



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 4, Episode 11

A Man Carrying a Water Jug

Join us today as we continue our look at John the Baptist and the Essene community of the early 1st century.

Introduction

Recap: Last week on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we began discussing the Essenes and whether or not John the Baptist was an Essene.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

1. What Scripture has been shaping you lately, and how?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud [Matthew 3:1-7](#), [Psalm 24:1-10](#).

1. How do these verses contextualize the choices of the Essene community?
2. What are examples of how God used the Essenes community in Scripture and history?
3. How has the legacy of the Essenes impacted Christians today, and how can we learn from the legacy they left?
4. Do you think John the Baptist was an Essene? Why or why not?

Have someone read aloud [Luke 22:7-13](#).

5. How do we see the sovereignty of God in this passage?



Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

1. How can we learn from the consistency and disciplines of the Essenes?
2. What does it look like to build healthy disciplines in your life?
Read [1 Corinthians 9:25-27](#).
3. What is one step you can take this week to address the health of your spiritual life?

Pray

Share prayer requests and pray as a group at the end of your conversation. Here is a prompt:

1. Pray that the Lord would help us leave a legacy that glorifies God and grow the Kingdom of God.

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Resources

Catch up on Seasons 1 - 3 and find out more about *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, including show notes, on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* [webpage](#).

[*The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English*](#) by Geza Vermes

The original manuscripts, discovered in the Judean Desert between 1947 and 1956, completely transformed our understanding of the Hebrew Bible, early Judaism, and the origin of Christianity.

F260 Bible Reading Plan and Scripture Memorization

If you need a Bible reading and Scripture memorization plan to help you intentionally engage with the Word of God, the *Foundations F260* plan is available [here](#).

