

The Baptism/Teachings of John.

John preached/declared:

#1 - the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins

#2 - I have baptized you with water, but the one coming after me (Jesus), will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8)

#3 - Proclaimed the Kingdom of Heaven was approaching and near. The Lord Jesus was about to show up on the scene (Mt. 3:2)

Repentance - Strong's #3341 - a change of mind, change in the inner man

Strong's Greek Lexicon - "a change of mind: as it appears in one who repents of a purpose he has formed or of something he/she has done"

John The Baptizer. The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Mark 1: 1 The beginning (the origin, the initial starting point) 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** (Malachi 3:1 delivered approximately 430 BC).

The foretelling of John by Malachi approximately 430 BC -

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger (John), and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord (Jesus), whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, **even the messenger of the covenant**, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

Matthew 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (it is approaching, at hand).

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias (Isaiah 40 approximately 700 bc), saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

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

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;

The foretelling of John by Malachi approximately 700 BC -

Isaiah:40:3 (700 BC) The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

John declares Jesus is above him and will “baptize you with the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 3:7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I (John) after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

The entrance of Jesus -

Matthew 3:9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

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.

Marry tells the disciples of Jesus, “whatsoever he tells you do it” and Jesus turns the water into wine.

John 2:1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour (#5610 the particular time for anything) is not yet come.

Regarding verse 4: (KJV) “Woman, what have I to do with thee?” the Greek is not as clear as other passages regarding simple word for word translation. To be honest, I am not absolutely convinced on a pure understanding regarding this passage at this point.

John 2:4 (God’s Word Translation) 4 Jesus said to her, “Why did you come to me? My time has not yet come.”

John 2:4 (Phillips) 4 “Is that your concern, or mine?” replied Jesus. “My time has not come yet.”

John 2:4 (NIV) “Woman,[a](A) why do you involve me?”(B) Jesus replied. “My hour(C) has not yet come.”

It appears the act Jesus did was out of respect for His mother. But at the same time, there is a great truth found in this passage as the ministry of Jesus, the messenger/mediator of the Covenant begins.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it (**this is our part of the Covenant John 14:15-18, Jn 3:21**).

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water (**water is symbolic of the Word of God**). And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine (**wine is symbolic of the Holy Spirit {our minister of Covenant Communion Jn 14:15-18, 2 Cor 3:7-9} which is given to us when we make Jesus Christ our Lord which includes: denial of self, confessing we are sinful and must follow Jesus in order to be righteous and Holy. When we follow Jesus, He "sends us the Holy Spirit" and we have the "Joy" of the Father. We have Peace.**), and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

What the Bible says about New Wine which as God's Holy Spirit

Source: <https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/topical.show/RTD/cgg/ID/19230/New-Wine-as-Gods-Holy-Spirit.htm>

The Bible uses wine in a wide variety of ways. It can represent a drug or a blessing. It can be a symbol of debauchery or of abundance. Wine was part of the drink offering, symbolizing being poured out in service. It was part of Melchizedek's blessing on Abraham, and 2,000 years later, Jesus uses it in the Passover as the blood of the New Covenant. Psalm 75 shows a cup of wine of God's wrath, and Revelation 18 depicts a cup in the hand of Mystery Babylon, representing its intoxicating culture and the spirit of the times.

Obviously, not all of those meanings are in view here, but when we link the new wine with Jesus being "taken away" (verse 35), it coincides with the Passover cup, representing Christ's blood and the New Covenant. When we add the fact that the Holy Spirit could not be given until Jesus had gone away, then the new wine entails more than just forgiveness, but also suggests God's Spirit—His love, power, and sound-mindedness (II Timothy 1:7).

In the example, the new wine is expansive. The fermentation process produces a great deal of pressure. An old and brittle wineskin will not be able to withstand the increasing stress, and it will burst.

The wineskin is a type of vessel. Throughout Scripture, vessels are symbols for people. For Christians, there is an "old man" and a "new man." The old man represents the life we had before conversion, and the new man, the new vessel, is the life that comes because of conversion. But if we take the expansive and dynamic new wine, and we attempt to put that into the old life, we can be sure that we will have a disaster on our hands.

Our old lives, our old ways, are entirely incompatible with the new wine. The new wine requires change, expansion, and steady improvement, while in the old life, there was no real desire or ability to change. Remember, the new wine is tied to the blood of Passover, the New Covenant, the receipt of God's Spirit, and the spiritual result that will be produced by those powerful factors. Trying to cram all that into a person who is unwilling to change will invariably result in his coming apart at the seams. The precious new wine is spilled on the ground and dreadfully wasted." Author: **David C. Grabbe**

Back to John 2 and **Verse 4** - "mine hour is not yet come" Most likely referring to the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 61 and the time is recorded in **Luke 4:18**

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

James and John - sons of zebedee had made a request to Jesus regarding their place in His Kingdom.

Mark 10:38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized (Strong's #907 I baptize) 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 that I am baptized withal (I baptize) shall ye be baptized:

- We know that John declared: He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the messenger and the mediator of the New Covenant/Testament. The Holy Spirit is our minister of the New Covenant (2 Cor 3:7-9). So yes, Jesus is the baptizer.
- Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience (Adam) many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (Jesus) shall many be made righteous.
- Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

the Gospel (The News, The History, The event. It's the Historical Facts. It's the way to God the Father by Covenant through His Son Jesus Christ, the messenger and mediator of the New Covenant between God and Man. It's the way to restoration of fellowship with God so that we may walk in the Garden with Him once more. It's access to the tree of Life so that we may live forever in His Light. It's our time of choice in choosing between darkness and light. In the darkness, some find the pleasure of sin for a season resulting in total separation from the light. For the wages of sin is death. In the darkness, some are swallowed up with sorrow, pain, and agony and choose to blame God for their condition instead of calling out to Him for His Salvation. In the light, many give up worldly pleasure and abundance in exchange for the Pearl of great price. In the light, many who are sick and full of sorrow, find Peace and Joy and realize the presence of God, the closeness of God, is much more valuable than worldly prescriptions of learned Doctors or words from educated counselors among mere men.

Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets (teachers), which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits (deeds, actions and results {harvest/their flock}). Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good (there is only one good and that is God) tree bringeth forth good fruit (our deeds are manifestations that we abide in Him); but a corrupt (we all have a carnal nature, all humans are corrupt) tree bringeth forth evil fruit (outside of Covenant Communion, outside of believing, outside of denying to ourselves daily and walking after the Holy Spirit, we are unable to bring forth anything that is acceptable to God our Father)

18 A good tree (Jesus) cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree (mankind) bring forth good fruit (we must abide in the Vine).

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit (ny making Jesus Lord) is hewn down, and cast into the fire (**John 8:24**).

John 8:24 I (Jesus) said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

20 Wherefore by their fruits (works, actions) ye shall know them (if they are truly in Christ Jesus).

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (non-believers Jn 3:17-20. Outside of Covenant Communion, there is no way to overcome the carnal nature and there is no way to be one and at Peace with God).

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them (Jn 3:21), I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house (place of abode Jn 14:15-18) upon a rock (Jesus is The Mediator of the New Covenant/Communion):

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house (the cares and circumstances of life); and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock (In Christ Jesus).

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not (Jn 3:17-20), shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house (place of abode) upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house (cares of life); and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine (teaching/Words/Commandments/Truth/Gospel, our Faith):

29 For he taught them as one having authority (He has all authority in Heaven and earth) and not as the scribes (one learned in the law of Moses. The old Covenant).