

KI TAVO “WHEN YOU COME”

“BIKKURIM - FIRST FRUITS”

Parasha 50 - Deuteronomy/Devarim 26:1-29:8 — Elementary Lessons

THE STORY

According to Jewish tradition, the first fruits of the crops (bikkurim) referred particularly to the seven species of fruits of the Promised Land (Deut. 8:8):

1. Wheat
2. Barley
3. Grapes
4. Figs
5. Pomegranates
6. Olives
7. Dates

As soon as a Jewish farmer saw the first sign of ripening fruit in his field or orchard, he would tie a string or ribbon around it and designate it as bikkurim. Later he would pick this fruit, put it in a basket woven of gold and silver (the poor used wicker baskets of peeled willow branches) and set off for the Temple in Jerusalem for the festival of Shavu'ot. Since it was a pilgrimage festival, a large procession of other Jews would be carrying their baskets on the road, singing songs of joyful praise. They would place their baskets on oxen adorned with garlands of flowers in a grand parade to Jerusalem! At the Temple, each family would present the basket of fruits to a kohen (priest) that would be waved in seven directions and then set before the altar. This was a time of great rejoicing!

Remember the first fruit represented the best. The LORD was the best of everything in our lives. If I were to ask you to name your most prized possession, what would it be? If a friend came to visit in your home, would you give your most prized possession to that friend to show your love? That is what a woman named Mary did in our Bible story today.

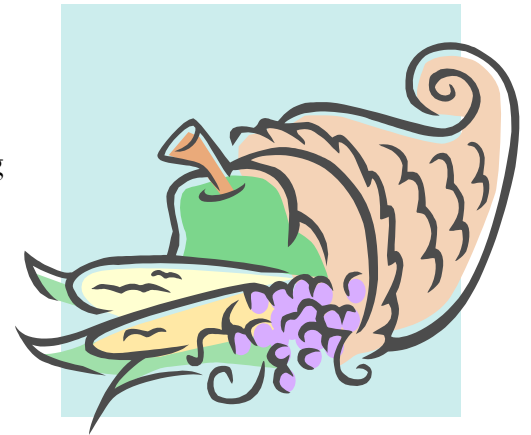
One day Yeshua went to the city of Bethany. That was the city where a man named Lazarus, whom Yeshua had raised from the dead, lived with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. While Yeshua was in Bethany, a dinner was given in his honor. Lazarus was eating at the table with

Yeshua, while Martha was serving the meal. Mary was just sitting at the feet of Yeshua listening to him teach. As she was sitting at the feet of Yeshua, Mary did a very

unusual thing. She took a bottle of very expensive perfume and began to wash the feet of Yeshua with it. Then she dried his feet with her hair. The Bible tells us that the entire house was filled with the sweet smell of perfume. One of Yeshua's disciples, whose name was Judas, was very upset by what Mary did. He said, “What a waste! This perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor. It was worth a year's wages.” Judas wasn't really worried about the poor. The Bible tells us that he was worried about the money because he often stole money from the treasury for himself. Yeshua came to Mary's defense and answered Judas. “Leave her alone. She has kept this perfume for the day of my burial.”

Yeshua said that because he knew that it was only a few days before he would be crucified and buried. I don't know if Mary knew that or not, but I do think that Mary wanted to give Yeshua the very best that she had to show her love for him. That perfume was the very best thing that Mary had to offer.

Yeshua has given us the most wonderful gift imaginable -- the gift of everlasting life. It is free, but it was a very costly gift. It cost Yeshua his life. What can we give to Yeshua to show our love for him? I don't think he wants a diamond ring, a stuffed animal, a doll, or an autographed baseball. I think he wants us to give him our very best. He wants us to give him our life!



DEVARIM/DEUTERONOMY 26:1, 2

When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

LET'S LEARN HEBREW!

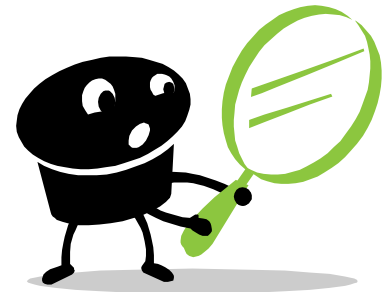
Our Hebrew word is **Bikkurim**

בְּכֻרִים

The Hebrew "**Bikkurim**" means
"**First Fruits**" in English

THE QUESTIONS

- What is Hebrew word for first fruits?
 - Shema
 - Bikkurim
 - Shalom
- What city did the Jewish people bring the Offering of the First Fruits?
 - Galilee
 - Samara
 - Jerusalem
- How many species of fruits were discovered in the Promised Land?
 - 7
 - 10
 - 12
- What does the first fruit offering represent?
 - You can buy fruit really good
 - You can be the first person to eat all the fruit during a holiday celebration
 - The best you have to offer to the LORD
- In our Bible story with Yeshua and his friends, what was the name of the woman that gave Yeshua a special gift?
 - Martha
 - Mary
 - Elizabeth
- What feast would the Jewish people present the First Fruit offering
 - Passover
 - Shavu'ot
 - Sukkot
- What was the gift that Mary gave to Yeshua before this death and burial?
 - Expensive perfume
 - Diamond Ring
 - Big Screen TV



THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

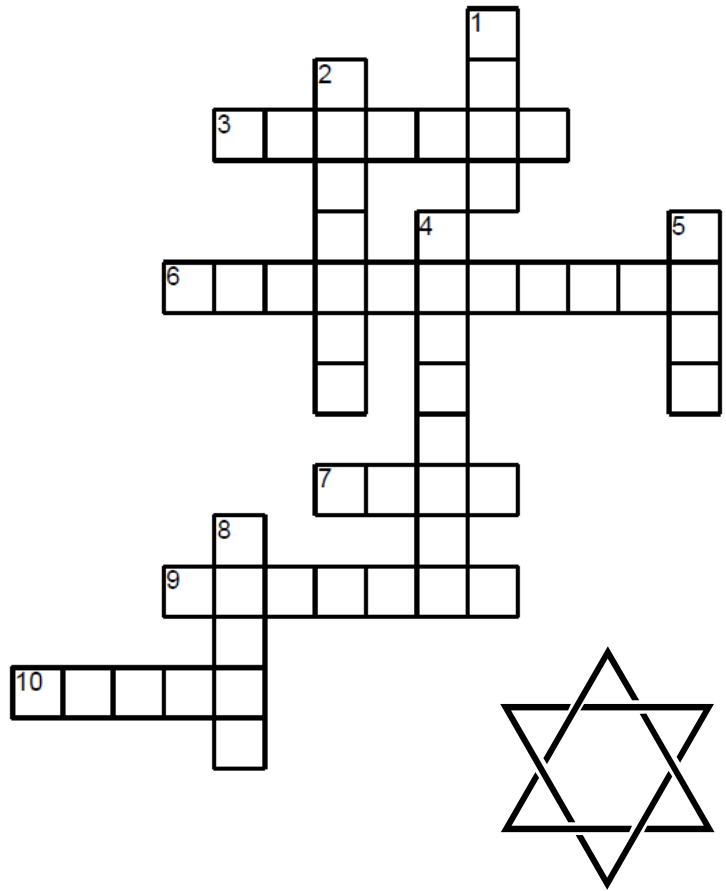
Complete the puzzle using the clues shown below.

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- 3. What feast would the Jewish people present the First Fruit offering?
- 6. When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an _____ and have taken possession of it and live in it. (Devarim 26:1)
- 7. The woman who poured perfume on the feet of Yeshua?
- 9. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell?
- 10. The building in which a family lives?

Down

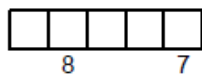
- 1. The opposite of rich?
- 2. You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you _____ from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket? (Devarim 26:2)
- 4. The Hebrew word for first fruits?
- 5. Part of the body on which a person stands?
- 8. The number of species of fruits were discovered in the Promised Land?



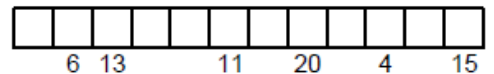
THE DOUBLE PUZZLE

Unscramble each word. Then use the marked letters to solve the second puzzle.

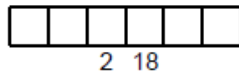
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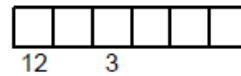
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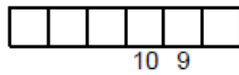
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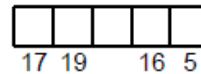
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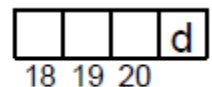
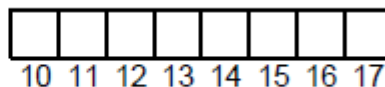
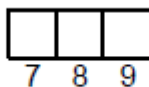
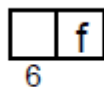
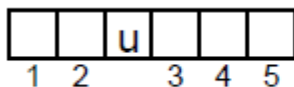
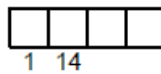
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GIFS



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THE WORD FIND PUZZLE

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

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Basket

Bikkurim

Devarim

Feet

Fruit

Harvest

Inheritance

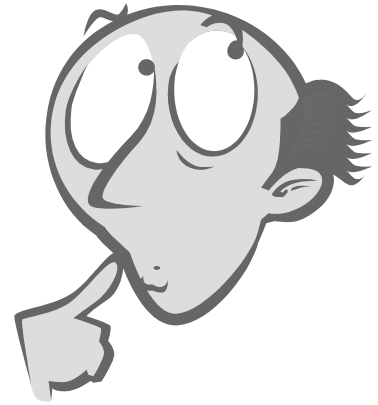
Mary

Offering

Perfume

Shavuot

Yeshua



THE MAZE

Find the correct path through the maze.

