

# BRINGING GOD'S HIDDEN TREASURE INTO THE LIGHT

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# Our Mission - To Bring God's Hidden Treasure Into The Light

## NEW TO CAMBRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH?

If you are visiting for the first time, we say kia ora and a very warm WELCOME to you. As you worship with us we trust that you will feel at home, but more than that, to know the presence of God has touched your life through the worship and the Word. It is our intention to provide you with a loving environment, where people are encouraged in their journey of faith. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Examine the demand for water from the Israelites in Exodus 17 as an expression of a **lack** of faith.

From our reading and references, discuss what it means to put God to the test.

Explore the extraordinary links between the events in Exodus 17 and the crucifixion of Christ.

What have you learnt about God's nature from the events in Exodus 17?

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## Bible References - NIV unless stated

**Reading:** Exodus 17:1-16

**Deuteronomy 6:16** Do not put the Lord your God to the test as you did at Massah.

**Deuteronomy 33:8** You tested him at Massah; you contended with him at the waters of Meribah.

**Numbers 13:8** '...From the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Nun'

**Psalms 95:8-9** "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

**Psalms 106:13-15** They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul. (KJV)

**Matthew 4:5-7** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

**Matthew 16:1** The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.

**Mark 8:11-13** The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it." Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.

**Mark 8:17-21** Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied. "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

**John 4:13-15** Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

**John 6:30** So they asked Him, "What sign then will You perform, so that we may see it and believe You? What will You do?"

**John 7:37** On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

**1 Corinthians 10:4** They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.