEEK ONE

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JOHN 3:1-21



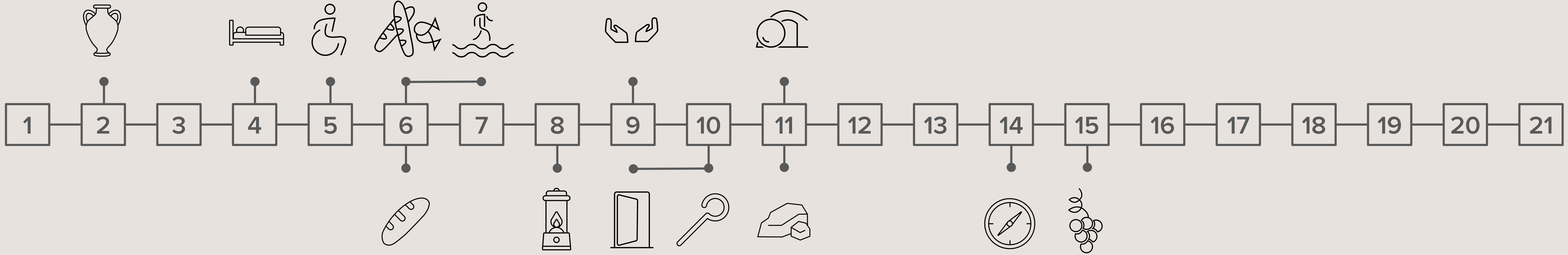
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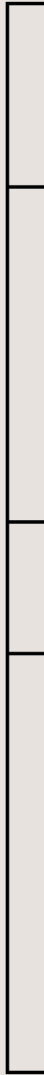


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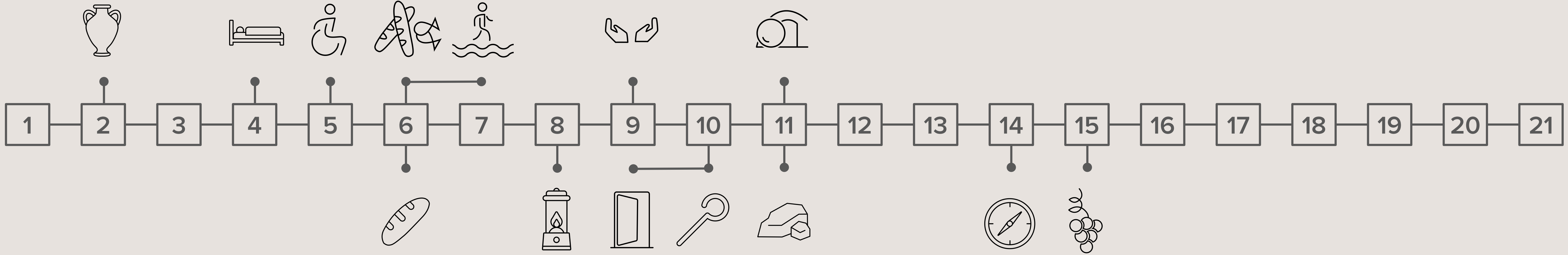
MESSIAH *(mashiach)*

CHRIST *(khristós)*



- Adam’s serpent crusher (Genesis 3)
- Abraham’s blessing for all nations (Genesis 12)
- David’s forever king (2 Samuel 7)
- Isaiah’s suffering servant (Isaiah 53)

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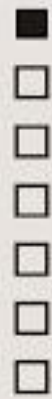


John 2:23-25 NIV

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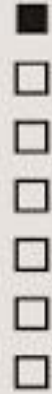
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John 3:1 NIV

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.



NICODEMUS



Teacher

Pharisee

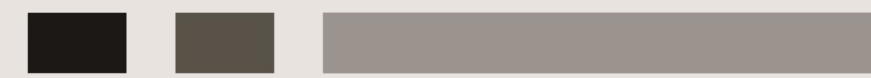
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John 3:2 NIV

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John 3:3 NIV

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”



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If the kingdom does not dawn until the end of the age [and it will], then of course one cannot enter it before it comes. Predominant religious thought in Jesus’ day affirmed that all Jews would be admitted to that kingdom apart from those guilty of deliberate apostasy or extraordinary wickedness.

- D.A. Carson



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But here was Jesus telling Nicodemus, a respected and conscientious member not only of Israel but of the Sanhedrin, that he cannot enter the kingdom unless he is born again... The coming of the kingdom at the end can be described as the ‘regeneration’ of the world, but here what is required is the regeneration of the individual before the end of the world and in order to enter the kingdom.

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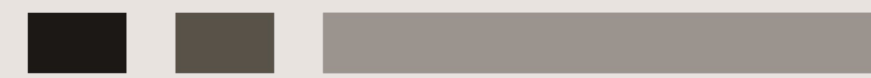


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It's easy for me to teach my daughter to say the appropriate/polite/thoughtful thing at the right time- like tying apples onto a pear tree! However, it's a work of God to change little (and big) hearts... it's silly to pretend that one kind of tree bears another kind of fruit, right!? Jesus, change our hearts to bear good fruit.

- **Katy Bowser**, *Rain For Roots*

**To get new fruit,
it's gotta be a new root.**





John 3:4 NIV

“How can someone be born when they are old?”
Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a
second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”



John 3:5-8 NIV

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”



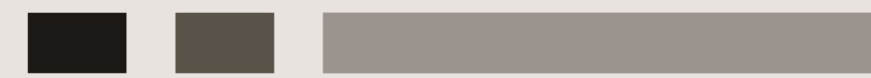
John 3:9 NIV
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John 3:10-13 NIV

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?” ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.”

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John 3:14-15 NIV

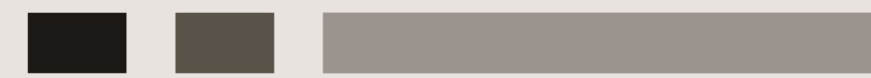
“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”



John 19:38-42 NIV (Abbreviated)

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus... ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night... ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen... ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² ...they laid Jesus there.

Do you believe?





John 3:16 NIV

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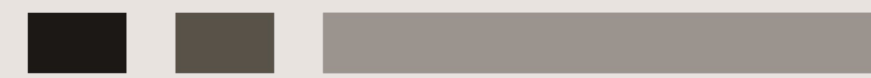




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