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Acts 17:11 (ESV)

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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God, we praise You for your intricately designed Word which teaches us how to follow You. Now guard our minds and our hearts and draw us closer to you as we study. Let us study so that we may become *talmidim* (disciples) that are doers of your word.

Give us “Acts 17:11” discernment.

In the name of Yeshua our Messiah. אמן!



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Lesson 7 Topics

Geographic background

Jesus baptized by John in the Jordan

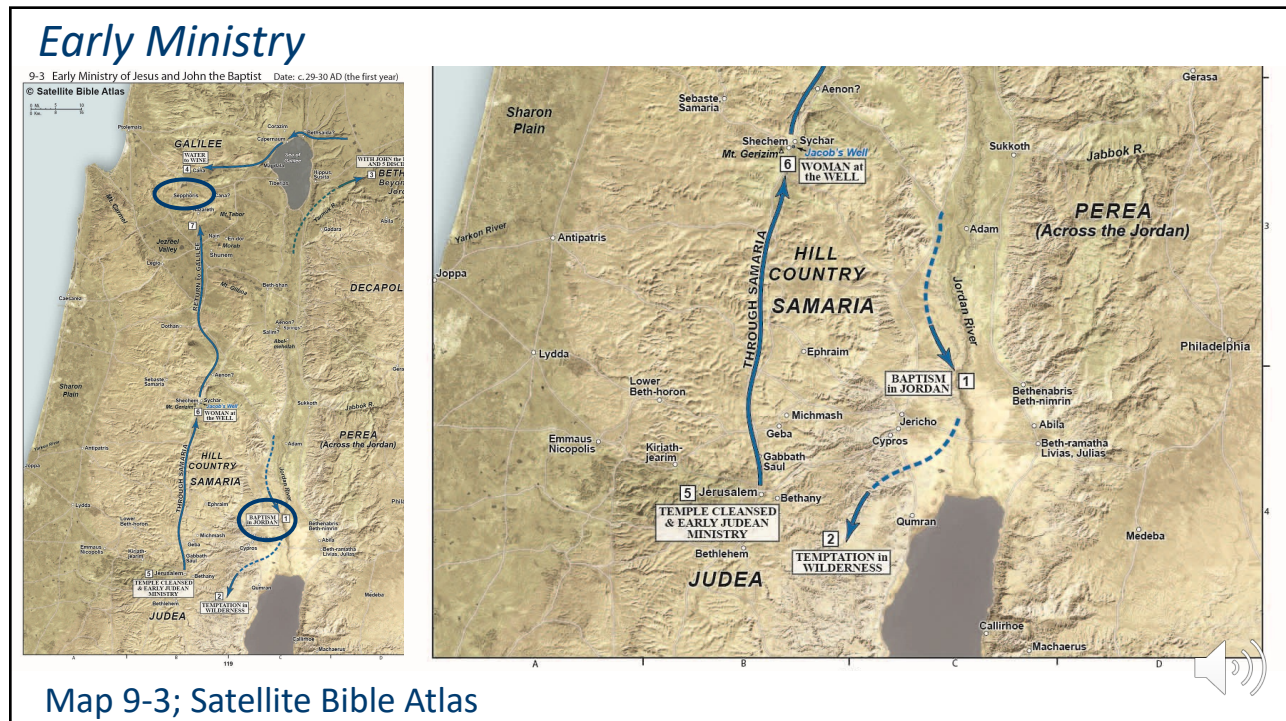
Why would Jesus need a baptism of “repentance”?

40 days / 40 nights fasting in the wilderness


The three temptations



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Matthew 3:13-15	Mark 1:9	John 1:29-31
<p>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.</p>	<p>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.</p>	<p>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”</p> 

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



Jordan River


 Matt. 3:13

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is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness



Rom 3:23-26 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are **justified** by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's **righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his **righteousness** at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Baptism in the Jordan River at Yardenit

 Matt. 3:15

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Matthew 3:16-17	Mark 1:10-11	Luke 3:21-23	John 1:32-34
<p>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”</p>	<p>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”</p>	<p>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,</p>	<p>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” </p>

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Memory Verse



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



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the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove



Doves at Jesus traditional Baptism site

Luke 3:22



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Matthew 4:1-2	Mark 1:12-13	Luke 4:1-2
Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights , he was hungry.	The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days , being tempted by Satan. ...	And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days , being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days.



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Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness



Judean wilderness west of Jericho (aerial view from the east)



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Matthew 4:3-4

And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Luke 4:3-4

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

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Deu 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.



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Command that these stones become bread

Stones in the Judean wilderness

Matt 4:3

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Command that these stones become bread



Druze baking bread in Baniyas

Matt 4:3

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Matthew 4:5-7 (Luke 4:9-12)

Then the devil took him to the holy city (*Jerusalem*) and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down (*from here*), for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘**You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.**’”

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Psa 91:11-14 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Deu 6:13-16 **It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.** [14] You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— [15] for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. [16] **“You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.**



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Then the devil took Him to the holy city, and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple



The southeastern corner of the Temple Mount



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Matthew 4:8-10 (Luke 4:5-8)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world (*in a moment of time*) and their glory.

And he said to him, “All these I will give you (*for they have been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will*), if you will fall down and worship me (*it will all be yours*).”

Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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Deut 6:13



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The devil took Him to a very high mountain



Mount Hermon



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The devil . . . showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them



Forum and Colosseum (from the north)



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Walking In His Dust #1
“As it is written...”



2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and **profitable** for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be **complete**, equipped for every **good work**.



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Matthew 4:11	Mark 1:13	Luke 4:1-2
Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.	And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.	13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.
Hebrews 4:15-16		
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.		



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And He was with the wild animals



Ibex male herd at En Gedi

Mark 1:13

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Walking In His Dust #2

Satan often attacks when we're isolated



Acts 2:42

And they **devoted themselves** to the apostles' teaching **and the fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.



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Following the Messiah



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