

## **Readings 10<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Genesis 1:1-5**

#### **The Creation**

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** And the earth was a <sup>Ⓜ</sup>formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>surface of the waters. **3** Then God said, "ⓂLet there be light"; and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night." And there was evening and there was morning, one day

### **Acts 19:1-7**

#### **Paul in Ephesus**

**19** Now it happened that while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. **2** He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they *said* to him, "On the contrary, we have not even heard if 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 a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." **5** When they heard this, they were baptized <sup>Ⓜ</sup>in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying. **7** There were about twelve men in all.

## **Mark 1:4-11**

<sup>4</sup> John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, <sup>4a</sup>preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and <sup>6a</sup>his diet was locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he was <sup>7a</sup>preaching, saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to bend down and untie the straps of His sandals. <sup>8</sup> I baptized you <sup>8a</sup>with water; but He will baptize you <sup>8b</sup>with the Holy Spirit."

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens <sup>10a</sup>opening, and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him; <sup>11</sup> and a voice came from the heavens: "You are My beloved Son; in You I <sup>11a</sup>am well pleased."