

Calvary Chapel of Greene – Greek New Testament (GNT) Study Helps

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John 1:28-36

How To Use This Study Help:

See December 30, 2007 GNTSH or <http://www.calvaryofgreene.com>

Behold! The Lamb of God - John 1:29; ἴδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ (ide ho amnos tou theou): 'Look here!' Ἀμνός (amnos) (lamb) is only used here, verse 36, and Acts 8:32, 'like a lamb silent before his shearer' (quote from Isaiah 53:7); I Peter 1:19, 'but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot'. Somehow I thought amnos was used many more times than this in the GNT.

Descending – John 1:32; καταβαίνω (katabainw): a fairly common (81 times) word in the Greek New Testament, 'go down', 'descend'. We see rain descending in Matthew 7:25; Peter descended Matthew 14:29. In 28:2 an angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb. In Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32 we see The Spirit descending.

Like a dove – John 1:32; ὡς περιστερᾶν (hos peristeran): ὡς indicates 'as if it were', 'in the same way or manner as'. In Luke 3:22 σωματικῶ εἶδει ὡσεὶ περιστερᾶν 'in bodily appearance as if it were a dove'. The emphasis is that there appeared to be a physical shape. That shape descended; according to these words, the shape was not the shape of a dove, it just descended like a dove. This appearance stayed on Him (not 'in') to point out who is was that would be immersing spiritually (1:33) as opposed to John who was immersing physically.

Baptize with water – John 1:33; βαπτίζω ἐν ὕδατι (baptidzo en hudati): baptidzo (βαπτίζω) was transliterated (written in letters in one language to represent the sounds of letters in another) out of the Greek into Latin, then much later from the language into English. It was not translated so therefore we have our word 'baptize'. What did the original Greek mean? What does this word refer to in the Greek New Testament? How did the person originally reading the Greek New Testament documents understand this word when he or she read the New Testament in the 1st or 2nd century A.D? The word basically means 'immerse', 'dip (into)', 'sink down'. We see this word used in several contexts in ancient times: βεβαπτισμένοι ἐν οἴνῳ 'soaked in wine' i.e. drunk. Also βεβαπτισμένοι ὀφλήμασι, 'sunk in debt' i.e. overwhelmed by debt. Also in the papyri where people were βαπτίζομεθα, flooded or overwhelmed by calamities (compare Jesus in Mark 10:38,39 'can you... be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? (NKJV) i.e. are you able to be immersed (be sunk) in the weighty matters that I am immersed in? Here, John was to immerse people in water. The one coming after him, but who was in existence before him was coming to immerse people in the Holy Spirit instead of water.

And John testified saying 'I have seen the Spirit descending as if it were a dove out of heaven, and it was staying on Him. And yet I did not know Him, but the one who sent me to be immersing in water, that on said to me, Upon whom ever you should see the spirit descending and staying on Him, this one is the one immersing in Holy Spirit'. **Gospel According to John 1:14**

Καὶ ἔμαρτύρησεν Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι τεθέαμαι τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον ὡς περιστερᾶν ἐξ οὐρανοῦ, καὶ ἔμεινεν ἐπ' αὐτόν· καὶ γὰρ οὐκ ᾔδειν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ὁ πέμψας με βαπτίζειν ἐν ὕδατι, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· Ἐφ' ὃν ἂν ἴδῃς τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον καὶ μένον ἐπ' αὐτόν, οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ βαπτίζων ἐν Πνεύματι ἁγίῳ. **ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ ΚΑΤΑ ΙΩΑΝΝΗΝ 1:32-33**
