

11/19/17 | Jesus, B.C.: Minor Prophets, Part 2



"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." —Matthew 3:11, NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Does your job require you to work closely with another person? What's that like? How much easier is it to accomplish a task when you are on the same page? How much harder is it when you disagree?
2. Consider this acronym. How does it apply to coworkers? How might it apply to John the Baptist and Jesus? Did Jesus really need the help of John the Baptist? What was the purpose of John the Baptist?

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Zechariah

3. Read Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15-16 and Zechariah 3:8. What is the common theme? What did God tell Zechariah about the high priest Joshua?
4. What happened to Joshua in Zechariah 6:11-13? Compare this to John 2:19-22 and Hebrews 8:1-2.
5. Find the corresponding New Testament story that Zechariah 9:9 prophesies. Why is this prophecy so important? What is the symbolism of riding a donkey versus riding a horse?

6. Read Zechariah 12:10. Who/What is the Spirit of grace and supplication? Who is the speaker here? Read John 19:33-37. Who is the "One they have pierced"?

Malachi

7. Read Malachi 3:1. Who comes first? Read Mark 1:2-4 and Matthew 11:10. Who was that messenger?
8. From Malachi 3:1, who comes second? What is his message about? Does Jesus ever enter the temple?
9. Read Malachi 3:2-3 and Matthew 3:10-12. What/who gets tossed in the fire, and why? Who does the tossing? What does that mean for us?
10. Read Malachi 4:5-6, Matthew 11:12-14, and Luke 1:16-17. Who are these prophecies about?
11. What does this have to do with Jesus? Why is it significant that Jesus had someone to prepare the way? How do our paths change when we have someone to prepare the way? What has God done for you to prepare your way?