

Children Sabbath School Lesson #77 for 5-24-2014
Song for opening the Sabbath School:

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord

The Book of Psalms 24:3-4 Margins....

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

May ascend to the hill, may ascend to the hill; may ascend to the hill of the LORD.

Cleans my hands and my hear Oh Lord! Come purify me with your love

Fill my life with your righteousness so that I may ascend to the hill

Holy, Holy! Holy, Holy! Holy, Holy! My Lord, My God!

Opening Prayer – requesting one of the little ones or mommies or daddies to give prayer

Lesson #77: We Have Found the Messiah”

John 3:26 (KJV)

And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all [men] come to him.

***This week boys and girls, we will begin a new chapter in our study book entitle,
“We Have Found the Messiah”!***

Isaiah 40:1 (KJV)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Isaiah 40:2 (KJV)

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:3 (KJV)

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.

Isaiah 40:4 (KJV)

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

Isaiah 40:5 (KJV)

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see [it] together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].

2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Matthew 11:14 (KJV)

And if ye will receive [it], this is Elias, which was for to come.

John 1:26 (KJV)

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

John 1:27 (KJV)

He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

Let's continue in our book Desire of Ages, Chapter #14, pages 132 – 136

John the Baptist was now preaching and baptizing at Bethabara, beyond Jordan. It was not far from this spot that God had stayed the river in its flow until Israel had passed over. A little distance from here the stronghold of Jericho had been overthrown by the armies of heaven. The memory of these events was at this time revived, and gave a thrilling interest to the Baptist's message. Would not He who had wrought so wonderfully in ages past again manifest His power for Israel's deliverance? Such was the thought stirring the hearts of the people who daily thronged the banks of the Jordan. {DA 132.1}

The preaching of John had taken so deep a hold on the nation as to demand the attention of the religious authorities. The danger of insurrection caused every popular gathering to be looked upon with suspicion by the Romans, and whatever pointed toward an uprising of the people excited the fears of the Jewish rulers. John had not recognized the authority of the Sanhedrin by seeking their sanction for his work; and he had reproved rulers and people, Pharisees and Sadducees alike. Yet the people followed him eagerly. The interest in his work seemed to be continually increasing. Though he had not deferred to them, the Sanhedrin accounted that, as a public teacher, he was under their jurisdiction. {DA 132.2}

This body was made up of members chosen from the priesthood, and from the chief rulers and teachers of the nation. The high priest was usually the president. All its members were to be men advanced in years, though not aged; men of learning, not only versed in Jewish religion and history, but in general knowledge. They were to be without physical blemish, and must be married men, and fathers, as being more likely than others to be humane and considerate. Their place of meeting was an apartment connected with the temple at Jerusalem. In the days of Jewish independence the Sanhedrin was the supreme court of the nation, possessing secular as well as ecclesiastical authority. Though now subordinated by the Roman governors, it still exercised a strong influence in civil as well as religious matters. {DA 133.1}

Question: Boys & girls, what authority had did John not recognized by seeking their sanction for his work? And what did the Sanhedrin represent in the days of the Jewish independence?

Answer: the authority of the Sanhedrin he had reproved rulers and people, Pharisees and Sadducees alike. Yet the people followed him eagerly. And was the supreme court of the nation, possessing secular as well as ecclesiastical authority.

The Sanhedrin could not well defer an investigation of John's work. There were some who recalled the revelation made to Zacharias in the temple, and the father's prophecy, that had pointed to his child as the Messiah's herald. In the tumults and changes of thirty years, these things had in a great measure been lost sight of. They were now called to mind by the excitement concerning the ministry of John. {DA 133.2}

It was long since Israel had had a prophet, long since such a reformation as was now in progress had been witnessed. The demand for confession of sin seemed new and startling. Many among the leaders would not go to hear John's appeals and denunciations, lest they should be led to disclose the secrets of their own lives. Yet his preaching was a direct announcement of the Messiah. It was well known that the seventy weeks of Daniel's prophecy, covering the Messiah's advent, were nearly ended; and all were eager to share in that era of national glory which was then expected. Such was the popular enthusiasm that the Sanhedrin would soon be forced either to sanction or to reject John's work. Already their power over the people was waning. It was becoming a serious question how to maintain their position. In the hope of arriving at some conclusion, they dispatched to the Jordan a deputation of priests and Levites to confer with the new teacher. {DA 133.3}

A multitude were gathered, listening to his words, when the delegates approached. With an air of authority designed to impress the people and to command the deference of the prophet the haughty rabbis came. With a movement of respect, almost of fear, the crowd opened to let them pass. The great men, in their rich robes, in the pride of rank and power, stood before the prophet of the wilderness. {DA 133.4}

"Who art thou?" they demanded. {DA 134.1}

Knowing what was in their thoughts, John answered, "I am not the Christ." {DA 134.2}

"What then? Art thou Elias?" {DA 134.3}

"I am not." {DA 134.4}

"Art thou that prophet?" {DA 134.5}

"No." {DA 134.6}

"Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?" {DA 134.7}

"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." {DA 134.8}

The scripture to which John referred is that beautiful prophecy of Isaiah: "Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her appointed time is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. . . . 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. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." **Isaiah 40:1-5, margin.** {DA 134.9}

Question: Boys & girls, whom was John preaching a direct announcement of? And what did the voice, "that crieth in the wilderness" say?

Answer: The Messiah. And said, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Song: *Let's learn beautiful song together dear ones!*

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Prepare ye the way for His Kingdom
His path we must clear, for the time is here
To prepare the way so the Lord can come

Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Declare ye the day of His coming
Our voices will raise as we sing His praise
Oh prepare ye the way of the Lord
Love one another the prophet said,

Bear one another's sorrow
Care for the poor and forgive every sin
Watch for the Lord comes tomorrow

Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Oh share the good news of His Gospel
The day is at hand, let the faithful stand
And prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Anciently, when a king journeyed through the less frequented parts of his dominion, a company of men was sent ahead of the royal chariot to level the steep places and to fill up the hollows, that the king might travel in safety and without hindrance. This custom is employed by the prophet to illustrate the work of the gospel. "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low." When the Spirit of God, with its marvelous awakening power, touches the soul, it abases human pride. Worldly pleasure and position and power are seen to be worthless. "Imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God" are cast down; every thought is brought into captivity "to the obedience of Christ." **2 Corinthians 10:5**. Then humility and self-sacrificing love, so little valued among men, are exalted as alone of worth. This is the work of the gospel, of which John's message was a part. {DA 135.1}

Question: Boys & girls, how does the Spirit "level the steep places" and "fill up the hollows" in someone's soul?

Answer: With its marvelous awakening power, the Spirit of God touches the soul, and abases human pride. Worldly pleasure and position and power are seen to be worthless.

The rabbis continued their questioning: "Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?" The words "that prophet" had reference to Moses. The Jews had been inclined to the belief that Moses would be raised from the dead, and taken to heaven. They did not know that he had already been raised. When the Baptist began his ministry, many thought that he might be the prophet Moses risen from the dead, for he seemed to have a thorough knowledge of the prophecies and of the history of Israel. {DA 135.2}

It was believed also that before the Messiah's advent, Elijah would personally appear. This expectation John met in his denial; but his words had a deeper meaning. Jesus afterward said, referring to John, "And if ye will receive [it], this is Elias, which was for to come." **Matthew 11:14**. John came in the spirit and power of Elijah, to do such a work as Elijah did. If the Jews had received him, it would have been accomplished for them. But they did not receive his message. To them he was not Elijah. He could not fulfill for them the mission he came to accomplish. {DA 135.3}

Question: Boys & girls, to whom did Christ refer John to be? And, in whose spirit and power John came?

Answer: Jesus afterward said, referring to John, "And if ye will receive [it], this is Elias, which was for to come." And, John came in the spirit and power of Elijah, to do such a work as Elijah did.

Many of those gathered at the Jordan had been present at the baptism of Jesus; but the sign then given had been manifest to but few among them. During the preceding months of the Baptist's ministry, many had refused to heed the call to repentance. Thus they had hardened their hearts and darkened their understanding. When Heaven bore testimony to Jesus at His baptism, they perceived it not. Eyes that had never been turned in faith to Him that is invisible beheld not the revelation of the glory of God; ears that had never listened to His voice heard not the words of witness. So it is now. Often the presence of Christ and the ministering angels is manifest in the assemblies of the people, and yet there are many who know it not. They discern nothing unusual. But to some the Saviour's presence is revealed. Peace and joy animate their hearts. They are comforted, encouraged, and blessed. {DA 136.1}

Question: Boys & girls, why did many refuse the Baptist's ministry to heed the call to repentance? And does the same thing happen today?

Answer: They had hardened their hearts and darkened their understanding. And, yes! So it is now. Often the presence of Christ and the ministering angels is manifest in the assemblies of the people, and yet there are many who know it not. They discern nothing unusual.

The deputies from Jerusalem had demanded of John, "Why baptizest thou?" and they were awaiting his answer. Suddenly, as his glance swept over the throng, his eye kindled, his face was lighted up, his whole being was stirred with deep emotion. With outstretched hands he cried, "I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; even. He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose." **John 1:26, 27.** {DA 136.2}

Song: *Let's learn a Scripture song us together dear ones!*

Jude 1:24-25 (KJV)

Now unto him that is **able to keep you from falling, able to keep you from falling**
and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
To the only wise God our Saviour,
[be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

Next Week: We will continue with part 2 of our lesson in our study book entitle,
"We Have Found the Messiah"!

Closing Prayer – request one of the little ones or mommies or daddies to give prayer.

Next Sabbath: *Chapter 14 "We Have Found the Messiah" on Sabbath May 31, 2014.*

Fill in the Blank

1. "Who art thou?" they demanded. {DA 134.1}
Knowing what was in their thoughts, John answered, "_____." {DA 134.2}
2. "What then? Art thou Elias?" {DA 134.3}
"_____ " {DA 134.4}
3. "Art thou that prophet?" {DA 134.5}
"_____." {DA 134.6}
4. "Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?" {DA 134.7}
"_____ Make
_____, as said the prophet Esaias." {DA 134.8}
5. The deputies from Jerusalem had demanded of John "Why baptizest thou?"
_____.

(See page for a clue)



Here is a Bonus Question:

After completing the blanks above, now guess who I am? _____

Have a Blessed Sabbath dear one, and enjoy your activities. God Bless!
Children Sabbath School
Lesson #77



John 1:26 (KJV)

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you,
whom ye know not;

Word Search Puzzle

L B I K T J B R D D M A M D S K T T N T
I A H N E S E E E N U F E U U N H S O E
Y B C W D S E Z T T O F A S B W R I I C
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S A D D U C E E S H U M A N E T C N A J

ADVANCED
AUTHORITIES
AUTHORITY
BAPTIST
BETHABARA
BEYOND
BLEMISH
CONSIDERATE
DEFER
DISTANCE

ECCLESIASTICAL
EXCITED
FEARS
HIGH-PRIEST
HUMANE
INDEPENDENCE
INSURRECTION
INVESTIGATION
JERICHO
JEWISH

JORDAN
JURISDICTION
MARRIED
OVERTHROWN
PHARISEES
PHYSICAL
PRIESTHOOD
RECOGNIZED
RELIGIOUS
RESIDENT

ROMANS
RULERS
SADDUCEES
SANCTION
SANHEDRIN
SECULAR
SUBORDINATED
SUPREME
SUSPICION
THRILLING

40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.

Cryptogram Puzzle #1

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Cryptogram Puzzle #2

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A clue are on page #1

Unscramble each cryptogram of the clue words.

The character style to solve the two cryptogram puzzles phrase is by Number

Activities Answer Key

Word Search Puzzle Solution

L + I + T J B R D D + A + D S + T T N +
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 Y + C W D S E Z T T O F + S B W R I I +
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(Over, Down, Direction)

ADVANCED (13, 16, W)
 AUTHORITIES (12, 1, SW)
 AUTHORITY (9, 11, NW)
 BAPTIST (18, 7, N)
 BETHABARA (7, 1, SE)
 BEYOND (14, 6, NW)
 BLEMISH (8, 11, SW)
 CONSIDERATE (20, 14, W)
 DEFER (14, 1, SW)
 DISTANCE (1, 5, SE)

ECCLESIASTICAL (14, 14, NW)
 EXCITED (14, 16, E)
 FEARS (18, 8, S)
 HIGH-PRIEST (14, 10, NW)
 HUMANE (10, 20, E)
 INDEPENDENCE (3, 1, SE)
 INSURRECTION (2, 19, NE)
 INVESTIGATION (19, 13, N)
 JERICO (9, 10, NE)
 JEWISH (6, 1, SW)

JORDAN (1, 19, NE)
 JURISDICTION (7, 15, E)
 MARRIED (18, 17, W)
 OVERTHROWN (16, 11, N)
 PHARISEES (6, 11, NE)
 PHYSICAL (8, 14, NW)
 PRIESTHOOD (4, 18, E)
 RECOGNIZED (1, 10, NE)
 RELIGIOUS (10, 5, SW)
 RESIDENT (8, 1, SW)

ROMANS (6, 19, E)
 RULERS (16, 19, W)
 SADDUCEES (1, 20, E)
 SANCTION (1, 11, S)
 SANHEDRIN (20, 12, N)
 SECULAR (20, 18, W)
 SUBORDINATED (15, 1, S)
 SUPREME (4, 17, E)
 SUSPICION (18, 13, W)
 THRILLING (17, 1, S)

40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.

Cryptogram Puzzles #1 and #2
Solution

The final word phrase

Isaiah 40:2 (KJV)

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:3 (KJV)

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.

Double Puzzle

Solution

The scramble words

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| 1. Recalled | 9. Demand |
| 2. Zacharias | 10. Denunciations |
| 3. Messiah's | 11. Enthusiasm |
| 4. Herald | 12. Jordan |
| 5. Tumults | 13. Deputation |
| 6. Excitement | 14. Levites |
| 7. Reformation | 15. Haughty |
| 8. Progress | 16. Rabbis |

16 of 16 words were placed into the puzzle.

The final phrase for your puzzle

Found in page#4

Isaiah 40:1 (KJV)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Fill in the Blank

Answer Key

1. "I am not the Christ."
2. "I am not."
3. "No."
4. "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias."
5. I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; even. He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

The answer of the **Bonus question** of the color image: **John the Baptist**