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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

Alright. Before we continue with what I believe, may be one of the most important themes we have ever discussed - right side-by-side with Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - equal to the understanding of Ekklesia - at the very top of the list - at least on the same line as these other subjects - the issue of the understanding of physical H2O water in our Bibles. From Genesis to Revelation and all points in between - as long as the world does not understand the baptisma of Jesus Christ - the world will continue its downward spiral.

Chrissy delivered Josie Rose Callahan at 11:59pm, on 1/11/2024. Chrissy's doing great, Josie is doing fantastic - Jerry is still in recovery. The baby and Chrissy are absolutely beautiful. Another Kingdom baby has been born. We are so so excited. As you recall, Taylor had Kody Alexander back on the 28th - Cassidy had Lenna 3 months ago - now Josie is here. Needless to say - life has been a wild whirlwind for the Steward family. Those 3 girls were just awesome during this time.

And, while I'm in my bragging minutes - let me tell you about our oldest daughter, Sara. What an unbelievable blessing she is. Sara started a doula ministry in Wichita. A doula is a woman that helps pregnant women prenatally, during the birth, and post-partum. Teresa said this was the first time she really got to see Sara in action - and Teresa just did not have enough words to describe the work that Sara does. She was going to see it with Taylor a few weeks ago - but Speedy Gonzalez up there had Kody before either of them could get there. So....if you live anywhere near Wichita and are expecting a baby - you really need to visit wichitadoula.com.

And, last but certainly not least, Teresa again proved that she is the backbone of this family. She was amazing with Chrissy. Chrissy's birth - her first - presented the normal challenges of a first-time mom - and then some. And Teresa was such a blessing to Chrissy and Jerry. She was - and is - an amazing Christian example of a wife, mother and grandmother.

If you'd like me to continue for the rest of the hour talking about this - I'd be happy to. Chrissy just did so awesome and that baby is so perfect and Jerry was so awesome

through the whole experience. We're just so excited about what lays ahead for our family. But, I do have some other very important things to get to. So, reluctantly on one hand - but positively on the other - I'll move on.

I believe it was two weeks ago now - I was traveling down the road and had the radio on. And the news came on and announced that NASA had successfully launched a rocket to the moon. And of course, I just rolled my eyes and said something like, "Oh brother, I just can't believe people still believe that." I was then immediately reminded of NASA astronaut Don Petit in his viral video that came out - I think about 6 years ago. Listen to what NASA astronaut Don Petit said a few years ago:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wl1H1WxWTuc>

Yeah, Don I get it. This, and all the other government propaganda is all in your imagination. And of course, just a week or so after they announced they had sent a rocket to the moon - then - the next announcement - totally expected from me - I totally expected this - was that there was a malfunction. After a "flawless launch" - this was announced:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/science/space/private-mission-moon-wont-land-lunar-surface-malfunction-rcna133082>

A privately built spacecraft that launched Monday on a mission to land on the moon will not reach the lunar surface after it suffered a critical malfunction hours after liftoff. Astrobotic Technology, the Pittsburgh-based firm that developed the Peregrine lander, said Tuesday that the spacecraft is leaking propellant, making it impossible to complete its lunar mission.

Surprise, surprise.

"Given the propellant leak, there is, unfortunately, no chance of a soft landing on the moon," the company said in a statement.

What a shocker. I just can't hardly believe it. Friends, I hardly ever tell people what to believe or what not to believe - other than believe the Word of God - but don't fall for this stuff. This is pure baloney. And I'm telling you - all of this is designed for one major purpose - and that is to get people to doubt the existence of God. This is not new. There is an all-out war on the existence of God. Why? Because, again, it's all about authority.

Who has the authority to tell people what they can and cannot do. If there is no God - there the "authority" - which is no authority - it's no authority friends - it's nothing but raw power. It's guns. It's sticks and weapons and bombs. It's bars - jails, prisons - it's stealing people's property - it's force against people's will. It is not authority. It's raw power - and the Bible condemns it. It's tyranny - and before the KJV Bible removed "tyrant" from its translation - people understand the responsibility - the Biblical mandate - to resist tyrants.

Now - now that tyrant was removed - it's amazing how incrementally - and precisely the enemies of the Authority of Christ have methodically changed the Word of God and they have deceived people in doing so. You know I read from the KJV -almost exclusively. Most of my messages are from the KJV. And here I am offering some more critical analysis (in regards to that word tyrant) - and I have to tell you again - do not be wearied by this. When we are approaching what we believe to be the Words of God - as long as we are approaching what is being presented with the proper understanding that men's sole job as created beings by God - is to obey Him - obey His Laws - His Commandments - His Statutes and His perfect Will - that Spirit - that attitude - that understanding - will guide us into all truth.

If we cannot or do not have the confidence that His Spirit - we're not talking about some supernatural, invisible being or creature that moves us here or there - we are talking about the nature of God. The nature of God - all that embodies what He is - the truth - the faith once delivered to the saints - understanding what His Will is - all of that is summed up in that's what the Spirit is. Are we walking in the "spirit" of God?

When we understand, that Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies. When we understand that that means His Kingdom was established when those prophecies were fulfilled - the last prophecy of which being the destruction of the temple - when we understand that this is a calling to come out from the little g "governments" of men and into His Kingdom - which without the understanding of Ekklesia in the history of Old Covenant Israel - and without understanding of the Water - which I myself - and beginning to equate now with the Authority of - now listen - I'm not saying that someone who does not understand all of that is not in - or has never been in Christ because they didn't understand that - not saying that - but I am saying that if those things are the basis - the foundation that we have in our lives - regardless of what men have done with the various translations of Bibles - having that Spirit - that foundation - that belief system guiding us - that Spirit - that Holy Spirit of God will lead us to the truth. Thank God for that. Otherwise, it could be so frustrating - I could see how some weaker people might

be so wearied by the fight - they could give up. He's telling me I can't trust this Bible, I can't trust that Bible - I see how wearisome that can be. But when we have the proper foundation - we will be led to the truth.

While I have this extra time to spend with my oldest daughter these last couple weeks, she had mentioned some difficulties she's had with people that have rejected some very clear truths that she has tried to present to people. And, if I understood her correctly, it has been the rejections of people based on reason, or logic - but I told her that if we would base our arguments on "Thus saith the Lord" - I believe we would see more success in winning people to the truth.

But we know that we live in a time where virtually all truth has been subverted. We must get back to the Word of God and we must be able to discern what is actually the Word of God - and what has become suspect due to the tampering of translations.

And, having that foundation of truth - we know - we have hope - that we can and will be led into what God wants us to know.

I have very little confidence in modern translations of the Bible. And, especially - maybe - more so today than ever - if based only on what we saw last weekend in regards to Matthew 20. We know the KJV was also tampered with.

The translators actually admitted it - in writing - at the beginning of the 1611 KJV. So, we know right away - we better re-examine everything we thought we knew about water - they said - "we took the same liberty with words that God Himself did" - wow - what an unbelievable thing to say. Whether they intended it that way or not - and I certainly hope not - but there sure seems to be some evidence that they did - it sounds to me like making themselves equal with God. "Washing", they said, they changed to "baptism." And congregation, they changed to "church." So, at least with those two words - they gave us a head-start in being able to uncover the truths that I believe they hid.

So, as you know from past messages, I typically use the KJV for the New Testament, the KJV for some of what people call the Old. I have found myself using the Septuagint more and more. When our oldest daughter Sara was born - 32 years and a half years ago - Teresa and I spelled her name S-a-r-a. I have explained why the New Testament Greek spellings are the same in the Greek Septuagint - which is the "Old Testament" translated from the Greek - rather than from the Hebrew.

I often compare the KJV to the Geneva from 1560 and 1599, as well as the Tyndale and Coverdale Bibles from the 1400s. We know how much of an influence - for and against - there was from the catholics in Rome - especially during those years - and we can see some agenda in those translations. It's okay. Our eternal, unwavering allegiance to the exclusive Kingdom of God the Government of God - will help us navigate through the agendas of men.

Now. Let's reasons ourselves a little bit now before we get to the Scripture. Obviously, I've had lots of family things going on these past weeks. I have not had the time to devote to the study that needs to be done on the things we saw last week.

History, if we can believe history, the Revised Version of the Bible from 1885 was supposedly the latest, greatest Bible translation since the KJV. Listen to this. This from Wikipedia for the Revised Version.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revised_Version#:~:text=The%20Revised%20Version%20\(RV\)%20or,James%20Version%20in%20Great%20Britain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revised_Version#:~:text=The%20Revised%20Version%20(RV)%20or,James%20Version%20in%20Great%20Britain)

The Revised Version (RV) or English Revised Version (ERV) of the Bible is a late-19th-century British revision of the King James Version. It was the first (and remains the only) officially authorised and recognised revision of the King James Version in Great Britain. The work was entrusted to over 50 scholars from various denominations in Great Britain. American scholars were invited to co-operate, by correspondence.[1] Its New Testament was published in 1881, its Old Testament in 1885, and its Apocrypha in 1894. [1] The best known of the translation committee members were Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort; their fiercest critics of that period were John William Burgon, George Washington Moon, and George Saintsbury.

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The New Testament revision company was commissioned in 1870 by the convocation of Canterbury.[2] Their stated aim was "to adapt King James' version to the present state of the English language without changing the idiom and vocabulary," and "to adapt it to the present standard of Biblical scholarship." To those ends, the Greek text that was used to translate the New Testament was believed by most to be of higher reliability than the Textus Receptus. The readings used by the revisers were compiled into a new edition of the Greek Testament by Edwin Palmer.[3]

Alright. Stop right here for just a minute. They were claiming to adapt the KJV to “the present state of the English language”. Okay. I'm not sure any of us would have a problem necessarily with saying you or your - instead of thine or thou. That's not that big of a deal. At least not to me it isn't. Maybe it should be, but it doesn't seem like that big of a deal. So that, to me, seems harmless enough. But friends, this statement is a very obvious lie and it is deception. And it is deception. The next statement says - after they just led you to believe that all they were doing was updating the “thees and the thous” of the KJV - the Bible that had been used for 274 years - and if you go back to Tyndale - the Bible used for 359 years - after making you think all they were doing was updating some English - they then said they were “adapting it to the present standard of Biblical scholarship.”

So why continue with the total lie of playing off the KJV? Here's the proof of what I'm saying. Quote:

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The KJV, the Geneva, the Tyndale, Coverdale, Bishop's Bible, the Great Bible, those English versions prior to 1611 - they were translated from Greek manuscripts that were called the Textus Receptus or the Received Text. It is not the purpose of this message to debate the Greek text. That's not what I'm trying to get you to see here. But here is what I want you to see. I see some major dishonesty with the Revised Version of 1885. They tried to lead people to believe it was only an upgrade of the English words. They claimed it was an upgrade to the KJV. But, it was not. The translation came from an entirely different set of Greek manuscripts than what was used by the KJV, Tyndale, Coverdale, etc. It was not just an upgrade of the English - it was a translation from a completely different set of Greek manuscripts and they lied to the common man in order to get him to more easily accept what they did. Listen more:

The Revised Version is significant in the history of English Bible translation for many reasons. At the time of the R[evised] V[ersions]'s publication, the nearly 300-year-old King James Version was the main Protestant English Bible in Victorian England. The Revised Version, therefore, is regarded as the forerunner of the entire modern translation tradition. It was also considered more accurate than the King James Version in a number of verses.[4]

Yes. Absolutely. And since “baptism” - is only supposed to mean physical H2O water -

they obviously felt the need to completely remove baptisma and baptidzo from certain key verses of the Bible. Not only that, they removed them from the Words of Jesus Christ. For 359 years, baptisma and baptidzo were found in Matthew 20:22 and 23. And now, because they decided they had better manuscripts than were available 359 years prior - they said it was perfectly fine to remove baptisma and baptidzo from verses that used those words more than any other verses in the Bible?!

Friends, listen to me. If you remove baptisma and baptidzo from Matthew chapter 20 - then the only thing you can possibly do in regards to the sound bapto or any variation thereof - is keep going back in those chapters until you get to Matthew chapter 3 - which is what? The baptisma of John the Washer. Removing the baptisma that Jesus Christ Himself defined in Mark 10 and Matthew 20 - leaves the only other understanding of baptisma - to what John was doing in Matthew chapter 3 and Mark chapter 1.

I've been screaming bloody murder - if you'll allow such hyperbole - for months - for years now - that if you want to have a discussion of Ephesians chapter four's "One baptism" - you cannot exclude Matthew 20. But if the Bible you read from has removed the baptisma and baptidzo from Matthew 20 - friends - it's no wonder people have scratched their heads at these messages and totally dismiss what I'm trying to get people to see.

Mark 10, Matthew 20 - Jesus Christ used the words baptisma and baptidzo to describe all that He was getting ready to go through. He used baptisma and baptidzo to launch His disciples into an understanding of what His Authority was all about. He told His disciples - as clearly as anything ever was put on paper - His disciples were to take part in the baptisma, the baptidzo that He defined in Mark 10 and Matthew 20.

If that's not in the Bible you read from - then - yeah - I get it - there's no way to be on the same page of understanding in a discussion on the "One Baptisma" of Ephesians chapter four. So if Christ's baptisma of Matthew 20 is not in your Bible - then the only discussion you will find valuable is a discussion of whether John's washing - is dunking, pouring or sprinkling. And if that's the argument - it is a 100% total diversion from what baptisma really is - and friends - I'm telling you today - to remove baptisma and baptidzo from Matthew 20 is to remove the Authority of Jesus Christ from the Bible.

If you think for one minute that this is not the biggest problem we face in the world today - you just aren't thinking correctly. Virtually no one today - preaches - let alone

lives - that Jesus has ALL POWER and ALL AUTHORITY in heaven and in earth. Virtually no one today - preaches the exclusive Government of God over His Creation - and the demand for all men, women, boys and girls to bow their knees and submit to His Government and His alone. And to Come out from men's little g "governments" and be separate - and allow Him to be their God, their Ruler, Judge and Magistrate.

When I talked last week again - about the World Economic Forum - Noah Harari - who - if he had a shred of decency would change his name. He defiles that name Noah - even when used from the Hebrew. He doesn't deserve to be able to use any variation of the name that even sounds like the Noah from the Bible. I'm telling you that they believe they are the ones who have authority - and none of us have any "right" - let alone responsibility or claim - to resist their "authority" by preaching - and living - that there is Another King, One Jesus. By removing the baptisma and baptidzo that Jesus Christ defined in Matthew 20 - they are cutting the legs right out from under those who have chosen - with full knowledge and consent - to claim their earthly allegiances to be solely and completely found in Christ - in Him we live and move and have our being.

The World Economic Forum (laughing) has plans for how the entire world is supposed to live and move and have their being. They are so crazy - they have even planned for what diets people are going to be allowed to have. The Word of God is filled with meat, friends. The Bible says God loves the smell of cooking meat. Just like you do, just like I do. I don't know of anyone in my life ever - that has complained of the aroma when passing by a Longhorn Steakhouse.

Listen to me now. Vegans. Alright. I'm not going to do what I'm railing against the World Economic Forum for - I'm not going to shame people for not eating meat. But if you believe that "veganism" is what you are supposed to do - then you would have stood up to Jesus and His disciples on the day He fed 5,000 with fish and bread - and you would stand up to the Creator of the World and all that's in it - and tell Him you won't eat the food He was offering you. You would not have participated in the Last Supper.

I understand the word meat is used as all-encompassing for food that God said was okay to eat - I get that - but there are many different Greek words for meat in the Bible. Not to mention the clear references to fish and lamb.

We have Authority to eat clean animals that God created. All the way back in Genesis chapter 9, God gave us the Authority to eat clean animals as defined in the Bible. And I'm telling you, if it becomes "against man's 'laws' to eat beef" - then we better eat it

right in front of their faces. They do not have the “authority” to change people's diets that are based on God's Word. Jesus has ALL Authority in heaven and in earth - no man has any “authority” to alter what God has established.

There's only one thing that irks me more - or at least as much - as when I hear some “church” person refer to men's little g “governments” as “the authorities.” That makes my blood boil. They are not “the authorities” in any shape or form. They are absolutely not “the powers that be.” God has ALL Authority, ALL power - and only those who stay in that Authority are allowed to access it. It's that simple. We need to stand on

“I have all power in heaven and in earth.”

Is what Jesus said. That's not a difficult thing to understand - at least it shouldn't be....unless....unless....Words of Christ have been removed and when they've been removed - it changes the whole way we are to understand - then apply principles in our own lives.

Oh, before I forget, the only thing that irks - is when I hear women - who work outside their own homes - refer to a man who is not their husband - as “my boss.” Really? Your “boss?” How have we become so desensitized to such clear Biblical principles in our lives? I'll tell you. When you remove baptisma and baptidzo from the Words of Jesus Christ - when He is explaining that His followers are to be immersed - fully overtaken by - fully consumed by - exclusively devoted to - His Authority - and you replace that understanding with an Old Covenant, powerless physical H2O washing - that's how it happens. When the fundamental understanding of the Authority of Christ is altered - that's how that - and pretty much every else gets out of alignment.

I'm telling you friends, we are in the shape we are in, this world is in the shape it is in, because very few people understand Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:16 through the end of that chapter.

Baptisma and baptidzo were removed from 359 years of English Christianity - and when they did that - it altered the course of mankind.

Before we leave the Revised Version wikipedia page, let me read one more paragraph and a couple sentences. Quote:

New version

The Revised Version of the New Testament translators, 1881

Now, remember what they said about this translation was passed off as basically just upgrading the English from 1611 to the more modern 1880s. "It's just an upgrade of the language, that's it...."

The revisers were charged with introducing alterations only if they were deemed necessary to be more accurate and faithful to the original Greek and Hebrew texts. In the New Testament alone more than 30,000 changes were made, over 5,000 on the basis of what were considered better Greek manuscripts.

Friends, listen to me. "Introducing alterations if they were only deemed necessary?" There are only 7,957 verses of Scripture in the KJV New Testament. And they made 30,000 changes? This is a total con-job if I've ever seen one. I'm not arguing about the Textus Receptus versus other Greek manuscripts - I'm telling you they told people all they were doing was updating the English - yet they made 30,000 changes in the New Testament alone? For 359 years the English Bible was that bad?

Jeremiah 6:16 says:

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

This whole world is in complete need of a total overhaul. And the last thing it needs is a more modern "version of the Bible". Tyndale was murdered by the state at the stirring of the "church" - that word used correctly there - I don't think any of the translators of the Revised Version or the New American Standard or the NIV - I doubt there has been one drop of blood accumulated by the whole lot of them - as a result of persecution for their translations. The men and women who held to the Geneva Bible fled Europe because of persecution for their trust in the faith of the Word of God - and the Bible they used did not have the trials and persecutions of the baptisma and baptidzo of Matthew 20 removed from their Bibles.

It's time to start over again. It's time to start rejecting "churches" and states and economic forums and the doctors and the scientists and the professors and teachers - and get back to the Old paths, the good ways and walk therein.

I read for you how that the Revision Version - the completed version of 1885 claims to be the “foundation for all the modern versions” - I think someone had better come up with some Biblical claims and proof that the baptisma and baptidzo that Jesus Christ Himself taught in Mark 10 and Matthew 20 - someone better come up with the authority as to why that was removed from Matthew 20 in our English Bibles.

The work was begun in 1879, with the entire work completed in 1885. (The Revised Version Apocrypha came out in 1894.)[1]

The 1885 Revised Version was the first post-King James Version modern English Bible to gain popular acceptance.[5]

So deceptive. Such a despicable lie. To keep going back - referencing over and over - to the KJV in making people think that it was just an update to the KJV. “All we did was update the 'thees and the thous.' It was not. Thirty thousand changes to the New Testament alone speaks volumes to that. They lied.

Apparently, the Greek texts from which we have received our English Bibles does matter. Because they do not say the same things. I know for me - I'm sticking with the old ones. I'm going to stand with William Tyndale - at least on his understanding - if none other - than the fact that he was honest enough to not use the word church in his translation. Each of us better know which way we are standing - and then stand on it. I'm standing on the Authority of Christ. I'm standing on the Government of God. And I believe one of the most foundational passages to understand this - Mark 10 and Matthew 20. And, I believe you cannot understand Matthew chapter 28 - if key elements of Matthew 20:22-23 have been removed.

Open your Bibles, please, back to Matthew chapter 28, and begin with verse 18. Verse 18:

[18] And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

Friends, this is what everything else hinges on. These are the summary, the concluding Words of Jesus Christ to His disciples. This is the sum of everything He said, everything He did - the purpose of His existence. These were some of the very last recorded Words that Jesus spoke. It's about Him having all power - all authority - in heaven and in earth.

I've never told you this before (at least I don't think I have), but when I was a little kid playing "church" with my parents. Do you know what one of the very first Bible verses I ever memorized was? It was Matthew 28:19. Not 19 and 20. Definitely not 18 through 20. It was simply verse 19.

[19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

That verse of Scripture cannot stand alone. It is surrounded by verses 18 and 20 and to take that verse and force it to stand alone - is going to lead to major misunderstanding. That verse cannot stand by itself. It begins with verse 18. And because there is no mention of physical H2O in the verse - we understand now that the word "baptizing" simply means to immerse someone into an understanding, into a system of belief, into a way of life - old man is dead - new man is born. And the "baptizing them in the name of" absolutely eliminates physical H2O water. It says "baptizing" them into the name - into the Authority - that is exactly what Jesus just said in verse 18.

[18] And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

That understanding, that faith, that system of belief, that way of life, that is what the disciples were to immerse people into. It was not a "church water ritual." It is "washing" people with the belief, consuming people with the belief, overwhelming people with the belief - that Jesus Christ has ALL power - ALL Authority in heaven and in earth. He wasn't talking about a "church water ritual". He was not talking about John's physical H2O washing - He was talking about the instructions He began giving His disciples in Mark 10 and Matthew 20 - and if those things are not in your Bibles - how would you ever know it? I'm not talking to you about all the many Greek mistranslations today - I'm talking to you about English words that were completely omitted from the text.

[19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing [immersing] them in the name of [in the Authority of] the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

[20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Go back to Mark chapter 10 for a minute, please. Go to verse 17, please. Remembering that Mark 10 is Mark's account of what Matthew recorded from Matthew chapter 20. They are very similar passages.

[17] And when He was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

As I have explained many times now, these two chapters, Mark 10 and Matthew chapter 20 - have come about because people had come to Christ asking Him this question. And from Mark 10 through Mark 16, and from Matthew 20 - through chapter 28 - Jesus is answering this question

Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

I believe - and have preached for more than 30 years now - now listen - you know I was raised in the Baptist "church." The Baptists have been adamant that "baptism is an outward sign of an inward change." They do not believe that "baptism" has anything to do with "salvation." But I'm telling you that it is impossible to inherit eternal life if someone has not been "baptized." Jesus began answering this question in Mark 10. And the answer was summed up in verses 37-39. Look at it with me again, please.

[37] They said unto Him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left hand, in Thy glory.

[38] But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be ~~baptized~~ baptidzo with the ~~baptism~~ baptisma that I am ~~baptized~~ baptidzo with?

[39] And they said unto Him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the ~~baptism~~ baptisma that I am ~~baptized~~ baptidzo withal shall ye be ~~baptized~~ baptidzo:

You aren't going to inherit eternal life. You aren't going to be "saved" - apart from the "~~baptism~~ baptisma that I am ~~baptized~~ baptidzo withal shall you be ~~baptized~~"baptidzo."

And from verse 17 through verse 39 - Jesus had not made one single reference to the physical H2O water of John's washing. That's because He's not talking about John's washing. He's talking about His washing - His baptisma - the one in which John himself said was better than John's. Since we are in Mark 10, go back to Mark chapter 1. Begin in verse 1:

[1] The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

[2] As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send My messenger before thy face,

which shall prepare thy way before thee.

[3] The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

Once again. Slow it down. Let's not just skip too fast because Words sound familiar. This is the Gospel - the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

This is the Gospel that the Messiah has come. Jesus is His name - Christ - the Anointed King is His title - He is the Son of God - prophesied in the prophets referring specifically to Malachi chapter 3.

[4] John did baptize wash in the wilderness, and preach the baptisma of repentance for the remission of sins.

Friends, if you want to have a discussion on the "One baptisma" found in Ephesians chapter 4 - and your discussion is only about which method - meaning dunking, sprinkling or pouring - you've completely missed it. You have completely missed what we are supposed to know. Right here in verse 4 are two baptismas. There's two of them right here. But Ephesians 4 tells us that in the end - there's only one. Okay. Right here - there's two. This should make Ephesians 4 easier to understand. In the Bible that were many baptismas - but in the end - in the New Covenant World - only one would remain.

Here is John's water baptisma - which was an Old Covenant physical washing to remove physical impurities according to the Law. Then, in the same verse of Scripture we have another baptisma - a baptisma of repentance - again - being fully consumed by - being fully overtaken by - being fully overcome by - repentance - not water - physical water - being baptidzo into repentance. In just a minute, we'll see John clearly saying that the baptisma he was preaching was going to be replaced. Replaced with what? Verse 5:

[5] And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptidzo washed of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

John was leading these repentant Judahites into the repentance in the way that was instructed by Moses in the Law God gave back in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, etc. That was all they had. They were washing according to the Law God gave Moses. This cannot be - should not be - any easier to understand if we'll just think about it.

[6] And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his

loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

[7] And 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 ~~baptized~~ washed you with water [according to the Law God gave Moses]: but He shall ~~baptize~~ wash you with the Holy Ghost.

Friends, the “I did this” “but He's going to do this” is just plain, simple English. And it's about as plain as it can be. John is fully acknowledging that all he was doing was washing in water - fulfilling the Law - but there is One coming after me - whose shoes I am not worthy to even stoop down and unloose - His washing - His baptisma is not with water - not with physical water. So, here again, the One Baptisma of Ephesians chapter 4? John is saying all I'm doing is washing you with water. But the One coming after me is going to wash you - baptidzo you with something entirely different.

Now we have three baptisms now in just a few verses. All three times - John is downplaying what he's doing. Friends, if we don't see this, I'm just not sure what else to say. Verse 9.

[9] And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was ~~baptized~~ washed of John in Jordan.

Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law God gave Moses. But this washing - this baptisma - was not for the remission of sins. And if anyone tells you it was - they are committing one of the most egregious blasphemies that man can make. Jesus was the sinless Lamb of God given to take away the sins of Old Covenant Israel. He was spotless. He was blameless. He was the sinless Son of God. He did not have John wash Him for the forgiveness of sins. He had no impurity. He had no sin. He was the Perfect, Sinless, Blameless Son of God and He had John wash Him at age 30 because that was the age of a man's entering into the service of the temple and it required a washing according to the Law.

The text calls this a baptisma. Now, we are up to four of them, five of them in these few verses alone.

[10] And straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him:

[11] And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

This 5th baptisma now - was the washing of Jesus Christ - establishing His Authority as the Son of God. This was Jesus being washed in the Authority of God the Father.

[12] And immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness.

[13] And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him.

[14] Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God,

[15] And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel.

Jesus is now preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. He is preaching repentance, believing the Gospel - calling men and women boys and girls - into the Authority of the Government of God. He was not preaching any of John's water baptisms - He was preaching immersion into the Government - into the Authority of God.

Now go back to Matthew chapter 20. Verse 22-23:

[22] But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptidzo with the baptisma that I am baptidzo with? They say unto Him, We are able.

[23] And He saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of My cup, and be baptidzo with the baptisma that I am baptidzo with: but to sit on My right hand, and on My left, is not Mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

And immediately after He told His disciples these things - what was the first thing He did? He began teaching about Authority. Turn the page to chapter 21 and what is happening? The great chapter where He was announcing Himself as the King, specifically quoting Zecharias 9:9. He quoted Zecharias chapter 9. He told - not just His disciples - but eventually all that would listen in Jerusalem - their King had come. Their King. The prophesied Messiah, Saviour and King. The Lord. The One Who was Supreme in Authority had come.

Jesus is not mentioning physical H2O water - not one time. Since He began using the words baptisma and baptidzo in Matthew 20 - He has not mentioned physical water one time. That's because it's not about physical water. It's about immersing people into the baptisma that Jesus Christ is King. It's about washing their consciences from

believing that mere men have power and authority - and changing their minds - causing them to repent and come into the understanding of the Government of God - the Kingdom of Christ - back to the Word of God which teaches that men are to have their sole allegiances - their sole and the soul - allegiances exclusively to the Laws, Commandments, Judgments, Statutes and Perfect Will of God.

Then we see Jesus taking Authority over the temple.

It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Towards the end of last week's message, we were in chapter 20, verse 23:

[23] And when He was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto Him as He was teaching, and said, By what authority doest Thou these things? and who gave Thee this authority?

There it is. Again. Clear as can be. Since He taught His baptisma of chapter 20 - it's been all about His Authority.

[24] And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell Me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

[25] The baptisma of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; He will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

[26] But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

[27] And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And He said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

Well what was this about? What did Jesus mean by this? Was Jesus talking about John's physical H2O water baptisma - or was He referring to John saying

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

Prepare you the way for the One Who is Supreme in Authority. That's what John said and that's what Jesus was talking about here. Did you or did you not believe John? John was beloved by thousands of Judahites. John had led them into repentance. John had

brought healing to lots of people. John had caused great things to happen in the lives of many of those people. And John's message was,

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

And when John washed Jesus in accordance with the Law - John made it very clear that Jesus was the One he was talking about. So, do you believe John or not? Is Jesus the Son of God, or not? That's what this is all about.

Ever since Jesus told His disciples that they would withal be baptidzo - all He talked about was His Authority. Now, continue in chapter 20 with verse 28.

[28] But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

[29] He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

[30] And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

[31] Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

[32] For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

So again. What is Jesus talking about? Is He talking about John's physical H2O washing according to the Law God gave Moses? Or is He talking about John's declaration concerning

Prepare you the way of the Lord

and

There cometh One mightier than I after me, the latchet of Whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

Or was it the proclamation by God Himself

Thou art My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

If we don't know the answer by now - I sure hope we are well on our way. Verse 33.

[33] Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

[34] And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

[35] And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

[36] Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

[37] But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

[38] But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

[39] And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

[40] When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

[41] They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

[42] Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

[43] Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

[44] And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Do you realize that Jesus had just told them that the Kingdom of God was being taken away from them and was in the process of being given to someone else? If this isn't about power and Authority, I don't know what is. Jesus used the parable to declare that He was the Son. He was the Heir. This is the One that was to inherit all things of His Father. There was no mistaking what He was saying. All the people - the believers and the non-believers knew exactly what He was saying.

[45] And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard His parables, they perceived that He spake of them.

[46] But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitude,

because they took Him for a prophet.

Friends, ever since Jesus used the Greek words baptisma and baptidzo from Mark 10 and Matthew 20 - through the end of - now we are concluding chapter 21 - He has made no mention whatsoever of physical H2O water - but instead - has spent every single Word establishing His Authority. Because that's what this is all about.

Sad. That's all I can say. How said it is for people to have Bibles that have baptisma and baptidzo removed from Matthew 20. For 359 years - baptisma and baptidzo were in the English Bibles - then - through deception - sleight of hand - suddenly removed because all of a sudden they had "better manuscripts" than what had previously been available to God's people.

Pitiful. It's just pitiful that people - good people - sincere people - people that I believe love God, love Christ - but have fallen for a belief system that has stripped the true meaning of baptisma from the Bibles they read from.

What was such a mystery. Such a puzzle. I now understand why so many people think that whenever they hear the sound bapto - the only thing they can think it possibly means - is John's - fulfilling the Law God gave Moses - H2O water baptisma. Friends, that's John's. That is not Jesus's. It's John's. It is Old Covenant. It is powerless to save. If we want eternal life. If we want to be saved - we must find the true meaning of baptisma and baptidzo as defined by Jesus Himself in Mark 10 and Matthew 20.

Next week, the plan is to continue with chapter 22 - and we'll keep going until we end back up with Matthew 28:18-20.

(After studying more - I have found a mistake that I made in the oral message. Baptisma and baptidzo was only removed from the text of Matthew 20 - not from Mark 10. I intend on clarifying this in the next message. In the Textus Receptus, baptisma and baptidzo IS in the text - nearly identical to Mark chapter 10. But in the modern translations - that used the Wescott and Hort text - baptisma and baptidzo is removed from Matthew 20.)