

## EDUCATION SYSTEM

### YESHUA IS BAPTIZED IN THE RUACH HAKODESH

**Matt. 3:16-17** "As soon as Yeshua had been immersed, he came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, he saw the Spirit of God coming down upon him like a dove, 17 and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; I am well pleased with him." Yeshua had the spirit of a human (influenced by Yah's Spirit), prior to His Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the presence of John the Baptist (Matt. 3:16-17). **When Yeshua had the Holy Spirit come upon Him in the form of a dove, He was actually Baptized in Yah's Ruach HaKodesh and received power and authority to represent YHVH on earth. Until that time, Yeshua was a very smart man who was learning Torah with the influence of His Fathers Spirit, but He never had any real POWER or AUTHORITY until He was Baptized in the Ruach Hakodesh in the Jordan River.** That is probably why nothing much is recorded about the life of Messiah for 33 years. After He received the power of Yah's Spirit, He immediately went into ministry and spread the Word throughout the land.

Most bible scholars believe that Yeshua was thirty years old when He was "Baptized with the Ruach Hakodesh" ("Spirit Filled"), in the presence of John the Baptist. From that moment on He began to cast out demons, heal the sick, and spread the Good News of the Kingdom of Yahveh in a way that commanded attention. He chose twelve disciples (Matt. 4:18-22), and taught them the details of the torah for three very intense years.

### YESHUA BREATHING ON HIS DISCIPLES

**John 20:22** (written in RED) "And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit)."



Before I can get into the midrash of John 20:22, I must explain the foundation of the synagogue educational system at that time. Once we understand the foundation of the torah teaching system we will better understand the culmination of things written in red in John 20:22. Please bear with me.

#### Synagogue teaching and educational system

In biblical times the synagogue was not just a place to get together, but it was the focal point of the community. Today we call this idea the community hall. You might even say it was where the education system we have today started from.

People would live very close to the Rabbi they were following so they could literally walk to synagogue service on shabbat and "Assemble" there to celebrate the Feasts.

From birth, the Jewish people used to send their children to the synagogue to learn. The educational system as we know it today was established many years ago in the way that the Jewish people taught their children Torah. The school system originated to teach students Torah long before the three "R's" as we know them, ever existed.

1) From age 0-10 they studied Torah under a system called "bet safar".

2) By the time they were 10 these kids could recite the entire

Torah.

3) Then the best of these kids moved on to "bet talmude". These students 10-15, would be able to recite the entire Old Testament by the time they were 15.

4) At age 15 the boys would have to then decide whether or not they wanted to continue their fathers family business or move on to become a Rabbi.

5) The best of these best would be allowed to move on to become Rabbi's if they were accepted by a Rabbi for future study. These talmidim would then go out and choose what Rabbi they wanted to study under from age 15-20.

**The Rabbis would speak to the people and potential students what was called their "yoke".** This was their pitch to the public about what made them believe certain things different then other Rabbi's. Some Rabbi's added so much man made tradition to their yoke that their yoke became very burdensome. This describes Orthodox Judaism.

This is exactly what Yeshua taught against. Remember when Yeshua said His yoke was not burdensome. He said that because of what the Rabbis' commonly did.

**Matt. 11:29-30** "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**"

The idea of the yoke being heavy, burdensome, or when we are unequally yoked, is also included in the following verses.

**2Cor. 6:14** *“Do not yoke yourselves together in a team with unbelievers. For how can righteousness and lawlessness be partners? What fellowship does light have with darkness?”*

**Gal. 5:1** *“What the Messiah has freed us for is freedom! Therefore, stand firm, and don’t let yourselves be tied up again to a yoke of slavery.”*



**1Tim. 6:1** *“Those who are under **the yoke of slavery** should regard their masters as worthy of full respect, so that the name of God and the teaching will not be brought into disrepute.”*

**Deut. 22:10** *“**You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.**”*

Rabbis had to be at least 30 years old. The students (talmidim), would then ask a specific Rabbi, according to his yoke, if they could study under him. The talmidim would then go under the Rabbi's teaching for 3 years. These Rabbi's (mentors), would then choose only the cream of the crop as their protégé. We see an example of this idea when Yeshua spoke to His talmidim. **John 15:16** (written in red) *“**You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and [that] your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.**”*

These Rabbinical students would do everything the Rabbi did. They represented the Rabbi, as well as the Rabbi representing them as far as the world around them was concerned. Everything they did reflected on the other, so they were careful to only do what was right. Those individuals the Rabbi's did not accept, simply carried on their fathers business, whatever that would be. That was considered the norm. In Matthew 4:19 we see Yeshua choosing fisherman to be His students.

**Matt. 4:19** *Yeshua said to them, “**Come after me, and I will make you fishers for men!**”* When Peter (and the others on the boat who were rejected by Rabbi's), saw the Rabbi Yeshua walking towards them on water (Matt. 14:19-25) in the middle of the night, they were determined to follow this Rabbi. **Matt. 14:25** *“**And He said, “Come!”** And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Yeshua”*

This was Peter asked if Rabbi Yeshua would accept him as a student, He was delighted to hear Him say “come”. These fishermen would follow Rabbi Yeshua wherever He lead them. They saw His yoke (obedience to Torah), and it was made easy.

Many Rabbis made their own laws and attached them to the Torah laws, making them burdensome. This problem has been around for thousands of years in Orthodox Judaism. The Pharisees make up their own rules and regulations, or follow the man-made laws of the Talmud, and make things burdensome when they need not be. These oral laws were what Yeshua was scolding the Pharisees about in Matt. 23.

During the schmita/shemittah, (seventh year of the land, sabbath), young men would join with rabbinical teachers and spend the year learning the word. This was because young men were not required to work the land. They would dedicate the year to the study of the things of Yah. That is why the disciples were available to follow Yeshua, because they did not have to work that year. Yeshua was using the normal custom of gathering up students to follow Him and teach torah to them.

### **YESHUA'S DISCIPLES GIVEN POWER AND AUTHORITY**

Now when we look at the following verse we see exactly what took place when Yeshua breathed on His anointed students/Rabbi's.

**John 20:22** (written in RED) *“**And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit).”**”*

Prior to this event, even Yeshua's students were not familiar with the "Infilling of the Ruach Hakodesh". They were unaware just like many others who followed Yeshua.

**Acts 19:2-6** He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they [said] to him, "**No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.**" 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Yeshua." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of Messiah Yeshua. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they [began] speaking with tongues and prophesying."

Then when we look we can see what Luke wrote about what Peter repeated in this regard as recorded in Acts 1:5 & 11:15-16.

**Acts 1:5** (written in RED) For Yochanan used to immerse people in water; **but in a few days, you will be immersed in the Ruach HaKodesh!**"

**Acts 11:15-16** (written in RED) "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as [He did] upon us at the beginning. "And I remembered the word of Yeshua, how He used to say, '**John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**' This idea had been mentioned to His students multiple times (Matt. 3:11, Mark 1:8, John 1:33, Luke 3:16, & Acts 2:1-4)

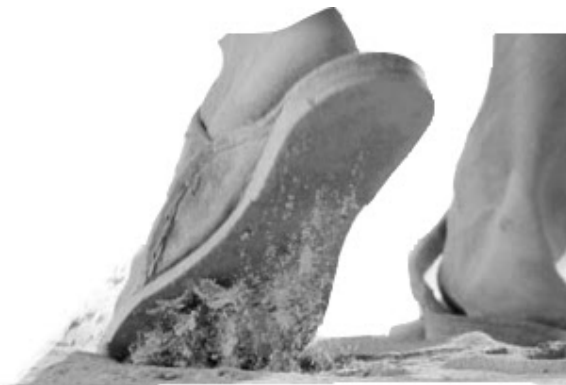
**Acts 8:15-16** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; **they had simply been baptized in the name of Messiah Yeshua.**"

So after Yeshua's students became Rabbi's, they were spirit filled and sent off into the world to cast out demons, heal the sick, evangelize, and spread the Gospel of the Kingdom with the POWER and AUTHORITY of their personal Rabbi Yeshua. Prior to them getting filled with the Ruach they were still learning the word. After this occurred they were no longer students but full fledged spirit filled Rabbi's.

What I am pointing out here, using Yeshua's course of action, is that there is an order involved for those bondservants of the Holy one of Israel. There is order in His Kingdom, things don't just take place randomly. People should not be trying to teach torah, healing the sick, or evangelizing until they have reached the point of being spirit filled. There is nothing wrong with discussing, sharing ideas and thoughts about the torah, voicing ones opinion about the Living Word, but when it comes to teaching there is a basic requirement involved. That is why teachers are held to such a high standard.

### **YESHUA THE RABBI CELEBRATING HIS TALMIDIM BECOMING RABBI'S**

It was a tradition that the students of a Rabbi followed him everywhere for three years. They listened to his yoke (his understanding of torah and tenakh), and practically replicated his every move. There was a cliché in Hebrew (idiom) that said; "**they ate the dust of their Rabbi**". This idiom meant that the talmidim of the Rabbi listened so close and followed so close to the teaching of their Rabbis that they ate the dust stirred up by his feet as he taught. They were so anxious to learn that they hardly even gave him space to walk in front of them. **Luke 6:40** A talmid is not above his rabbi; **but each one, when he is fully trained, will be like his rabbi.**"



During the Last Supper I believe Rabbi Yeshua also celebrated His disciples (talmidim) personal graduation as His students. I believe they were breaking bread together as the culmination of their three years with Yeshua coming to a end. The night before Passover, I believe they became full fledged Rabbis while celebrating the last supper. Then Yeshua used His disciples as the first example of His bride to come, while celebrating the Wedding Betrothal with them. He was then crucified at Calvary and returned momentarily to the Apostles before He went home.