

**Message# 212- 10-23-2022 - Christians Believe that Jesus Fulfilled the Prophets - H2O
Water Works of the Law Ended with the Old Covenant**
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Good morning everyone. Thank you again for tuning into the message this morning.

I want to remind you again to continue prayer for Joan and her family. They need our help. I can only imagine what she must be going through with the loss of her husband, now with her being left to provide for her family. If anyone wants to help them - please let me know and I will tell you how to get in touch with her.

Please continue to pray for Martha. Martha has cancer and it is spreading. They don't do medical doctors. Pray that God will use the natural resources He has provided us to bring healing to Martha. I contacted Leon this past week and his words to me were, "We need a miracle." So please continue to pray for them. Several of you have sent in some emails that I have forwarded to Leon. Thank you for that. I know he has been reading them and is appreciative of them.

Before we get into today's message, there are a couple things I want to say to make sure the record is clear.

The first thing is to say again - what the purpose of this series is. Those of you that have been with me for any time period at all - know that the main thrust of my preaching has been that ALL Bible Prophecy was fulfilled in the first century. There is nothing prophesied in our Bibles - that was not fulfilled in the first century. To which I'll say this - "So what? So what if all Bible prophecy was fulfilled in the first century - or if there is prophecy yet to be fulfilled in our future? What difference does it make?"

Well, if your belief system doesn't change your life - then absolutely - what difference does it make?

If All Bible Prophecy was fulfilled in the first century - then that means the Kingdom - you know what - we really need to consider striking that word. Not because it shouldn't be in our Bibles - it's perfectly fine to be in our Bibles - as long as we understand a few things about it.

Remember, the English Bibles that we use originated in what the world refers to as

Europe. And mainly, England. In England, even to this day, they still have - as laughable as it is - hilarious - stupid funny - that they walk around calling mere men and women - people who do the same things everyone else does - they actually - with a straight face no less - call mere men - "Your highness" or "Your royal majesty" - and bow and curtsie - to mere men. They call them kings and queens and lords and all the things that anyone who has even one thimble worth of Bible knowledge should be so repulsed and disgusted - that after all these years of having the Bible in plain, easy readable English - people can still involve themselves with such total nonsense.

But those people today, in that area of the world, refer to their system of "government", or their "realm" as "kingdom". The problem is when people in our area of the world see "kingdom" - it doesn't make as much of an impact - because people in our part of the world use the word "government." We don't equate "kingdom" with a proper understanding of what it means in our Bibles. If we understood "kingdom" as "government" - we wouldn't have this discussion. So we can talk about England and Europe, etc., which is all well and good, except for the fact that many of the true followers of Jesus Christ left all that insanity and came over here. And many of them established, what they believed was the Government of God on this earth. New Haven Colony is a great example. Those people understood that kingdom means government. And because they were true followers of Jesus Christ and His Word - they established His Government, which is summed up in what they all agreed to when they said,

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WHETHER the Scriptures do hold forth a perfect rule for the direction and government of all men in all duties which they are to perform to God and men,

which

***THIS** was agreed upon by consent of all, as was expressed by holding up of hands, and that so many as should be thought fit for the foundation work of [their community.]*

The Scriptures were the Lawbook for the Government they set up when they left the "king of England" and all his garbage that came with it, and came to America to build a community established on the Word of God.

The only problem with our people continuing with the word "kingdom", instead of Government, is that nearly every single person living in our part of the world today,

does not equate “kingdom” with “government”.

I talk to people all the time who think the “Kingdom of God” is some spiritual, pie-in-the-sky mysterious, floating entity that basically is only in charge of things spiritual, and doesn't really have any real effect in our lives today - beyond - acting like we love people, we say better sounding words than others do, we don't smoke, don't drink (too much), we don't commit adultery, we don't do any stealing ourselves particularly, but when the “government” does it - and does it “in the name of the people” - then somehow that becomes okay - we don't murder people - directly - but when the “government” does it all over the world - and does it “in the name of the people” - then somehow - even though people are paying for it by participating as citizens of whichever “government” does the killing - well - it's not really making the people guilty of the murdering and stealing - and plundering - and all that.

Citizens of the world have done a fantastic job of separating themselves from the evils that their “governments” do - “in their names” - because they have this false sense of security that because they think they are actually citizens of some spiritual kingdom of God - in the spirit realm - that whatever else happens in the physical world - somehow doesn't matter or doesn't apply to the them.

If certain Bible passages that refer to kingdom - were actually read as Government - maybe there would be more people that would question their current belief system.

Jesus Christ came to this earth to do away with the Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant way of doing things. One of those things, probably the most important thing of all, was to bring an end to the days where God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways. To once again restore His Creation to the days before they demanded a king like all the other nations. To restore His Creation back to the faith - the system of belief - of Abraham - of whom it was said (Genesis 26:5),

Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Laws.

Friends, Abraham was before the Law God gave Moses. When I talk to people about getting back to the days where God was King over His Creation, one of the very first things they do is start pulling out Laws that God gave Moses. Some of the principles found in the Laws God gave Moses are still valid today. But we are talking about Abraham. We're talking about the faith - the system of belief - of Abraham. And friends,

Abraham had no King but the God of Heaven. That's what we are talking about.

Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, "king Charles the 3rd." Really? Do you really believe for one second that Abraham would have forsaken the Laws, Commandments, the Voice, the Ways, Statutes of God, to follow laws and statues created by these people? Wow. How far have we left the Scriptures to justify listening to the voices of sodomites, queers, freaks, haters of God, haters of His Word - and one of the biggest reasons is because people think the "Kingdom of God" is some spiritual entity floating around that basically has no say-so in how men are to live their lives today - beyond - no smokin' drinkin' and cussin'.

What I'm trying to get people to see - with the understanding of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - is that God no longer allows His people to follow men's earthly "governments." The kingdoms, governments of this world, are become the Government of Our God, and He shall reign forever and ever." Friends, that doesn't mean that he is leaving those "governments" in place and commanding men and women, boys and girls to obey them, it's saying that He brought them all down. They no longer have place, they no longer have standing.

When what began in I Samuel 8, which was, "give them a king like all the other nations, Samuel, they haven't rejected you, they have rejected Me that I should reign over them."

That was not a permanent injunction. That was not to last forever. He told Samuel to tell them what a colossal mistake they were making. And even after that, after telling them all the evil that would come upon them because of their kings that they chose for themselves, they still said, "Nay, but we will have a king like all the other nations."

So, God allowed it. But it was never the plan of God for it to last forever - unless we understand what "forever" meant in the first 39 books of our Bibles. When we see "forever" in the first 39 books - it means until the end of the Old Covenant age, until the end of the Old Covenant World.

When Jesus Christ came to put an end to the Old Covenant World, one of, if not the most important things He did, was put an end to the days where God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways. This is why Jesus Christ was not only referred to as the King of kings and Lord of lords - but He was the LAST of the Kings in Israel. There were no other recorded Kings in Israel. Those days ended with the coming of Christ.

When He fulfilled Revelation 11:15:

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying,
The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his
Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

If it was said like this, the way we understand it:

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying,
The governments of this world are become the Government of our Lord, and of
his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

This means He took it all back. All the kingdoms, all the governments of the world -
were brought down - and replaced with His Government. And since that time, it has
been the responsibility of every living breathing creature, to come into the One and
Only Government of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Men's "governments" and "kingdoms" are filled with sodomites, freaks, perverts, God
haters, Christ haters and mockers, Bible haters and Bible mockers - Matthew 4:8 proves
that the kingdoms of the Old Covenant world - were owned and operated by
something the English translators referred to as a satan. That was all removed. The
power to exist in the Old Covenant World - was removed. But it was allowed for a
period of time. It was allowed so that people would look back it and see how bad things
are when men choose their own governments over God as King.

I've had people say to me - when trying to argue for the Authority - not power - the
Authority for men's "governments" to exist today - that when Jesus fulfilled Revelation
11:15 - He actually left those "governments" in place - and just took Authority over
them. Yet, they still continue according to the ways of the "satan" described in
Matthew 4. That doesn't make any sense.

So, just like the word "baptism", just like the word "church", the use of the word
"kingdom", which was fine for those living under monarchies in Europe - they
absolutely should understand the Kingdom of God - we - in this part of the world -
should be using the word Government - as in the Government of God - so people would
understand there is a "government" that men try to force onto people - and there is the
Government of God - which is also meant for people to be Governed by.

The fulfillment of Bible prophecy means that God's people are supposed to be Governing themselves in the same manner that Abraham was.

Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Laws.

Bringing it up to the time of Christ, He said, "My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me."

That is the same faith - the same system of belief that Abraham had. How are we living our lives today? Whose voice are we listening to?

Recall when the fake plandemic came onto the scene. Well, now 2, almost 3 years later - lots of people - even in the world - know the whole thing was a staged, fake event. They've even admitted it was a great test to see whose voice people were listening to. Stay at home. Don't work. Wear a mask. Who was saying those things? It certainly was not the voice of Christ. It certainly was not the Bible speaking.

Get this license. Get that license. Register your children. Register your marriage. Get permission for this, get permission for that. Pay this fee. Pay that fee. Pay this tax. Pay that tax. Do this. Don't do that.

It's almost laughable. I never do, because I always try to stay as respectful as I can to the inquiring minds, even to the naysayers, but trying to live a life of simply following the voice of Christ, the voice of God, is so simple, so easy going and free. Then, I look at how people live in the world - who somehow have convinced themselves the way they live is freedom - compared to simply following the Shepherd - it's amazing. Every time they turn around there is some type of demand from their "government". Thousands and thousands of "laws" and "statutes" from cities, counties, states, federals, etc., yet the Laws of God, the Commands of Christ, basically take up a few handfuls of pages of the Bible.

The voice of Jesus says (Matthew 11:28-30),

[28] Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

[29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

[30] For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

But, here's the kicker, if you will. When we live in a world that denies that Jesus Christ came to end the Old Covenant World and all that went with it, when we try to follow the voice of Christ, the world, the people who refuse to follow Christ, are going to hate us. Let me back up for a second.

In the early 1600s, if we had been living in New Haven Connecticut. In a community that said, "We will Govern ourselves exclusively by the Bible." Would we experience persecution for following Christ in New Haven? Of course not. Those wanting to live according to the Government of God, according to the Scriptures, according to Christ, were the majority. Those who opposed the Government of God - they were the ones in the minority. They were the ones that risked being prosecuted for living contrary to the Will of God. Those men and women that founded New Haven for the Government of God - at least at that time - in their generation - they were the majority. Christians were safe - at that time. The righteous were safe and the evil were in danger.

Today, because we live in a world where people despise the Bible, they despise Christ, they despise the Government of God and have decided their "laws, their statues, their treaties shall be the supreme law of the land" - the whole thing has been turned upside down - and the followers of Christ - the meek - have become the hunted - the hated - the outcasts. That isn't God's fault. That is what happens in a world that refuses to bow the knee to The King - and instead - exalts their own "governments" their own "kings" their own "laws, statues, and treaties" as the supreme law of the land.

This did not happen overnight. People that called themselves Christians - were not vigilant. They slowly began to accept things from the world. They stopped saying No. They stopped resisting evil. Gradually, surely things changed. Now, we are in a generation that not only does not say "No" to evil - our generation doesn't even know what evil is. The only thing that will turn the tide is for those who call themselves Christians - to once again identify good and evil - and resist evil - without compromise. "No!" - must become the most popular word in our vocabulary.

Today, we are in nearly the exact same type of generation that rejected Christ. If we are to be the followers of Christ in the type of generation we live in - then we will go through persecution - just like the saints of the first century did. They believed that Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled the prophets. He fulfilled the Law. He established the Kingdom - the Government - and all of that was done in a wicked generation - just like

the one we are currently in. In order to stop this madness, to stop the proliferation of evil, to turn the world upside down, we must follow the blueprint laid by those of the faith once delivered to the saints.

They refused earthly citizenship. They believed in the Commonwealth of Israel and they all did contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another King, One Jesus. (Acts 17)

So I said all that to say this. The implications of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy are what matters. Your belief must change your life - or your belief means nothing.

This teaching on what baptisma is - goes hand-in-hand with the Fulfillment of Bible Prophecy. I do not have "an axe to grind" with anyone. I did not set out with this series for the purpose of obliterating water "baptism." It was certainly necessary. Just like it was to take on and refute futurism. But the main purpose was not to expose, then destroy a "church" doctrine - except - to bring to light what the baptisma of Christ is.

I'm trying to get people to understand that the baptisma of Christ does not have anything to do with physical water - and if that's the case - then what does it mean? What are the implications of the belief?

That being, it is being immersed into the Name, into the Authority of Jesus the Christ, being willing to take up a cross - an ancient symbol of the death penalty - leave this world with all of its entanglements and entrapments and follow the Great Shepherd.

Why? Why take up a cross - a cursed, reproached symbol of the death penalty - and follow Christ? Why do this? Why go through all of this? Why choose a life of being hunted, persecuted, mocked, ridiculed? Why?

My answer may surprise you. Because we will be promised great things when we die? Muslim men have been known to do some pretty crazy, horrible things because they've been promised a harem of virgins after they blow their brains out and take out a few of the "Great Satans" with them. Sad, that men actually believe those lies. Because we are promised great riches in this life? Hardly. Why choose to take up a cross and follow Christ?

Because it's the right thing to do.

I don't have all the great answers like the Muslim clerics do. I don't know how in the world they can convince men - and even women - even young boys - to strap bombs onto their bodies and blow themselves up for the cause of Islam. I don't know how they can convince people to do such maniacal things.

All I know, all I can tell you, knowing that living the life of the True Follower of Christ might cost you everything you hold near and dear - I live the way I live - because it's the right thing to do.

I see all these examples in the Bible. Yes. I see what happened to Christ. I see what happened to James. I see what happened to Stephen. I see what happened to John the Washer, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. We've all seen those examples. Turn to Hebrews chapter 11 for just a minute. Lately I've caught myself, because I feel like I'm battling the clock every week, I've been quoting some Scriptures instead of taking you there to see for yourself. We need to see this. We need to see what the Bible says. Hebrews 11, beginning with verse 23:

[23] By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

[24] By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Moses could have probably had everything the world he lived in had to offer. Moses had been raised by Pharaoh's daughter. He could have been filthy rich. He could have had land and houses and servants and all the fancy things that world had to offer. But instead,

[25] Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

[26] Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

[27] By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.

Why Moses? Why would you choose Christ, instead of all the great things Egypt had to offer? What kind of a fool rejects great riches in favor of following Christ?

Because it was the right thing to do.

for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.

When we were all little kids we used to play games where we had to choose which side we were on. I can't imagine anyone being faced with the choice of choosing to be on the side of the Creator of the world, or choosing the world, I can't imagine anyone choosing the world over the One Who created the world.

We choose Christ - because it's the right thing to do. I don't get it. I don't get how the religions of the world can convince people they can have it all. They can have the world and have the Kingdom of God. I don't get that. My Bible does not teach me that I can have both. It's one or the other. Especially since I don't live in 1600 New Haven.

I live in a world that hates Christ, hates the Bible. Hates - well - doesn't even know about the Government of God. But hates anyone who would dare attempt to live any other way than their way. I'm going to follow into the baptism of Jesus Christ because it's the right thing to do.

Believe it or not, when I was in "Bible college" - I had a good friend (little bit older than me) - that even though he never figured out the truth about playing "church" - he was as sincere in his beliefs as anyone I ever knew. Frank was seeking truth. I know he was. Never came to the understanding of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy, never came to the truth of "church" and never came to the truth about baptism - but when we were young - I was 18, Frank was 21, he said something to me that I will never forget. He said, "If there was never a hell to lose or a heaven to gain, would you follow Christ?"

If there was no heaven or no hell, would you follow Christ? That's profound. It's been 42 years now, so I guess I'm pretty safe in saying that's something I'll never forget. We follow Christ - because it's the right thing to do.

Last week, I told you I had something going on in my mind and was going to try to explain it to you - even though I wasn't sure I was going to be able to make it understandable or not. I don't know if it was mission accomplished or not, but I want to try again on that point, and hopefully get this point across. I believe it's very important. I think I have it a little better formulated this week.

The reason this came up is because as I was listening to a little bit of Ted's Round 13 -

which - one of these days I'm going to remind Ted that boxing matches only go 12 rounds - but anyway - he made the statement that he knows that the baptisma of Mark 16 and Matthew 28 was water - physical water - because he could go through the book of Acts - and see a couple instances there - and they seemingly involved physical water - and so - that's how Ted has determined that whenever he sees baptisma in the Gospels - and especially in Mark 16, Matthew 28 and then in Acts 2:38 - it can only be referring to a physical - and these are my words - "church water ritual."

But friends, going to the end of the book, and working backwards, is not the way a book is intended to be read. We are supposed to start at the *beginning* and work our way to the *end*.

This is why I have said many times now, if we do not understand baptisma, as it is found all over the first 39 books of the Bible - we cannot possibly understand baptisma in the last 27 books of the Bible.

We start at the beginning - and work our way through to the end. Not the other way around. The first 39 books of the Bible are laying a foundation so that we can understand. We can't understand the New World without first understanding the Old World. We can't understand New Covenant baptisma, if we don't first understand Old Covenant baptisma.

For those who think that physical water washing - as what John the Washer was doing - if they think that was something new to the Bible - then I can possibly see how they might go to some passages in the Book of Acts and try to use them to define this seemingly new thing that John was doing. But, the reality is, if this is what they want to do, they don't go back far enough. John did not invent something new. John was doing what was required in the Law God gave Moses. Which is exactly the same thing they were doing in the Book of Acts - when - it seems they were washing themselves in physical water.

Whenever we see people washing themselves in physical water and the phrase "for the remission of sins" - in our Bibles - whenever it seems like the text is demanding physical water - they are performing the works of the Law God gave Moses.

If we have a firm foundation of washing in water, which actually predates the Law God gave Moses. A lot of times you hear me talking about wash the clothes, bathe the flesh - according to the Law God gave Moses - but I need you to remember that this was a

command that God told Moses to tell the people to perform - *before* Moses even went up the Mount to receive the Law. Physical water washing - baptisma - actually predates the Law God gave Moses - but then, of course - it was an integral part of the Law God gave Moses. It was part of the Law concerning priests. It was part of the Law concerning Nazarites. It was part of the Law concerning leprosy. It was part of the Law concerning touching dead things. It was part of the Law concerning marital relations. Washing was commanded before entering the temple. It was all over the Law.

It was so important, that it was even part of the first 6 days of Creation. The mikveh, the water used in the Old Covenant washing ritual - was created during the original 6 days of Creation. Isaiah pointed to Christ - the Living Water - the hope of Israel - and it was called mikveh. These are all things we must have a firm understanding of before we think we can understand baptisma in the last 27 books of our Bibles. Trying to go to the back and work backwards from there, toward the front - is a recipe for disaster. And that is exactly what has happened.

The physical waters of the Old - were there to point us to the Living Water which was Jesus the Christ. His Living Water comes by Spirit and not by the flesh.

So, working from the *beginning* of the book and progressing to the *end*, instead of vice-versa - we will be able to figure it out. We'll be able to come to a proper understanding - even when those who translated our first English Bibles - admittedly chose their own words - created their own words [baptize, baptism] - instead of staying consistent with what we were supposed to learn as we progressed from the beginning to the end.

Then, finally, we arrive with John the Washer. John the Washer said it - as clearly as anything is ever found in our Bibles - you know - there are some things in our Bibles that we really need to study. We need to study hard to get the meanings, the proper understandings, but this thing John the Washer said, is not one of them. It's one of the easiest things in the Bible to understand,

“All I am doing is washing you with physical water, but the One that is coming after me, whose shoes I'm not even worthy to unloose, He is going to wash you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.”

Mark heard it this way (Mark 1):

[7] And [John] preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the

latchet of Whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

[8] I indeed have washed [baptized] you with water: but He shall wash [baptize] you with the Holy Ghost.

The Gospel of John records it this way. Look at John 1, beginning in verse 29:

[29] The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

[30] This is He of Whom I said, After me cometh a Man which is preferred before me: for He was before me.

[31] And I knew Him not: but that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come washing [baptizing] with water.

[32] And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him.

[33] And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to wash [baptize] with water, the same said unto me, Upon Whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which washeth [baptizeth] with the Holy Ghost.

Friends, that's about as easy as anything can possibly be in our Bibles. The baptisma of Jesus Christ is not with physical water. We did see physical water baptismas from Creation, through the Law, through the prophets and up until John the Washer. But John the Washer is saying - as clearly as anything was ever said in our Bibles - the baptisma of Jesus Christ -

the same is He which washeth with the Holy Ghost.

Christ's baptisma is not physical water. This is what I'm trying to get us all to see. The foundation had been set. The Old World was physical. Physical blood, physical water. Physical circumcision. But John is saying it's getting ready to change. It's changing from the physical to the spiritual. That is as clear as can possibly be.

As you all know full well, by now, we move on through the ministry of Jesus Christ and we see men, women, boys and girls, coming to Him and receiving healing, receiving salvation, receiving forgiveness of sins - by being immersed into belief. Belief that Jesus Christ was Who He said He was, Who the Law said He was, Who the Prophets said He was, Who John the Washer said He was.

Continuing on with progressing from the *front* towards the *end*. We get to Mark 10, where Christ explains another aspect of His baptism. That is, being immersed into belief of His death, burial and resurrection. And that they, His disciples, might also be immersed into death and burial - with the promise of resurrection. Then, the next thing we see - as we progress from the front to the end - we see Christ telling His disciples in Mark 16:16 and again in Matthew 28 - that believers are immersed into His Name, into His Authority, into His death, burial and resurrection. It is not - in no way shape or form - an immersion into Old Covenant physical water.

Turn with me please to Luke chapter 24, we will begin in verse 1:

[1] Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

[2] And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

[3] And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

[4] And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

Just a little side-note here for just a second.

behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

In the other Gospels that record this, the translators used the word angels. Luke's record says these were men. That is not the Bible contradicting itself. That's the influence of that thing called "church" popping in there and it breathes life to false teaching of some spirit underworld with angels and demons and pitch-forked devils and all that non-sense. "Angels" means messenger. It's not spirit being with wings flying around - good or bad. Moving on.

[5] And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

[6] He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee,

[7] Saying, The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

[8] And they remembered His words,

[9] And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven,

and to all the rest.

[10] It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

Aha. Joanna. I know what you did now. Sorry about the cryptic words here. The Joanna that I said that to - knows exactly what I'm talking about. Moving on.

[11] And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

[12] Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

[13] And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

[14] And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

[15] And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them.

[16] But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him.

[17] And He said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

[18] And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto Him, Art Thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass therein these days?

[19] And He said unto them, What things? And they said unto Him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

[20] And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and have crucified Him.

[21] But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel:

Stop here for just a minute. What does that mean? Friends, if people do not believe that this Jesus of Nazareth - in the first century - did not redeem Israel - if they want to believe that the redemption of Israel has not happened but will happen in the future - they are denying that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was the Son of God. He either fulfilled Bible prophecy - or He was not the Messiah. The redemption of Israel is not future. He fulfilled it and to say He didn't by saying it is in the future is the jews' religion, it's the synagogue of satan - it is denying that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah.

I'm telling you - understanding and believing that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies - *all of them* - is of utmost importance in our faith - our system of belief. And we better have this nailed down. Verse 21 again:

But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

[22] Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

[23] And when they found not His body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that He was alive.

[24] And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but Him they saw not.

Friends, please listen. This is so important. It is so important that we understand this. This is our faith. This is our system of belief - and we must trust in our faith - we must trust in our system of belief. Again, why? Because it will make us rich? Because there's heaven to gain and hell to lose? No. A thousand times no. Because it is the right thing to believe.

[25] Then He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe **all that the prophets have spoken:**

Look at it. Believe how much of the prophets? **All** that the prophets have spoken. Not some for that time, then the rest for thousands of years later. All of it. Jesus fulfilled **all** of it.

[26] Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?

[27] And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

[28] And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and He made as though He would have gone further.

[29] But they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them.

[30] And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

[31] And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight.

[32] And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He

talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?

[33] And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

[34] Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

[35] And they told what things were done in the way, and how He was known of them in breaking of bread.

[36] And as they thus spake, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

[37] But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

Sidenote again. I kind of don't want to interrupt this, but Mr. Thayer defines pneuma (spirit) here as:

a movement of air (gentle) blast;

a. of the wind: ἀνέμων πνεύματα, Herodotus 7, 16, 1; Pausanias, 5, 25; hence, the wind itself, John 3:8; plural Hebrews 1:7 (1 Kings 18:45; 1 Kings 19:11; Job 1:19; Psalm 103:4 (Psalms 104:4), etc.; often in Greek writings).

b. breath of the nostrils or mouth, often in Greek writings from Aeschylus down: πνεῦμα τοῦ στόματος, 2 Thessalonians 2:8 (Psalm 32:6 (Ps. 33:6), cf. Isaiah 11:4); πνεῦμα ζωῆς, the breath of life, Revelation 11:11

So, again, we're aren't talking about ghosts and goblins from the teaching of the "church." Verse 38.

[38] And He said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

[39] Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit [the wind, a breath] hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have.

[40] And when He had thus spoken, He shewed them His hands and His feet.

[41] And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

[42] And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

[43] And He took it, and did eat before them.

Now watch again. We've seen this before. Listen close. Verse 44.

[44] And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I

was yet with you, that **all** things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.

[45] Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures,

I'm telling you friends. If people do not believe that Jesus of Nazareth, in the first century, fulfilled ALL - A-L-L Bible prophecy - they cannot understand the Scriptures. Verse 46.

[46] And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Now watch again. This is Luke's account of what Jesus said in the same time-frame as Mark 16:16 and Matthew 28:18-20.

[47] And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Again, in Luke 24, we see the great emphasis on belief in the death, burial and most importantly - the resurrection of Christ. We see the great emphasis on the belief that Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets. We see belief - repentance and remission of sins - it's all the same thing. Belief that Jesus was Who the Law and the Prophets said He was - is synonymous with repentance and the remission of sins is what comes with the belief. When Luke heard Jesus use the Greek word baptizo - which was recorded in Mark 16 and Matthew 28 - he clearly understood it as belief - repentance - and forgiveness. There is no physical water involved when the baptisma is the baptisma of Jesus Christ.

It's belief in His name - in His Authority. It's repentance of past rejection of belief in His name - in His Authority - for those people it was repentance that they didn't believe Jesus when He told them He would raise from the dead. That's because they did not truly believe that He was Who He said He was, Who the Law said He was, Who the prophets said He was. That's what this is all about. Believe in the baptisma of Jesus Christ - according to what John the Washer said and what Jesus Himself said when He clearly described His baptisma in Mark 10. Now verse 48.

[48] And ye are witnesses of these things.

[49] And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the

city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

[50] And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up His hands, and blessed them.

[51] And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

[52] And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

[53] And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

End of the Gospel according to Luke. Noticeably missing from Luke's account of the Words of Christ, is the Greek word baptisma. When speaking of repentance and remission of sins - there is noticeably no mention of physical water. The baptisma of Luke 24 is belief! It's belief that He fulfilled the Law, fulfilled the Prophets, He was killed and was resurrected.

What I am trying to get people to see is that as we progress through the Scriptures, from the front to the end, the beginning to the end, we are now completed with the death, burial, resurrection and now the ascension of Christ - and up until this point now - when we see the Greek baptisma or baptizo - when referring to the baptisma of Christ - there are two things we are being left with at this point.

1) John the Washer saying that he washed with water - physical water - and Christ washes with something else.

2) We see that something else in the ministry of Christ. It's washing in belief and washing in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. It is not physical water.

If you recall from last week, I played a small segment of Ted's Round 13: Baptism vs Baptism where he stated that the crux of the matter was when the New Covenant began and he then injected that up until AD70, it was perfectly fine to continue sacrificing animals in the temple. Yes. That is 100% correct - as long as they were doing so in the Name of, in the Authority of Jesus Christ - is what I must insist we include with that statement. It was absolutely wrong to continue observing things in the temple in the Authority of anything other than Jesus Christ. This is what the apostles kept getting their brains beat in over. They were - as saw from Luke 24:53 continuing daily in the temple praising and blessing God and doing so exactly the way Jesus instructed in Luke 24:47 - in His name - in His Authority. That, too, should be as easy to see and understand as anything there is in the Bible.

And again, working from the *beginning* of the Bible - going to the *end* - not the other

way around - there was a daily sacrifice of animals taking place in the temple at that time of Luke 24 and the disciples and the true believers in Jesus Christ were participating.

Anyway, where I was headed was that after listening to some of Ted's Round 13, I went back and listened to the discussion we had with Ted back in the spring of 2022 regarding this whole subject of "baptism."

In that discussion, Ted said that I (Charlie) believed and taught, that Mark 16:16 and Matthew 28 were physical water "baptisms." He also said I believed the same thing about Acts 2:38.

Well, I need to correct the record. And I believe my son-in-law can verify this, if I said such a thing, I feel sure I would have said at that time I wasn't sure. I know that early on in this series when we were in Acts 2, I said Acts 2:38 was *not* physical water, but, as they were going into the temple daily, they were absolutely washing themselves in physical water as no physical impurities were allowed into the temple. If that's what the "baptizo" of the last verses of Acts 2 were referring to - then that's what they were doing. But to my knowledge, I have never said that Acts 2:38 was physical water.

So the record is this. If I have ever said such a thing - I was 100% totally wrong. And, if I have ever said such a thing about Mark 16:16 or Matthew 28, which I don't think I have said, but if I have said either of those refer to physical water - then I was 100% totally wrong. I publicly repent if I ever said such a thing. Mark 16:16, Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 2:38 are absolutely, positively NOT speaking of anything to do with physical water.

The baptisma of Mark 16:16, Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 2:38 are baptisms of Jesus Christ that say and mean exactly what they so clearly say:

They are immersions into the Name of, into the Authority of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. They are immersions into the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and physical water is nowhere mentioned in those passages.

And to insert physical water into those passages is the worst case of eisegesis I've ever seen in nearly 40 years of ministry and over 52 years of studying the Bible. The only way to find physical water in those passages is to wrongly insert them into the text. No man has the Authority to insert physical water into any passage of the Bible where physical water is not already clearly shown.

After all that we finished in the last chapter of the Gospel of Luke, please turn to Acts chapter 1. Nearly everyone I have ever known - and just because it's the majority doesn't make it right - but nearly everyone I have ever known believes that Luke wrote at least the majority of the Book of Acts. I have to admit to you that it's something I probably should investigate further before making such a statement. But I have believed that for many years - that Luke wrote the Book of Acts or the most part of it. In the end, it doesn't really matter, I guess, but for today's message, it does add a little interest to where we are going.

So, we just finished Luke 24. Luke conspicuously does not use the Greek words baptizo or baptisma in the way he saw what most people refer to as the "Great Commission of Christ" to His disciples. And, rightly so, because the reality is, it's probable that the damage caused by the 1611 KJV translators might have been mitigated to a lesser degree had the words "baptizing" not have been used where they ought not to have been. Acts chapter 1, verse 1.

Remember now, as we have been progressing from the *beginning* of the book towards the *end*, as opposed to the *ending* of the book, *back* towards the *middle*, we seen what the baptisma of Jesus Christ is. It is a spiritual baptisma. It has nothing to do with physical water.

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

[2] Until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen:

[3] To whom also He shewed himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Government [kingdom] of God:

[4] And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me.

As a sidenote, this is what would cause me to think that Luke 24 and at least Acts 1, were written by the same writer. It's nearly word for word the same. Keep going.

[5] For John truly washed [baptized] with water; but ye shall be washed [baptized] with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Friends, those are the Words of Christ. These are some of the last recorded Words of Jesus Christ while on this earth. How many times does this statement need to appear in our Bibles before we finally get this? John the Washer washed with physical water, but you are getting ready to be washed with something totally different. As many times as this statement is found in the Gospels and now here in Acts 1, I would tend to think it is very important. And for those who have adopted the word “baptized” - to their peril no less - I would think they would get this, too. The baptisma of Jesus Christ is not like John's. That's why the word “but” is used there. All John's baptisma was, was physical water. Do you want the baptisma of John - John's Old Covenant physical water baptisma, or do you want the baptisma of Jesus Christ, which has absolutely nothing to do with physical water? The choice should be obvious.

But, because we have studied baptisma from its origins in Genesis 1, through Sinai, through the Law, through the Prophets, through John the Washer - and ultimately through Christ - we see how men who refuse to understand Who Jesus was, Who the Law said He was, Who the Prophets say He was, Who He said He was, we can see how men who want to pull people away from Christ, would do all they can do to hide Christ's baptisma, a taking up of a cross, of being willing to die for Christ, of being willing to give up all earthly possessions for Christ, of giving up men's little g “governments” for Christ and entering into the One True Government of God - the Commonwealth of Israel - I can see why men would want to hide the baptisma of Christ in favor of John's - “All I'm doing is washing with physical water.” That's way easier than taking up a cross and following Christ. So, I guess, then, the choice doesn't become quite as obvious. Verse 6.

[6] When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the Government [kingdom] to Israel?

[7] And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power.

[8] But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Once again, conspicuously, no mention of physical water in Christ's Great Commission.

[9] And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

[10] And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two

men stood by them in white apparel;

[11] Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

[12] Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

[13] And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

[14] These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

[15] And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

[16] Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

[17] For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

[18] Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

[19] And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

[20] For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

[21] Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

[22] Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

[23] And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

[24] And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

[25] That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

[26] And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

I'll try and finish the rest of chapter 1 next week.

Now friends, going from the beginning of the book and moving towards the end, in verse 5 here of chapter 1 of the Book of Acts, the Greek word baptizo is used twice. One is John's physical water - clearly shown - the second is Christ's spiritual baptizo. Christ's baptizo - baptizo people in the Name of, in the Authority of, Jesus Christ. John's washing was Old Covenant with physical water. Jesus' washing is New Covenant and it is spiritual.