

## Exercise 3

### Interpretation in Light of Culture

#### Hermeneutical Principle

6. Value the culture, history, and languages of Biblical times.

**After reading the following Scriptures, use various study tools such as a concordance, Bible dictionary, and/or commentaries to respond to the following questions:**

**Mark 1:6-8 NKJV**

**6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, **whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose**. **8** I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

When John the Baptist said, "...whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose," in the above verse, what cultural practice was he referring to?

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Explain why this is significant:

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**John 13:2-5 NKJV**

**2** And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, **4** rose from supper and laid aside His garments, **took a towel and girded Himself**. **5** After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with **the towel** with which He was girded.

What type of towel did Jesus gird Himself with?

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Explain the significance of this:

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