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His mission. Our focus.

Jesus' Mission



He explains

-- Luke 6:17-49

-- Matthew 5-7

First, Jesus' World

Romans
Sectarians
John



Roman Empire



Jewish Religious Sectarians: Pharisees



- Zealous for the law
- Synagogue
- Extremely judgmental
- Wanting the esteem of the masses.

Jewish Religious Sectarians: Sadducees



- The wealthy in Jerusalem.
- Temple
- Torah alone
- Aligned with the Romans through political favors

Jewish Sectarians: Ascetics (Essenes)



- **The way to God is to be separate from the world.**

John, the baptizer

A cinematic scene of John the Baptist baptizing people in a river. In the foreground, three Roman soldiers in red tunics and metal helmets are visible; one is on a horse, and two are on foot. The river is filled with people being baptized, and large crowds are gathered on both banks amidst lush green trees and vegetation. The scene is set in a natural, sunlit environment.

Return to God
The Kingdom of God is at hand
The Messiah