

Pentecost

Pentecost, the Greek name for 'Shavuot', is an ancient feast in Israel that celebrates the harvest and giving of the Torah on Sinai. In the Christian liturgical calendar, Pentecost, observed 50 days after Easter Sunday, marks the end of the Easter season and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other disciples of Jesus.

Torah

Torah (/ˈtɔːrəˌˈtoʊrə/; Hebrew: תוֹרָה, "Instruction, Teaching"), or the Pentateuch (/ˈpɛntəˌtuːk, -ˌtjuːk/), is the central reference of the religious Judaic tradition. It has a range of meanings. It can most specifically mean the first five books of the twenty-four books of the Tanakh, it usually includes the rabbinic commentaries, the term Torah means instruction and offers a way of life for those who follow it, it can mean the continued narrative from Genesis to the end of the Tanakh, it can even mean the totality of Jewish teaching, culture and practice.

According to rabbinic tradition, all of the teachings found in the Torah, both written and oral, were given by God through Moses, a prophet, some of them at Mount Sinai and others at the Tabernacle.

The meaning of the word is therefore "teaching", "doctrine", or "instruction"; the commonly accepted "law" gives a wrong impression.

Rabinowitz, Louis Isaac and Harvey, Warren. "Torah". Encyclopaedia Judaica. Ed. Michael Berenbaum and Fred Skolnik. Vol. 20. 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007. pp. 39–46.

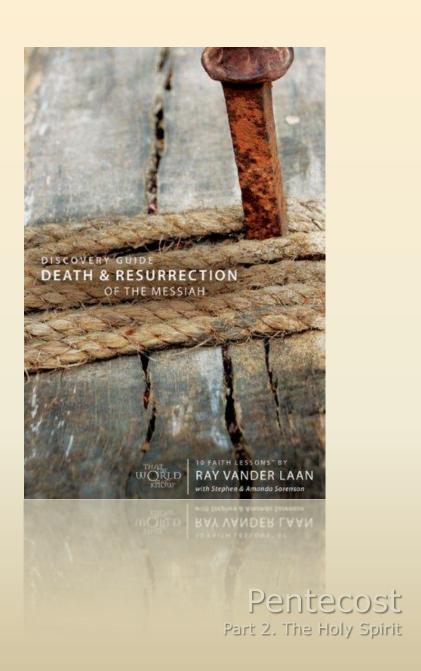
Pentecost

Part 2. The Holy Spirit

The Context of Pentecost

Ray Vander Laan Faith Lessons Video





Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

http://www.reasonablefaith.org/defenders-2-podcast/s7

Home > Defenders Podcast: Series 2 > Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

RSS



Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Section 7: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Subscribe in iTunes



- B. Person of the Holy Spirit
 - 1. Third Person of the Trinity
 - 2. Attributes of Deity
 - 3. Relation to Christ
- C. Work of the Holy Spirit
- D. Presence of the Holy Spirit in Old and New Covenant
 - 1. Permanent Presence in the Believer
 - 2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - 3. Fullness of the Holy Spirit



Part 2. The Power of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the <u>Trinity</u>. He is fully <u>God</u>. He is eternal, omniscient, omnipresent, has a will, and can speak. He is alive. He is a person. He is not particularly visible in the Bible because His ministry is to bear witness of Jesus (<u>John 15:26</u>).

Some cults like the <u>Jehovah's Witnesses</u> say that the Holy Spirit is nothing more than a force (Reasoning from the Scriptures, 1985, pp. 406-407). This is false. If the Holy Spirit were merely a force, then He could not speak (<u>Acts 13:2</u>); He could not be grieved (<u>Eph. 4:30</u>); and He would not have a will (<u>1 Cor. 12:11</u>).

The truth is that the Holy Spirit is a person the same as the Father and the Son are within the <u>Trinity</u>.

The Holy Spirit

His Names	His Attributes	Symbols of	Sins Against	Power in Christ's Life
God	Eternal	Dove	Blasphemy	Conceived of Matt. 1:18, 20
Acts 5:3-4	Heb. 9:14	Matt. 3:16	Matt. 12:31	
Lord	Omnipotent	Wind	Resist (Unbelief) Acts 7:51	Baptism
<u>2 Cor. 3:18</u>	Luke 1:35	Acts 2:1-4		Matt. 3:16
Spirit	Omnipresent	Fire Acts 2:3	Insult	Led by
<u>1 Cor. 2:10</u>	Psalm 139:7-10		Heb. 10:29	Luke 4:1
Spirit of God 1 Cor. 3:16	Will 1 Cor. 12:11		Lied to Acts 5:3	Filled with Power Luke 4:14, 18
Spirit of Truth John 15:26	Loves Rom. 15:30		Grieved Eph. 4:30	Witness of Jesus John 15:26
Eternal Spirit	Speaks		Quench	Raised Jesus
Heb. 9:14	Acts 8:29; <u>13:2</u>		1 Thess. 5:19	Rom. 8:11

The Works of the Holy Spirit			
Access to God, Eph. 2:18	Inspires prayer, Eph. 6:18; Jude 20		
Anoints for Service, <u>Luke 4:18</u>	Intercedes, Rom. 8:26		
Assures, <u>Rom. 8:15-16</u> ; <u>Gal. 4:6</u>	Interprets Scripture, <u>1 Cor. 2:1</u> , <u>14</u> ; <u>Eph. 1:17</u>		
Authors Scripture, <u>2 Pet. 1:20-21</u>	Leads, <u>Rom. 8:14</u>		
Baptizes, <u>John 1:23-34</u> ; <u>1 Cor. 12:13-14</u>	Liberates, Rom. 8:2		
Believers Born of, <u>John 3:3-6</u>	Molds Character, Gal. 5:22-23		
Calls and Commissions, Acts 13:24; 20:28	Produces fruit, Gal. 5:22-23		
Cleanses, <u>1 Thess. 3:13</u> ; <u>1 Pet. 1:2</u>	Empowers Believers, <u>Luke 24:49</u>		
Convicts of sin, John 16:9, 14	Raises from the dead, Rom. 8:11		
Creates, <u>Gen. 1:2</u> ; <u>Job 33:4</u>	Regenerates, <u>Titus 3:5</u>		
Empowers, <u>1 Thess. 1:5</u>	Sanctifies, Rom. 15:16		
Fills, Acts 2:4; 4:29-31; 5:18-20	Seals, <u>Eph. 1:13-14</u> ; <u>4:30</u>		
Gives gifts, <u>I Cor. 12:8-11</u>	Strengthens, <u>Eph. 3:16</u> ; <u>Acts 1:8</u> ; <u>2:4</u> ; <u>1 Cor. 2:4</u>		
Glorifies Christ, <u>John 16:14</u>	Teaches, John 14:26		
Guides in truth, <u>John 16:13</u>	Testifies of Jesus, <u>John 15:26</u>		
Helps our weakness, <u>Rom. 8:26</u>	Victory over flesh, Rom. 8:2-4; Gal. 4:6		
Indwells believers, Rom. 8:9-14; Gal. 4:6	Worship helper, Phil. 3:3		



Attributes: Eternal

conscience of the worshiper. 10
They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings —external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

The Blood of Christ

11 When Christ came as high opiest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by

means of the blood of goats and calves: but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

16 In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, 17 because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. 18 This is why even the



NIV Notes

My Notes

YouVersion



9:14 through the eternal Spirit. An unusual expression that is much debated but probably refers to the Holy Spirit, who empowered Jesus to fulfill his mission (see Mt 3:16 and note). offered himself. He was the one who offered the sacrifice, and he was the sacrifice itself. unblemished. See Lev 22:19-21. cleanse our consciences. Remove sin's defilement from the very core of our beings. acts that lead to death. See 6:1 and note.









Virtual Tours

Photos

Maps



Interior View of the Tabernacle

The inner part of the tabernacle was reserved for the priests, who kept up the order in the Holy Place. The most inner part, the Holy of Holies, was the place where God's glory dwelt and only once a year, and only the...

Attributes: Omniscient & Omnipresent

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

1 For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. 1 O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

5 You hem me in —behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

7 Where can I go from your

Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.



9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea.

10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness



NIV Notes

My Notes

YouVersion



139:2 perceive ... from afar. See the contrast in 138:8 (see also note there). my thoughts. Those that pertain to my wishes, desires and/or plans.

139:1-6 God, you know me perfectly, far beyond my knowledge of myself: my every action (v. 2a), my every undertaking (v. 3a) and the manner in which I pursue it (v. 3b), even my thoughts before they are fully crystallized (v. 2b) and my words before they are uttered (v. 4). See









Photos

Maps



Sea

millennium kingdom includes an earth filled with people who know the Lord, just as the waters fill the sea (11:9). The number of God's people will be as immeasurable as the waters of...

Isaiah's description of the

MORE ▶

Attributes: Omniscient

words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

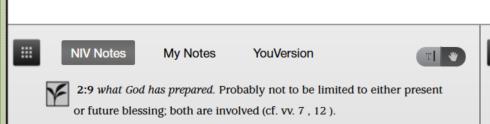
Wisdom From the Spirit

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the

r of rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"

10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15





Corinth Excavations and Temple of Apollo from the SE

The busy city of Corinth was known as the cosmopolitan center of Greece in the ancient world. Large Corinthian harbors brought not only successful business, but also people from MORE.

Attributes: Omnipotent

his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found 50 35 The angel answered, "The favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary

asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."

38 "I am the Lord's servant."

Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you



1:35 holy one. Jesus never sinned (see 2Co 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26 and notes; see also 1Pe 2:22; 1Jn 3:5).

1:26-35 This section speaks clearly of the virginal conception of Jesus (vv. 27, 34-35; see Mt 1:18-25 and notes). The conception

was the work of the Holy Spirit; the eternal Second Person of the Trinity, while remaining God, also "became flesh" (Jn 1:14; see note there). From





Nazareth from the South Nazareth sits on a prolonged Nazareth Ridge, which gets its

name from this ancient town. This was a perfect location for Jesus' childhood years. He was hidden away from the world and rulers who would seek his deat...

MORE ▶

Attributes: Holiness

1

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God — 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his

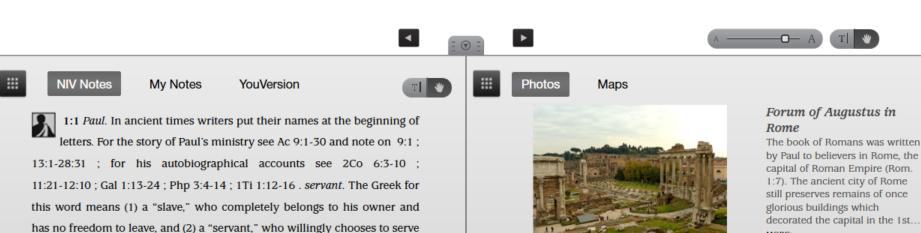
resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. 6 And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Longing to Visit Rome

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. 9 God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you 10 in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to





5

Peace and Joy

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings,

because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his

own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

11 Not only is this so, but we also re joice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we



NIV Notes

My Notes

YouVersion

5:5 hope does not disappoint us. The believer's hope is not to be equated with unfounded optimism. On the contrary, it is the blessed assurance of our future destiny and is based on God's love, which is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and objectively demonstrated to us in the death of Christ. Paul has moved from faith (v. 1) to hope (vv. 2, 4-5) to love (here; see 1Co 13:13; 1Th 1:3 and notes). has poured out. The verb



Photos

Maps



Forum of Augustus in Rome

The book of Romans was written by Paul to believers in Rome, the capital of Roman Empire (Rom. 1:7). The ancient city of Rome still preserves remains of once glorious buildings which decorated the capital in the 1st...

<u>MORE</u>▶

Power: Creation

1

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God

saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning —the first day.

expanse between the waters to separate water from water." 7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse "sky." And there was

evening, and there was morning — the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was

III NIV Notes

My Notes YouVersion

1:1-2:3 In the ancient Near East, most of the peoples had myths relating how the world came to be. Prevalent in those myths were accounts of how one of the gods triumphed over a fierce and powerful beast that represented disorder, then fashioned the ordered world that people knew, and finally was proclaimed by the other gods to be the divine "king" over the world he had created — a position ever subject to



Artwork

Photos

Sunset from Golan Heights

Disciples looking up into heaven probably saw something similar to this at Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:1-11). Such glorious departure of Jesus was probably unbelievable to disciples, who needed an angel's testimony t...



Power: Conception

his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found 50 35 The angel answered, "The favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary

asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."

38 "I am the Lord's servant."

Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you



My Notes **YouVersion**

1:35 holy one. Jesus never sinned (see 2Co 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26 and notes; see also 1Pe 2:22; 1Jn 3:5).

1:26-35 This section speaks clearly of the virginal conception of Jesus (vv. 27, 34-35; see Mt 1:18-25 and notes). The conception

was the work of the Holy Spirit; the eternal Second Person of the Trinity, while remaining God, also "became flesh" (Jn 1:14; see note there). From







Nazareth from the South

Nazareth sits on a prolonged Nazareth Ridge, which gets its name from this ancient town. This was a perfect location for Jesus' childhood years. He was hidden away from the world and rulers who would seek his deat...

MORE ▶



Power: Anointing

added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. Nas the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

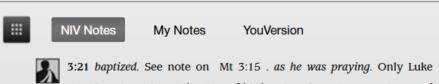
25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, 26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,

27 the son of Joanan, the son of

Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, 28 the son of Melki, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er.

29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi. 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,

31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,



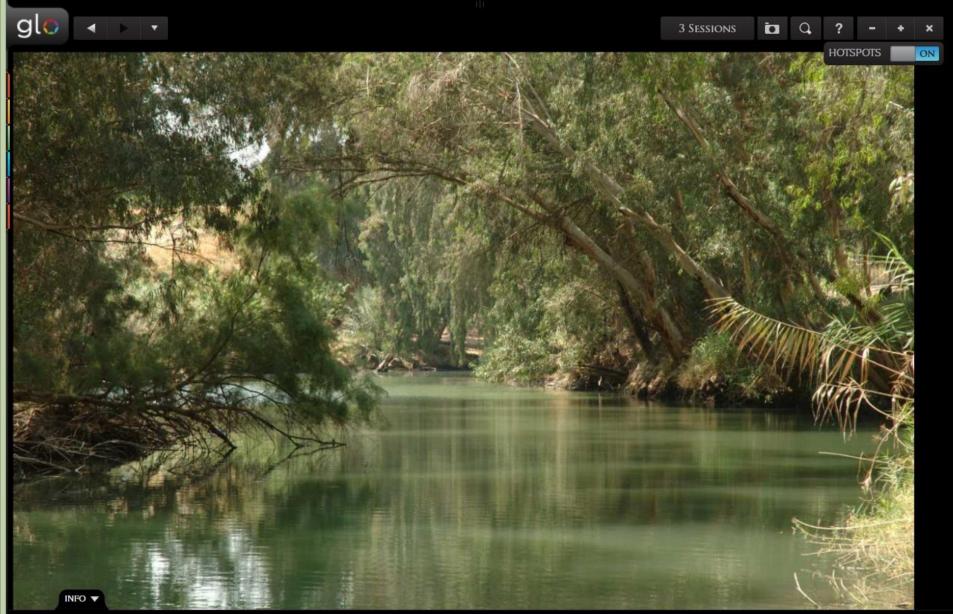
notes Jesus' praying at the time of his baptism. Jesus in prayer is one of the special themes of Luke (see 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28-29; 11:1; 22:32, 41; 23:34, 46).



Birth

We trace the lineage of Jesus, his birthplace, family and his humble entrance into the world.

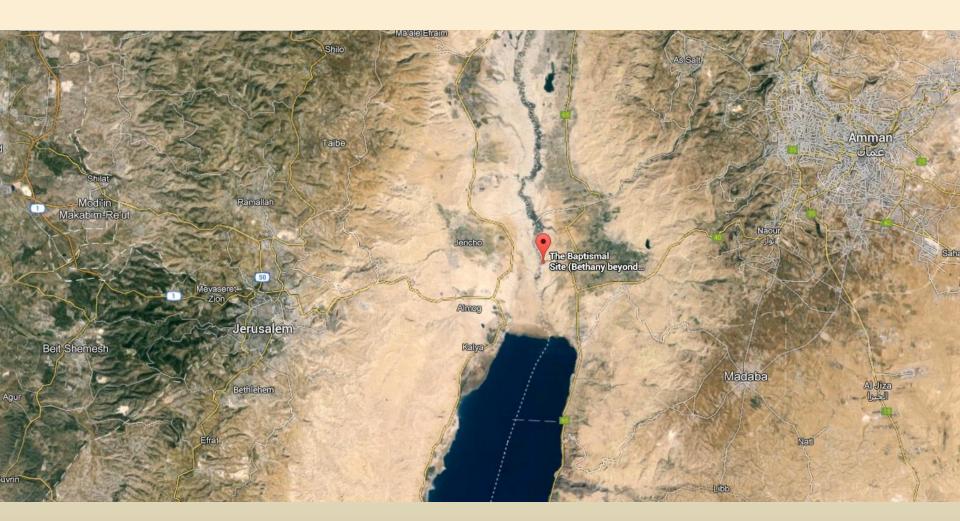
MORE▶



The Jordan River 🧑

The Jordan River and the desert area around it was the place of John the Baptist's designated ministry of preparing a way for Messiah's arrival (Luke 3:4-6). In this river John baptized many who came to him, preaching repentance and the coming of the Kingdom.

Bethany Beyond the Jordan



Jesus Needed The Holy Spirit

Jesus did not begin his ministry until he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit at the time of his baptism. Luke 3:21-22,

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Then in the next verse, Jesus begins his ministry. So Jesus, in order to carry out the ministry that God had called him to, needed to be anointed by the Holy Spirit and empowered and filled by the Holy Spirit.

William Lane Craig, Defenders 2, Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Part 2 http://www.reasonablefaith.org/defenders-2-podcast/transcript/s7-2#ixzz3b3Vn64f6



Jesus Needed The Holy Spirit

Similarly, Jesus' miracles and exorcisms are said to have been performed through the power of the Holy Spirit. Look at Matthew 12:28, this is Jesus speaking, "But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." Here his activity as an exorcist in casting out demons is attributed to the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the way the apostles remember Jesus.

Look at Acts 10:38, this is Peter's sermon to the household of Cornelius in Caesarea Maritima and in this verse Peter reminds them "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Also in this passage Jesus is described as a healer and a preacher and an exorcist and this is attributed to the power of the Holy Spirit with which he had been anointed by God.

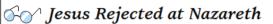
William Lane Craig, Defenders 2, Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Part 2 http://www.reasonablefaith.org/defenders-2-podcast/transcript/s7-2#ixzz3b3YoCR2A



Power: Anointing

12 Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.



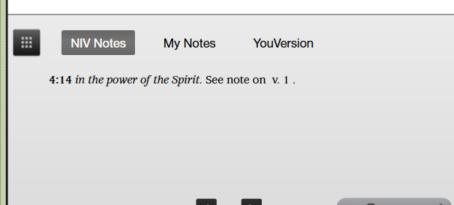
14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.





Virtual Tours

Jesus Returns to Galilee

Jesus returned to Galilee, experiencing painful rejection in Nazareth, the city of his childhood. Moving on to Cana, he healed the son of an official from Capernaum, a miracle he performed at a distance of twe...

<u>MORE</u>▶



Question: It seems that if Jesus was all God and all man, why would he need this special anointing? It would seem like to me to be already there. I understand prophets needing an anointing and I understand us needing the Holy Spirit but other than us understanding the whole working of the Godhead or the Trinity, I don't get this. Can you elaborate?

Answer: Christ has two natures subsequent to his virginal conception. Therefore, it is misleading, I think, the way you put it to say that Jesus is all God. He is not all God if you mean that in terms of totality. He is God and man. He has a human nature which is all human. It is a fully human nature — body and soul. But he has a second nature — he has his divine nature which he has had from eternity. Very often Christians misleadingly say things like this: Jesus is 100% God, or he is 100% man, too. No, that is really not right. What the creeds say, such as the Nicene Creed says, is he is truly God and truly man, but it doesn't say he is all God or all man because that is simply false. He is divine in that he has a divine nature, but then he also has a human nature, which is just as weak and ordinary as yours and mine.

(cont.)



(cont.)

We evangelicals are sometimes guilty of denying the real humanity of Christ, but over and over again when you read the Scriptures you see in his humanity Jesus was physically limited, he felt anxiety and stress and emotions, weariness, he hungered, he thirsted, he was of course mortal, he was limited in knowledge as he grew up as a boy, and he increased in wisdom and knowledge. I say all of that simply to say that it was his human nature that was in need of being infused with the power of the Holy Spirit and that was anointed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus was, if you will, a charismatic. He was a man who depended upon and was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out his ministry. If we think of it in those terms, we can understand how the man, Jesus of Nazareth (or Jesus in his human nature would be a better way to put it) needed to pray, to fast and to draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit to do what God had called him to do.

William Lane Craig, Defenders 2, Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Part 2 http://www.reasonablefaith.org/defenders-2-podcast/transcript/s7-2#ixzz3b3cv90tz



Ascension 40 Days After Easter

Thursday, May 14, 33 CE

(1982 Years Ago)

Jesus' ascension to Heaven depicted by John Singleton Copley, 1775



Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that

he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the

kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.



NIV Notes

My Notes **YouVersion**

1:1 my former book. The Gospel of Luke. Acts was addressed to the same patron, Theophilus (see Introduction to Luke: Recipient and Purpose). began to do and to teach. An apt summation of Luke's Gospel, implying that Jesus' work continues in Acts through his own personal interventions and the ministry of the Holy Spirit (see note on Lk 24:53).

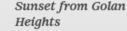


Photos

Artwork

Videos

Virtual Tours



Disciples looking up into heaven probably saw something similar to this at Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:1-11). Such glorious departure of Jesus was probably unbelievable to disciples, who needed an angel's testimony t...







Discussion



Part 3. The Presence of the Holy Spirit

