

Reading Assignment Three—Ministry Preparation: The Ground is Plowed, Pages 27-45

Q For what task have you had the most difficulty preparing? What did you learn from that task that helped you prepare for future tasks? Remember to learn from the Christ's preparation for your tasks...

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Q Who are today's "bread messiahs?" How are they dangerous to the cause of the Christ? Helpful to His cause?

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Q How was "the baptism of John" different than the more common baptism of that day? Would "the baptism of John" be accepted today by our theologians, pastors and/or members of the church? According to John the baptizer, how did "the baptism of John" differ from the baptism to come? Would this new baptism be accepted today by our theologians, pastors and/or members of the church? Why is baptism such a hot topic, even today, regarding its nature, efficacy, purpose and manifestation?

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Q Why was it necessary for Yeshua of Nazareth, the Son of God, the sinless human being, the Christ Himself to be baptized? What can we learn from His answer? How did Jesus' answer differ from Knight's (pg 29)? By the way, why did He wait until He was in His late twenties, early thirties? Why was John the Baptizer reluctant to baptize Jesus the Messiah?

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Q Why do we tolerate the notion that Satan led the Christ into the wilderness to be tempted?

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Q Were these temptations or tests? What temptation/test came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>? Which one do you suppose appealed to Yeshua the most? If you had been tested with those offers by Satan, which is your weakest?

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Q Why did John the baptizer deny being the Messiah? Elijah? Why did he deny being a prophet?

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Q Who were the first two disciples of Jesus? Andrew and ...? What was their first question of Him? What did you learn about the selection and nature of the first group of disciples you did not know before reading all the gospels? Who was the first to declare Yeshua was indeed the Son of God?

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Q What can we learn about the relationship between Yeshua and Miriam from the wedding at Cana? Jn2:5

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Q Of the seven signs John reports in his gospel, which do you look forward the most to studying? Why? pg35

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Q From what did Jesus the Christ cleanse the temple? From where were the money changers moved?

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Q Why did Jesus the Christ meet with Nicodemus "at night?" Who was there with them?

1163 [e]	4771 [e]	1080 [e]	509 [e]
Dei	hymas	gennēthēnai	anōthen
Δεῖ	ὑμᾶς	γεννηθῆναι	ἀνωθεν
It is necessary for you [all]		to be born	from above
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John 3:8			

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Q In what color ink is John 3:16 printed in your study Bible? So what? What Greek word is used for "loved" in 3:16, and also used in 3:19?

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Q After leaving Jerusalem for the Judean countryside, why was John the baptizer there in Aenon near Salem?

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Q Why did the Christ travel through Samaria and who did He meet there? So what?

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