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THE FOOD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Mark 1:6 and Matthew 4:3 both say that the food of John the Baptist was “locusts and wild honey.” This is misinterpreted to put forth the idea that John was eating a grasshopper type of flying insect known as the locust. It is a creeping insect that also flies.

This particular scripture was translated incorrectly. The translators had no knowledge of what John was eating. His food was “wild honey locust.” The writers had never heard of it, so they translated it as “locusts and wild honey” which was the only way that it could fit their understanding.

The jujube fruit is known as wild honey locust. It is highly nutritious. Tibetan monks have lived for five or more years eating nothing but wild honey locust, which is also known as jujube. It grows in China, Tibet, and Nepal. It also grew wild in the Judean wilderness where John lived.

To read what I previously wrote on it, [click here](#) and read it.

Today as I asked Holy Spirit to guide my writing, He directed me to Deuteronomy 14:19 where God is telling them what is strictly forbidden to eat. It reads, ***“and every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto you. They shall not be eaten.”***

Grasshoppers and locusts are insects that go creeping onto the land to eat plants. They also fly. Deuteronomy 14:19 forbids them to be eaten.

John the Baptist was of the priestly line of Aaron and his father, Zacharias, who was a practicing temple priest. He knew the Mosaic Law and was observant without fault. He would have never violated the law by eating an unclean insect like a locust.

When I wrote the April 26 article, I was going by the knowledge I had personally learned about the jujube fruit and what Holy Spirit had shown me about it, but I lacked proof from the scriptures. Today, however, Holy Spirit directed me to that part of the Bible from which I usually do not get my inspiration. When he directed me to Deuteronomy 14:19 it gave positive scriptural proof that John would no more have eaten flying insects than he would have eaten unclean pork.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving me the proof from scripture that I had previously been lacking.

If you ever again claim or preach or teach that John was eating locusts, you must understand that you are deliberately teaching error.

John was eating wild honey locust or jujube which is the nutritious fruit inside the pod.