

Reading Assignment Six-B—Last Days of Ministry in Judea & Perea, Pages 119-129

1. How were the disciples aware that these “two men” were Elijah and Moses? Did they use bleach in Mark’s time (see Mark 9:3)? What does the “transfiguration” pericope (#98) tell us about the validity of using “trinity” as a conceptualization of Trinity; i.e., the Lord God Jehovah? Why did Father God have to speak aloud to the group on the mountain?⁸ Mutual submission—a key element in understanding Trinity. What was Moses? What was Elijah?

2. Was John the Baptist a reincarnation of Elijah? (#99, page 121) If so, why? If not, why not? Matt 17:12-13

3. What distinctive characteristic did this man’s son possess (**μονογενής**⁹ Luke 9:38b; #100; see an analysis of monogenei on next page)? How do you feel about Knight’s comment at the bottom of page 121 compared to what Jesus the Christ said about the cause of the “one & only’s” seizures and aphasia (Mark 9:25; Luke 9:42)? Why were the disciples unable to heal the boy? Why are Christians agnostic when it comes to mustard seeds? Cessationismitis?



4. What is the significance of Jesus the Christ referring to Himself as the “Son of Man”¹⁰ versus “Son of God” or “the Christ?” Pericope #101, page 123 Why were they afraid to ask Yeshua about His betrayal warning?

⁸The other two instances recorded in the gospels when Father God spoke aloud were “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” (at the Christ’s baptism by John, Mark 1:11), and “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” (at the Christ’s fear that His death would not glorify the Father, John 12:27). In Matthew and Mark’s record, there is no record of people’s response; in John’s record, the people surrounding the incident called Father God’s voice thunder-like, or as a voice from an angel. Jesus made it clear that Father God’s pronouncement was for the crowd, not for Him (John 12:30).

⁹Look it up: <https://biblehub.com/greek/3439.htm> See also John 3:16 (<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/john/3.htm>) **How did this split the church in the 4th & 5th century into western and eastern versions of Christianity?**

¹⁰See/learn more [here](http://ref.scielo.org/5wvhd4) about the “Son of Man” title and its implications. <http://ref.scielo.org/5wvhd4>

5. Jesus the Christ used a child *among them* as an example of “who was the greatest.” What aspects of a child speak to “greatest in the Kingdom?” #103 To what extent is putting service first a demonstration of [Porter’s First Law of Theology](#)?¹¹
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μονογενῆ (monogenei)

(Arian Controversy Regarding “Begotten” Wording)

1. Single of its kind, only
2. Used of only sons or daughters (viewed in relation to their parents)
3. Used of Christ, denotes the only begotten son of God

[Luke 7:12](#) Now as He approached the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the **only** son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

[Luke 8:42](#) ...for he had an **only** daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes were pressing against Him.

[Luke 9:38](#) And behold, a man from the multitude shouted out, saying, "Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my **only** boy,

[John 1:14](#) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

[John 1:18](#) No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

[John 3:16](#) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

[John 3:18](#) "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

[Hebrews 11:17](#) By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son;

[1 John 4:9](#) By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

6. What arm, or eye, or foot do you need to cut off? How does one ascertain which will risk eternal separation from God? Pericope #103
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¹¹<https://TheScoop.DThomasPorter.com/porters-laws/porters-laws.html>

7. ♦ Commentary Caution... Knight said the unrepentant person should be brought before the “assembled” church. Did Jesus say “assembled?” (Congregationalistitis?)
- ♦ What is the nature of a sin against us which justifies treating a fellow church member as an unbeliever? Where is the final venue for addressing said concerns? Should such sins be addressed in court (1 Corinthians 6)?
 - ♦ Why should we even consider this “1+2+many” alternative when we are also taught to forgive, and repeatedly? What if the sin is against the Lord God Almighty? To what extent, if any, does 70x7 forgiveness support [Porter’s First Law of Theology](#)? Pericope #104

8. Commentary Caution... Knight said, “100 denarii, an amount that could easily be repaid.” Note: one denarius represented about 1 day’s pay. The minimum wage today is \$15 per hour; assuming an 8 hour day, then the slave owed his owner approximately \$12,000.
- ♦ Key question: What sin have you fail to forgive who the Lord God has/can forgive? Why is forgiving others so important to the Lord God, even risking eternal separation from Him? Pericope #106.

9. What’s our favorite excuse for a less than full out commitment to His cause? What tempts you to “look back” most often? Luke 9:57-62, Pericope #107

10. Commentary Caution... Knight said, the “Feast of Tabernacles” (aka Sukkot) is the most popular of the big three Jewish believers’ holidays. Rosh Hashanah (new year) and Kole Nidre/Yom Kippur and are actually as popular if not [more popular](#), 1st and 2nd respectively. Should Jesus the Christ be obeying the Law of Moses; i.e., celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:1-9) or the Festival of Dedication (aka Hanukkah; John 10:22)? Consider Matthew 5:17. And we don’t follow Moses because? Jesus did. Pericope #108.

11. What did you learn from this parallel study/reading that you didn’t know before?
