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Warning: Contents may empower believers in changing the world through the Love of Jesus Christ. Must be handled with extreme care!

Jesus' Beginning Impact

Baptism

Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3

Water baptism is a symbol of a believers commitment to God. It symbolizes the death to our old sinful nature and the resurrection to life in Jesus Christ. That is the reason why churches baptize believers and additionally it is a public sign of your commitment to Jesus Christ.

Repentance

Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3,8; Matthew 3:2,8

Repentance is a key ingredient to coming to Christ and believing in Him because you must first repent for what you have done wrong in order to accept Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for your sins.

The Straight and Narrow

Luke 3:5

This metaphor in the account is about being made right before God. We will see this same kind of symbol throughout our study.

Religious Deadheads

Matthew 3:7,8,10; Luke 3:7,8,9

The Pharisees and the Sadducees were widely accepted as religious authorities, but Jesus, just as John would reveal their hypocrisy. We will learn more about these groups later. The metaphor of the tree is talking about the condition of hearts of people, and the fruits are righteous actions or deeds, but unless the Pharisees and Sadducees admit their guilt before God instead of claiming self-righteousness in themselves by their practices they will never experience God's Kingdom and will be cast into Hell, the metaphor of which is the fire.

Give to Those Who Are Less Privileged Than Yourself!

Luke 3:11

Vocabulary

Luke 3:12,13, 15

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Publicans -tax collectors
Exact - Collect Taxes
Muse - consider, ponder

Historical Link

Luke 3:14,16; Mark 1:7

The Jews were under foreign occupation, who quite often treated them with disrespect and unfairness. The people wore sandals, so that is what the latchet is talking about.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Mark 1:8, Matthew 3:11, Luke 3:16

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the same as the infilling of the Holy Spirit where He fills a person with His Spirit and they are empowered to live a pure life (symbolized by the fire). There is more to this than that such as the sign of the infilling or baptism which is speaking in a Holy language from God. We will talk more about this in Acts chapter 2, where we have the events of the day of Pentecost.

Why was Jesus baptized?

Matthew 3:15-16, Mark 1:9, Luke 3:21

It appears as though He was baptized so as to identify Himself as the facilitator of the symbolic event so that we could identify with Him. There may be other reasons as well.

Heaven vs. Heavens

Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:21

Heaven, proper noun, is the place where God resides (even though He is omnipresent, everywhere present). Heaven, common noun, is the sky. The Heavens is the sky, outer space, etc. How do you tell the difference? The meaning is normally based on the context. In this case it could be referring to both and in all likelihood, it probably is.

God the Father Affirms Jesus As His Son Again

Matthew 3:17, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22

The Temptation of Jesus

from Jesus from Seven Sources

Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13;, Luke 4:1-13

Jesus is empowered by the Holy Spirit who gives Him strength to overcome the



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enemy and to sustain Jesus through His fast; and application of the Word of God. Notice that Jesus does not have foolish faith and neither should we, only have faith in that which God reveals as His will through His Word, the Bible. Also as Jesus resisted the spiritual attack and Satan fled from him, so too will Satan flee from the Christian, who resists him through the Word of God.

Understanding the Name Elias

John 1:21

The Greek name Elias is the Hebrew name Elijah, who was the prophet of God to the people of Israel during a wicked time in their history (found in I and II Kings).

Metaphor Connection

The Lamb of God is a metaphor used for Jesus as the sacrifice to secure salvation for all who would believe in Him. It is a reference to the killing of a sacrificial lamb for taking away the wrath or justice of God, an atoning sacrifice.

Messias is Messiah

John 1:41

A Stone

John 1:42

A stone or a rock, Cephas, is a symbolic name for Simon Peter. We will explore this name later on in our study.

The Promise to Moses

John 1:45

I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

(Deuteronomy 18:18-22)

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His Deity again Affirmed

John 1:48

Through either Jesus' foreknowledge or His or His connection with the rest of the Godhead, He had seen Nathanael under the fig tree.

Another Old Testament Link

John 1:51

This could be a reference to the angels accompanying His resurrection. However, the quote from The People's New Testament (1891) by B. W. Johnson (comments on John 1:51), sums it up in Old Testament prophecy, **“Ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending.** Jacob, old Israel, in his dream at Bethel, saw the ladder that reached to heaven with the angels upon it ([Gen 28:12](#)). Christ is that ladder, the way from earth to heaven, the way heaven sends messages to the world and the way we must go to reach it. Nathanael would be permitted to see that Jesus was the Mediator, that through him the Father speaks to man; that through him there is intercommunication between earth and heaven.”.

Wine?

The definite nature of the beverage is unknown because wine in the Greek or Hebrew does not show definitively an alcoholic or a non-alcoholic beverage. It seems likely, however, that they were non-alcoholic because the Bible many times shows the dangers of alcohol and shows that it is best to stay away from it, whether or not the Bible says it is wrong, outright.

Mine Hour is Not Yet Come

John 2:4-9

Jesus' hour of public ministry has really not yet come since He is not being known by the people that He is doing the miracle for and it was never publicly announced.

1st Temple Uproar

John 2:13-16

The merchants were ripping off the people when they went to buy animals to be sacrificed by the priest. God never intended for the temple to be a place to make money; it was a means of reconciling with God.