

The Baptist River

Presents a collection of essays covering the history and characteristics of ten Baptist groups. A River Runs Through MeA Book on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the Evidence of Speaking in TonguesWestBow Press

In the Baptist tradition, baptism marks the unique launch into a life of discipleship, drenched in God's love. Communion is the repeated experience of God's invitation into life-sustaining relationship, overflowing with grace. As such, baptism and communion are profoundly interconnected in the life of the Christian disciple. Theology happens in those moments. Affirming there is no single right way to perform these rites of the church, this book provides students, pastors, and congregations with the analytical skills needed to create robust services of their own, services that will help to shape our understandings of who God is, how God cares about the world, and how Christ-followers can perceive God's invitation to a life of grace through participation in meaningful services of baptism and communion. This book equips readers through, Identifying common struggles and questions concerning the ordinances, Offering multicultural liturgies that engage biblically rooted themes, Honing the analytical skills needed to create theologically robust services of your own, The author's website (<https://jenniferwdavidson.com>) offers supplemental materials and additional worship resources, making this a must-have resource to lead local congregations toward radical and faithful discipleship. Book jacket.

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

" And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: and there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" - Mark 1:9-11. Beautifully illustrated for children, "Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River" tells the story of this inspiring meeting between Jesus and his precursor, John the Baptist. Situated in a pristine natural environment at the point where the Jordan River meets the Dead Sea in southern Israel, Qasr El-Yahud is believed to be the location where John baptized his cousin, Jesus of Nazareth. It quotes: "John did baptize in the wilderness (...) 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" (Mark 1:4-5). Archeological remains from the Roman and Byzantine periods, including the mosaics map of Madaba from the sixth century, testify to an ongoing tradition of baptism in this area throughout the generations. Today, hundreds of thousands of Christian pilgrims, following their savior, come to Qasr El-Yahud to experience the presence of the Lord and to renew their faith through Baptism in the Jordan River. The author Jim Reimann was an ordained minister and a Bible teacher. In

his lifetime he led more than 25 pilgrimages to Israel, which helped him to ensure that these children's Bible stories are biblically correct as well as historically accurate.

As the site of several miracles in the Jewish and Christian traditions, the Jordan is one of the world's holiest rivers. It is also the major political and symbolic border contested by Israelis and Palestinians. Combining biblical and folkloric studies with historical geography, Rachel Havrelock explores how the complex religious and mythological representations of the river have shaped the current conflict in the Middle East. Havrelock contends that the intractability of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict stems from the nationalist myths of the Hebrew Bible, where the Jordan is defined as a border of the Promised Land. Both Israelis and Palestinians claim the Jordan as a necessary boundary of an indivisible homeland. Examining the Hebrew Bible alongside ancient and modern maps of the Jordan, Havrelock chronicles the evolution of Israel's borders based on nationalist myths while uncovering additional myths that envision Israel as a bi-national state. These other myths, she proposes, provide roadmaps for future political configurations of the nation. Ambitious and masterful in its scope, *River Jordan* brings a fresh, provocative perspective to the ongoing struggle in this violence-riddled region.

Using the riches of traditional liturgical texts and classic hymns, together with the role of the natural world, this book examines the living reality of the liturgical year.

Baptism is more important than you think. But not for the reasons you suppose.

Combining careful Bible study with enlightening historical survey and practical suggestions, this book provides a rich resource for deepening and renewing a central practice of the Christian faith. -- back.

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The first archaeological evidence of the historical reality of the Gospel story.

From a historical point of view, the uniqueness of this cave is that it contains archaeological evidence that comes to us from the very time of the personalities and events described in the Gospels. For here is the largest ritual bathing pool ever found in the Jerusalem area, and found in the village where John the Baptist was born, showing unmistakable signs of ritual use in the first century AD. Also in the cave is the earliest ever Christian art, depicting John the Baptist as well as the three crosses of the crucifixion. By using the forensic techniques available to the modern archaeologist, Gibson and his international team have been able to draw information from the drawings, pottery, coins, bones, remains of ritual fire and pieces of cloth found in the cave and match these up with the contemporary literary sources. This is a unique opportunity to build up a picture of the very first Christians, how they lived and even what they believed. As Gibson writes: "By fitting together the new archaeological facts with the historical information available (and sometimes buried) in scholarly literature, I believe I am able to throw an amazing amount of light on the personality and mission of John the Baptist. Who was he? Where did he come from? What were his beliefs and what was the baptism all about?"

While the Christian tradition has subordinated John the Baptist to Jesus of Nazareth, John himself would likely have disagreed with that ranking. In this eye-opening new book, *John the Baptist in History and Theology*, Joel Marcus makes a powerful case that John saw himself, not Jesus, as the proclaimer and initiator of the kingdom of God and his own ministry as the center of God's saving action in history. Although the Fourth Gospel has the Baptist saying, "He must increase, but I must decrease," Marcus contends that this and other biblical and extrabiblical evidence reveal a continuing competition between the two men that early Christians sought to muffle. Like Jesus, John was an apocalyptic prophet who looked forward to the imminent end of the world and the establishment of God's rule on earth. Originally a member of the Dead Sea Sect, an apocalyptic community within Judaism, John broke with the group over his growing conviction that he himself was Elijah, the end-time prophet who would inaugurate God's kingdom on earth. Through his ministry of baptism, he ushered all who came to him—Jews and non-Jews alike—into this dawning new age. Jesus began his career as a follower of the Baptist, but, like other successor figures in religious history, he parted ways from his predecessor as he became convinced of his own centrality in God's purposes. Meanwhile John's mass following and apocalyptic message became political threats to Herod Antipas, who had John executed to abort any revolutionary movement. Based on close critical-historical readings of early texts—including the accounts of John in the Gospels and in Josephus's *Antiquities*—as well as parallels from later religious movements, *John the Baptist in History and Theology* situates the Baptist within Second Temple Judaism and compares him to other apocalyptic thinkers from ancient and modern times. It concludes with thoughtful reflections on how its revisionist interpretations might be incorporated into the Christian faith.

Jesus told His disciples not to leave Jerusalem without the Spirit's power. That same power to heal the sick and cast out demons is still relevant and available to every Christian who believes. From his thirty years of experience, W.K. Alsop answers such questions as: • Is the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues for every believer today? • Is there a difference between the Spirit's baptism and the gifts of different kinds of tongues, the interpretation of tongues, and prophecy? • Why is there so much controversy in the body of Christ over this experience? • What are the benefits that come from this experience of the Spirit's baptism? • What is the power that I should expect to receive from this experience? The Holy Spirit desires to release this spiritual power through you as he did with the believers in the 1st century. Now is the time for you to pick up His mantle and demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit in the 21st century!

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear Gods quiet voice. In this devotion for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield draws readers attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Lent in Plain Sight reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.

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