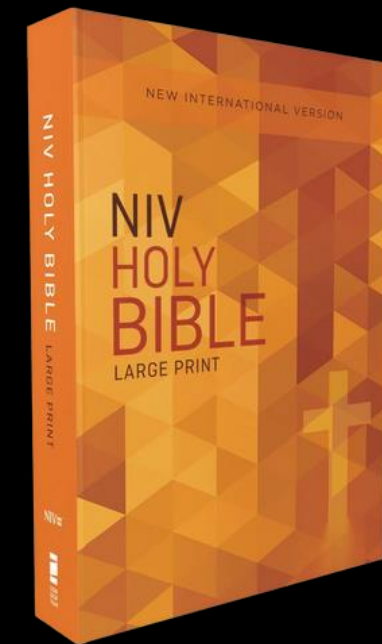


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Word definitions over time...

Then

Tetrarch (means ruler of 1 of 4 parts)

Myriad (means 10,000)

Score (means 20 notches)

Decimated (1 of 10 soldiers killed)

Later

Ruler of any part (like 3 parts in Luke)

Lots and lots

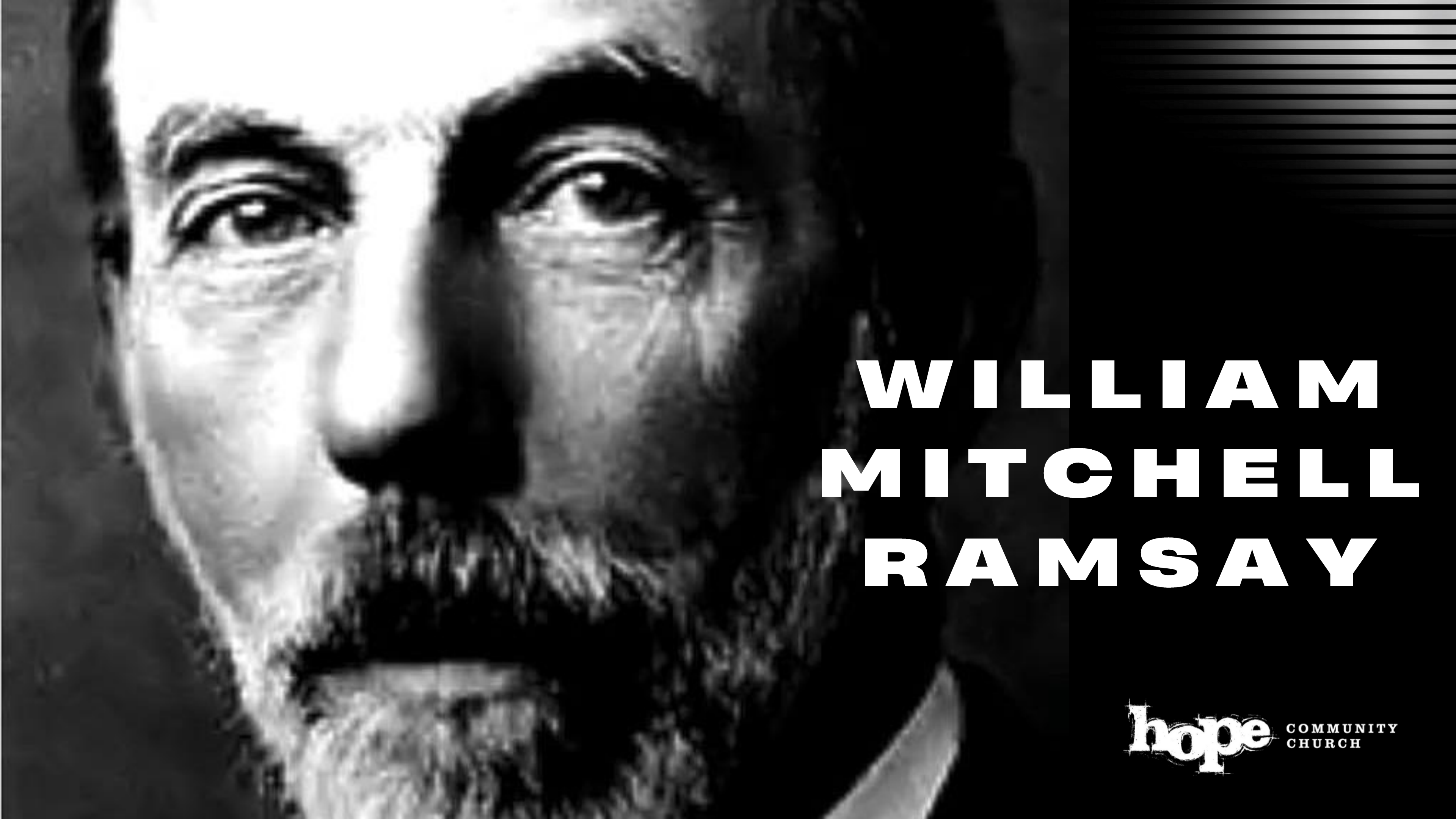
Musical “notches” or the “score” of a game

A large portion wiped out

**TWO HIGH
PRIESTS:
ANNAS
&
CAIAPHAS**

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A high-contrast, black and white portrait of William Mitchell Ramsay. He is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to the left of the camera. He has a full, dark beard and mustache, and his eyes are looking upwards and to the left. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on his face and deep shadows in his beard and around his eyes. The background is dark and out of focus.

WILLIAM MITCHELL RAMSAY

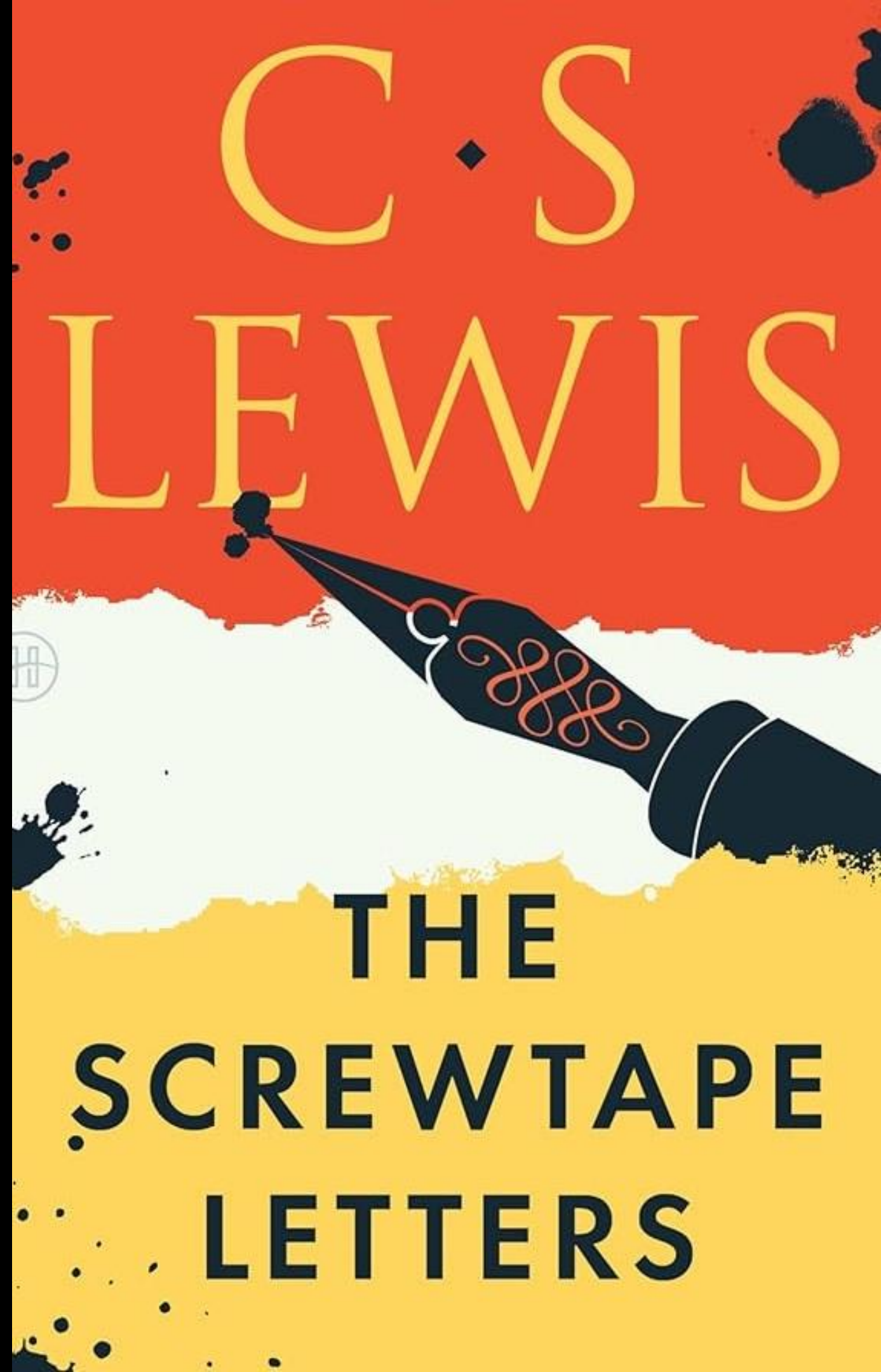
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“A moderated religion is as good for us as no religion at all – and more amusing.”

(Demons talking)



LUKE 3:16

John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**JOHN THE BAPTIST: WATER BAPTISM AS A SIGN OF
CLEANSING**

**JESUS: BAPTISM BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND FIRE**

REFINERS FIRE



...I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 11:19–20, ESV



**Therefore, if anyone is
in Christ, the new
creation has come: The
old has gone, the new is
here!**

2 Corinthians 5:17



ROMANS 6:3–8

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

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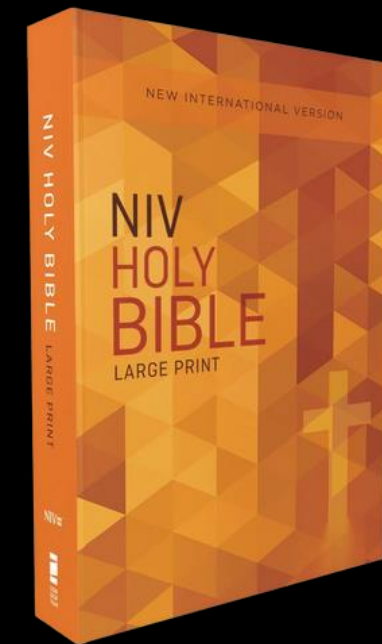
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HomeGroup Questions

1. How does John the Baptist's ministry fulfill the prophecy in Isaiah?
2. Why does John emphasize ethical behavior in response to repentance?
3. How does John the Baptist's message of the coming Messiah establish the expectations for Jesus' ministry?
4. What is the significance of John rebuking Herod, and what does this tell us about John's character and mission?
5. How do the events in Luke 3 prepare the way for the public ministry of Jesus?
6. How does John's call for repentance speak to us today, and how can we apply it to our lives?
7. How can we reconcile the harsh imagery of winnowing fork, threshing floor, and unquenchable fire with our understanding of a loving God?
8. Have you been baptized? Share that story with us. What led you to be baptized? What does it mean to you today?