

## **MARK 1: 8-11 PART 3**

### **BAPTISM OF JOHN, BAPTISM OF THE ONE GREATER, JESUS.**

#### **INTRO:**

- Before the last week of Jesus' only four events are recorded by all four authors. John the Baptist and his preaching, the baptism of the Savior, Jesus' rejection at Nazareth, and the feeding of the five thousand.
- **John:** unseen, unnoticed, unimportant, alone.
- 7 layers of human pride, hierarchy... political....religious.
- God is not impressed with man, methods, money, or music.
- The word of God came to John bypassing the 7.
- **Success:** all came to hear and respond.
- John did everything wrong, but blessed for following God.
  - Zech. 4:6; Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.
- **Message:** preaching repentance and baptism.

#### **READ MARK 1:1-11**

#### **BAPTISM:**

- A baptism born "out of" repentance. (Vs. 4)
- To **Baptize:** basically means to "place into." (Vs. 4 & 5)
- Remember this baptism of John was not unto salvation, a new birth spiritually.
- It was the acknowledgement of sin, rebellion to God and His law.
- It was an acknowledgement of failure and need and a new commitment to live in harmony with the law of God.
- It prepared ones heart for the ministry of the true essential Baptizer and a baptism no longer being unto John but unto and into the Godhead, Father, Son and Spirit.
- John's was a sign of confession of repentance a "thinking again." While our New Testament baptism is not only of sign of repentance but also of receiving "new life in Christ."
- Our baptism is only symbolic, where as the baptism Christ baptizes with is "creative." It brings us into life, into Christ. Old things pass away and things become new.
- The word baptize in the New Testament has 3 uses or is spoken of in 3 ways.

#### **1) Ceremonial:**

That is a celebration declaring or symbolizing the reality of what God has done in the soul.

- When the saved person makes testimony, by baptism, the truth of his salvation.
- Acts 2:41, then those who gladly received his word were baptized..
- Acts 8:37-38, Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." <sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

## **2) Positional:**

Where the object baptized is placed into a new environment or into union with something else so as to alter its condition or its relationship to its previous environment.

- Rom. 6:3; Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- 1 Cor. 12:13; For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
- An example would be the blacksmith dunking the red hot metal into cold water.. (tempering)
- Another would be wool or other clothing being submersed into a dye, thus again altering its former character.
- This baptism is the spiritual and mystical union of the believer and his new position in Christ by the work of God. 1 cor. 1:30. "Of Him..."
- No longer in the First Adam, the old man, now placed into the Last Adam, Christ.
- By this miraculous work the Holy Spirit has changed the nature of the new believer from that of a lost sinner with a totally depraved nature into that of a saint with a divine nature.. (2 Ptr. 1:4)
  - This is not accomplished in or by water baptism, but is the sign and confession of it having taken place.

## **3) Metaphorical.**

In type of, or figure, that which is symbolic.

- Mt. 20:22, But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"
- Let me say again, we must remember that John's baptism was not what we know of or think of as the Christian confession of being born again.
- John's was a baptism connected with Israel and its acceptance and keeping of the law and a faithful looking forward to their coming Messiah and deliverer.

## **THE MIGHTIER ONE:**

The second part of John's preaching, One Mightier..... Jesus. VS 7, 8.

- What does John mean when he declares, there comes "ONE" after me Who is mightier than I?.....
- John had exercised his ministry successfully as its aim was to bring forth repentance leading to baptism, the witness of sins covered.
- He could preach and bring men to repentance leading to baptism, but he could not remit sin, take it away, this only the Lamb of God could do.
- And so the "One" mightier than I must come, that
  - 1) Sin could be taken away, remembered no more.
  - 2) That the greater baptism could be received.
- It is somewhat surprising that the declaration of Jesus coming as the great baptizer does not become a reality during His earthly ministry.
- The scriptures themselves says so in Jn. 4:2; though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples
- So evidently it is clear John was not talking about a water or physical baptism that Jesus would perform but something other worldly.
- Let's first read the parallel passages:
  - Mt. 3:11-12
  - Lk. 3:16-17
  - Jn. 1:33, 34.
- Jesus does not baptize with water, but with/"in" the Holy Spirit.
- Now let's follow the baptism with the Holy Spirit thread:
  - Jn. 7:37, Lk. 24:49, Acts 1:4, 5, 8, Acts 2:1-4, 38, 39, Acts 4:31, Acts 8:15-17, Acts 9:17, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 11:15-17, Acts 19:1-7.
- In Acts 1 the 3 words that stand out to me regarding this baptism are:
  - The reception of "power/ability." (VS. 8) Have I received power?
  - The ability/power to be witnesses. Am I a witness?
  - And the character of the person with whom we are baptized in, "Holy" Spirit. Am I living in holiness?
- This water baptism was a symbol without power, but the Spirit baptism that Jesus would bring was not just a symbol but a strength and a power, a regeneration, a bringing in of the "new creation." (2 Cor. 5:17)

## **APPLICATION/CONCLUSION:**

- These things are the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
- The baptism that Jesus baptizes with is life changing, it is a dynamic.
- Do I have it?
- Do I lack power, passion?
- Am I hungry for more of Jesus than I currently know?
- Do I know the being "Oned" with God?