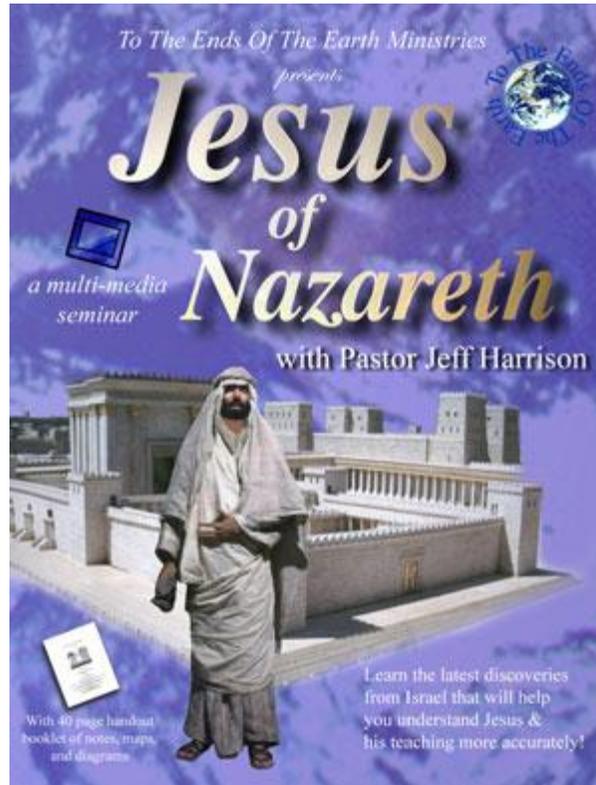


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Study Notes for **Jesus of Nazareth** **Lecture #1**

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LANDMARKS OF FAITH

Jesus of Nazareth

Lecture #1: Prayer Shawls and Money Belts: Jewish Life as Jesus Experienced It

JESUS THE JEW

Olive-colored skin: A dark complexion common to many people of the Mediterranean region.

1 Cor. 11:14: "Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him."

Matt. 12:34: "Offspring of poisonous snakes! How are you, being evil, able to speak good things?"

Luke 12:49: "I came to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish it was already burning!"

Acts 21:20,23,24: "***You see, brother [Paul], how many tens of thousands of the Jews are believers and all are zealots for the Law*** [they saw no contradiction between Judaism and belief in Christ]... ***We have four men*** [believers] ***who are under a vow*** [Jewish Nazirite vow]; ***take them and purify yourself along with them*** [Paul practiced Jewish ritual purification]... ***and all will know that there is nothing to the things they have been told about you, but you also are in agreement, keeping the Law yourself'***

Gal. 4:4: "...***born under the Law***"

HEBREW NAMES

Yeshua (Ye-SHU-a). Jesus. "Salvation."

Yoseph (Yo-SEYPH). Joseph. "Let him add."

Miryam (Mir-YAM). Mary. "Bitter."

Yohannan (YO-han-nan). John. "Grace of God."

Yakov (Y-a-KOV). James/Jacob. "Supplanter."

Mattityahu (Mat-tit-YA-hu). Matthew. "Gift of God."

Yehudah (Ye-hu-DAH). Judas. "Celebrated."

Shimon (Shi-MON). Simon. "Hearing." Given the nickname: Cephas (Ke-PHAS). Peter. "Rock."

Shaul (Sha-UL). Saul. "Asked." Took the Greek name: Paul.

BEARD & HAIR

Lev. 19:27: "***You shall not round off the side-growth of your heads*** [don't round off your hair on the sides of your head], ***nor harm the edges of your beard*** [don't round your beard, but cut it straight]"

SCENTS & OINTMENTS

Matt. 26:7: "***A woman came to him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at the table***"

Psalms 133:2: "***Like the precious oil upon the head, coming down on the beard...coming down upon the edge of his robes***"

Ps. 104:15: "***In order to make [man's] face shine with oil.***"

Anointed: In Hebrew, *Mashiach* (Meh-SHEE-akh; Messiah). In Greek, *Christos* (CREE-stos; Christ).

2 Cor. 2:14,15: "***God...manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of him in every place. For we are a fragrance of the Anointed One to God...***"

INNER GARMENT

Tunic: In Greek: *Kiton*. In Hebrew: *Ketonet*.

Jer. 1:17: *"And gird up your loins..."* (Also 1 Kings 18:46, 2 Kings 4:29, etc.)

Matt. 10:9,10: *"Don't get...two tunics"*

John 19:23: *"Now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece"*

Discovery: Ancient tunics from the time of Jesus preserved in caves near the Dead Sea.

BELT

Matt. 3:4: *"But John himself had...a leather belt about his waist"*

Matt. 10:9: *"Don't get gold, or silver, or copper for your belts"*

SANDALS

Discovery: Leather sandals from the time of Jesus found in caves near the Dead Sea.

Mark 1:7: *"After me one is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals"*

John 13:8: *"Peter said to him, 'You will certainly not wash my feet--ever!'"*

Mark 10:42,43: *"You know that those of the Gentiles who seem to rule lord it over them.... But it is not to be this way among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant"*

HEAD COVERING

OUTER GARMENT

Cloak: In Greek: *Imation*. In Hebrew: *Tallit*.

Num. 15:38,39: *"Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them that they will make for themselves a tassel [tzitzit] on the corners [the wings] of their garments...and they will put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue [techelet--a bluish or purple color]. And it will serve as a tassel for you and you will see it and you will remember all the commandments of the LORD."*

Deut. 22:12: *"You will make for yourself fringes on the four corners of your cloak."*

Matt. 23:5: *"But they do all their works to be seen by men; for they...lengthen their tassels."*

Discovery: Israelites can be seen wearing tassles on one of the most ancient artistic representations of the people of the Bible: a relief on the walls of the palace of King Sennacherib at Ninevah, recording the overthrow of the Israelite city of Lachish, 8th century BC.

Tassel: In Hebrew: *Tzitzit*.

Discovery: The royal archives of the palace at Mari in Syria containing thousands of hardened clay tablets, about 1700 BC.

Mark 15:17,18: *"And they clothed him in purple...and began to salute him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'"*

Acts 16:14: *"And a certain woman by the name of Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth..."*

Deut. 15:4: *"...when there will be no poor among you"*

1 Kings 19:19-20: *"And Elijah went over to him [to Elisha] and he threw his cloak to him. And he [Elisha] left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and he said, 'Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and I will follow you'"*

1 Sam. 24:4,11,20: *"And David got up and he secretly cut off the corner of Saul's robe.... 'And look, my father, also look at the corner of your robe in my hand!'... 'And now, look!, I know that you will surely be king, and the kingdom of Israel will rise up in your hand.'"*

Luke 15:22: *"But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly bring out the best cloak and put it on him'"*
 Matt. 21:7,8: When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, *"they brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. But the very large crowd spread out their cloaks in the road..."*

Zabab: a woman with a flow of blood or other discharge (Lev. 15:25-27).

Luke 8:43,44,45,47,48: *"And a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years...having come up behind him, touched the tassel of his cloak.... And Jesus said, 'Who touched me?'....But the woman, having seen that she did not escape notice, came trembling and fell down before him.... But he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace'"*

Mal. 4:2: *"The sun of righteousness will arise...and healing will be in his wings [his corners]"*

John 14:14: *"If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it"*

TEFILLIN

Phylacteries: Inside is a tiny parchment scroll with Ex. 13:1-10,11-16 and Deut. 6:4-9, 11:13-21 written on it.

Deut. 6:8: *"And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead"*

Matt. 23:5: *"For they broaden their phylacteries..."*

Discovery: In Jerusalem, silver tefillin in the shape of tiny scrolls have been found from the time of Josiah (600 BC). Tefillin from the time of Jesus have also been found in caves near the Dead Sea.

MEZUZA

Contained Deut. 6:4-9, 11:13-21.

Deut. 6:9: *"And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates"*

DAILY PRAYER

At the time of the morning and "evening" (actually afternoon) sacrifices (Num. 28:3-8): about 9 am (*Shakharit*) and 3 pm (*Minkha*). There was also a personal time of prayer at night (*Maariv*).

Acts 3:1: *"Peter and John were going up to the Temple at the ninth hour [3 pm], the hour of prayer"*

Acts 10:9: *"Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour [about 12 noon] to pray"* Afternoon prayer was permitted any time after 12:30.

There were two positions for prayer: 1) Standing, facing Jerusalem (the Temple), with hands outstretched:

1 Kings 8:22: *"Then Solomon stood before the altar...and spread out his hands toward heaven"* to pray.

Isaiah 1:15: *"So when you spread out your hands in prayer..."*

Mark 11:25: *"And whenever you stand praying..."*

1 Tim. 2:8: *"I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands..."*

2) Prostration. Kneeling in the Bible is the first step in prostration:

Mark 15:19: *"and sinking down on their knees they were prostrating themselves before him"*

1 Kings 8:54: *"he arose...from sinking down on his knees with his hands spread toward heaven"*

Matt. 26:39: *"he...fell on his face and prayed"*

Acts 9:40: *"But Peter...after sinking down on his knees, prayed"*

Rev. 7:11: *"They fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God"*

The name of God (*YHVH*) was never mentioned in prayer.

Jesus to the High Priest: *"You shall see the son of man sitting at the right hand of Power"* (Matt. 26:64).

The angel speaking to Mary: He *"will be called the Son of the Most High...the power of the Most High will overshadow you"* (Lk. 1:32,35; also :76, 6:35).

Today, many religious Jews say *Baruch HaShem* ("Blessed be the Name").

SHEMA

Deut. 6:4: "Shema Israel, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad." *"Hear O Israel: the LORD our God is One LORD"*

Mark 12:28-29: *"One of the scribes...asked him, 'What commandment is the most important of all?' Jesus answered, 'The most important is, 'Hear O Israel: the Lord our God is One Lord...'"*

SHEMONEH ESREH (AMIDAH)

The Eighteen Benedictions. (Today, actually 19 benedictions. *The benedictions in italics were added after the time of Jesus and the destruction of the Temple in AD 70.*)

- 1) The God of History: "Blessed are you, Lord our God and God of our fathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, the great, mighty, and revered God..."
- 2) The God of Nature: "You, Lord, are mighty forever, you revive the dead, you are mighty to save..."
- 3) Holiness of God: "We will sanctify your Name in the world even as they sanctify it in the highest heavens...Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts..."
"...who is in the heavens, may your name be made holy.... on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:9,10)
- 4) Prayer for Understanding: "Favor us with knowledge..."
- 5) For Repentance: "Cause us to return, our Father.... Bring us back in perfect repentance into your presence"
"Our Father..." (Matt. 6:9)
- 6) For Forgiveness: "Forgive us, our Father, for we have sinned..."
"And forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us" (Matt. 6:12)
- 7) For Deliverance from Affliction: "Look upon our affliction...and redeem us speedily for your Name's sake..."
"Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 6:13)
- 8) For Healing: "Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed..."
- 9) For Deliverance from Want: "Bless this year unto us, Lord our God, together with every kind of the produce thereof, for our welfare; give a blessing on the face of the earth..."
"Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:11)
- 10) *For the Restoration of Israel (after AD 70): "Gather our exiles..."*
- 11) For the Kingdom of God: "Reign over us, O Lord, you alone..."
"May your kingdom come, may your will be done..." (Matt. 6:10)
- 12) *Against Slanderers (after AD 70): "Let all your enemies be speedily cut off; uproot and crush the dominion of arrogance..."*
- 13) For the Righteous and Proselytes: "Grant a good reward to all who faithfully trust in your Name..."
- 14) *For the Rebuilding of Jerusalem (after AD 70): "Rebuild it soon in our days..."*

ORDER OF SERVICE IN THE SYNAGOGUE

Prayers: standing, facing Jerusalem: *Shema* (Deut. 6:4-9; 11:13-21; Num. 15:37-41). *Shemoneh Esreh* (the 18 Benedictions; 7 on Sabbath).

Priestly Benediction: said by the descendants of Aaron (Num. 6:24-26).

Reading from the Torah (Five Books of Moses): standing. On Sabbaths, feasts, and 2nd and 5th days (Mondays and Thursdays).

Lesson from the prophets (*Haphtarah*): standing, selected by the reader.

Sermon (*Darashah*): seated. The usual teaching style was to quote the Rabbis and compare the views of one teacher with another. Jesus' messages were quite different (Mark 1:27, Luke 4:32).

Final prayer.
Singing from the Psalms.
On the way out, they gave money for the poor to the collector.
Service length was about 1 hour.

- 15) For the Messiah: "Cause the offspring (sprout, branch) of David, your servant, to flourish, and lift up his glory in your salvation (*yeshuah*)...because we wait for your salvation (*yeshuah*) all the day."
- 16) For Hearing Prayer: "Hear our voice..."
- 17) For Restoration of Temple Service (after AD 70): "Restore the service to the inner sanctuary of your house..."
- 18) Thanksgiving: "We will give thanks to you..."
- 19) For Peace: "Grant peace..."

BLESSINGS

Matt. 6:5: ***"When you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order to be seen by men"***

"Baruch attah Adonai Eloheinu, Melech HaOlam" (Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe...) Over wine: "...creator of the fruit of the vine." Over bread: "...who brings forth bread from the earth."

Deut. 8:10: ***"When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which he has given you"***

Psalms 100:4,5: ***"Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the LORD is good"***

Psalms 145:2: ***"Every day I will bless you"***

James 3:9: ***"With [the tongue] we bless our Lord and Father"***

SABBATH

From Friday night sunset to Saturday night sunset, when the first three medium-sized stars were visible.

Genesis 1:5: ***"There was evening and there was morning, one day"***

The Rabbis listed 39 kinds of work that were forbidden on the Sabbath: "The main classes of work are forty minus one: sowing, plowing, reaping, binding sheaves, threshing, winnowing, cleansing crops, grinding, sifting, kneading, baking, shearing wool, washing or beating or dyeing it, spinning, weaving, making two (or more) loops, weaving two (or more) threads, separating two (or more) threads, tying (a knot), loosening (a knot), sewing two (or more) stitches, tearing in order to sew two (or more) stitches, hunting a gazelle, slaughtering or flaying or salting it or curing its skin, scraping it or cutting it up, writing two (or more) letters, erasing in order to write two (or more) letters, building, pulling down, putting out a fire, lighting a fire, striking with a hammer, and taking anything out from one domain into another (from a private area to a public area or from a public area to a private area)" (Mishnah Shabbat 7:2).

Sabbath Day's Journey: Limited to 2,000 cubits (just over 1/2 mile, a little less than 1 km).

SABBATH LIGHTS

Discovery: Hundreds of oil lamps from the time of Jesus have been found in excavations in Israel.

CALENDAR

The Jewish calendar is lunar, so it shifts every year compared to our solar calendar. About every three years, an extra month of Adar (VeAdar) is added to harmonize with the solar calendar.

Hanukkah: The Feast of the Dedication of the Temple, celebrated with the *hanukkiah* candlestick (nine branches).

John 10:22,23: ***"At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the Temple..."***

Passover: Followed immediately by the week long Festival of Unleavened Bread (Lev. 23:5-8). *Seder* (Passover Meal).

1 Cor. 5:7,8: *"For Christ our Passover Lamb also has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven...but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth"*

Wave Offering (Omer): The first fruits of the barley harvest (Lev. 23:9-14).

1 Cor. 15:20: *"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep"*

Counting The Omer: The fifty days between the Wave Offering (*Omer*) and Pentecost (Lev. 23:15-16).

Pentecost (Weeks): The fiftieth day (Lev. 23:16-21; Ex. 23:16). Celebration of the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.

Acts 2:1: *"When the day of Pentecost had come..."*

Jer. 31:31,33: *"Behold, days are coming...when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.... I will put my Law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God..."*

Isa. 59:21: *"This is my covenant with them:...my Spirit which is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth..."*

New Moon: *Rosh Chodesh* (Num. 10:10; 28:11-15). Celebrated every month.

Feast Of Trumpets: Blowing of the *shofar* (Lev. 23:23-25).

1 Cor. 15:51,52: *"We shall all be changed, in a moment...at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible"*

Day Of Atonement: Day of fasting (Lev. 23:26-32). Ritual of the scapegoat. *Teshuvah* (repentance).

Acts 27:9: *"...since the Fast was already over..."*

Tabernacles (Booths): The end of the fruit harvest, the final harvest of the year (Lev. 23:34-44). Living in booths, as they did in the desert.

John 1:14: *"The Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us..."*

John 7:2,37,38,39: *"But the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Tabernacles, was near.... On the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.... Out of his belly will flow rivers of living water'.... This he spoke about the Spirit..."*

Zech. 14:16: *"Any who are left of all the Gentiles...will go up from year to year...to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles"*

