

Lesson 15e: Married in the Wilderness, again

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God promised His wife, Israel, from the beginning that He would make her new again.

Eze 36:26-27 (ESV)

Isa 43:15-21 (KJVR)

God came to come to this Earth as Jesus to renew His wife and His marriage and He did it in the same way when He first married Israel in the wilderness (see Married in the Wilderness).

John the Baptist was sent by God to proclaim to the people that they needed to repent because they were being held captive by sin. He also proclaimed to them who their deliverer would be, just like Moses did with the children of Israel.

Mar 1:4 (ESV)

Mat 3:11 (ESV)

Joh 1:29 (ESV)

The country of Judea is a land of mountains, or hills. Jesus came to the people in the wilderness of Judea and met with them at a mountain just like God came to the children of Israel at the mountain in the wilderness.

Jos 11:21 (KJV)

Mat 3:1-3 (ESV)

Mar 1:5 (ESV)

Mar 1:9 (ESV)

Jesus Himself proclaimed to the people that He was sent by God to pardon them and set them free from their bondage in sin.

Luk 4:18 (ISV)

During His ministry, Jesus would go up into the Mount of Olives alone to pray to God, just like Moses went up alone into the mountain to hear from God. Jesus also brought His disciples up to the mountain and revealed His glory to them there, just like God revealed His glory to Moses on the mountain.

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Mat 14:23 (LITV)

Luk 21:37 (LITV)

Mat 17:1-2 (LITV)

Luk 22:39 (LITV)

Jesus would come down from the Mount of Olives, and would go and speak and teach the words of His love to the people, just like Moses came down from the mountain and spoke God's commandments to the people. At the Last Supper, Jesus spoke His vow to all people, the words of the New Covenant, and afterwards He and the Disciples went to the Mount of Olives.

Mat 26:28-30 (LITV)

Jesus Himself was the blood sacrifice needed to cover the sins and to seal the New Covenant and Marriage. The sacrifice and death of the Husband would take place at Jerusalem, the home of God's wife.

Mat 16:21 (LITV)

Psa 116:18-19

Jesus, the arm of the Lord, then redeemed all people by His sacrifice on the cross. By His resurrecting power, He brought them out of their bondage of sin, leading the way to a new life with Him.

Joh 14:6 (MKJV)

When we repent by confessing our sins to Jesus, and acknowledge that He is Lord of our life, promising to obey Him, then we are speaking our vow to Him.

Act 2:38

Jesus personally reconciled the relationship between God and His wife, making it alive and tangible, not dead and separated. The relationship of Jesus to the Church is also compared in scripture to a relationship between a Husband and wife - Jesus being the Head and the believers being the body.

Eph 5:23 (MKJV)

Col 1:12-22 (LITV)

Jesus is the very image of God come down to Earth and now His people can become one with Him. **God made man first as a copy of His image, but now, through Jesus, they can be made new to become an actual part of His image - one body.** We have a new body now because Jesus gave us His! (See United as one with Him.)

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