

## Jesus' First Cleansing of the Temple Complex at Passover (April 30)

John 2:13–22

13 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And he found in the temple *courts* those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated.

15 And he made a whip of cords *and drove them* all out of the temple *courts*, both the sheep and the oxen, and he poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16 And to the ones selling the doves he said, "Take these *things* away from here! Do not make my Father's house a marketplace!"

17 His disciples remembered that it is written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." [[Ps 69:9](#)]

18 So the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign do you show to us, because you are doing these *things*?"

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up!"

20 Then the Jews said, "This temple has been under construction forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"

21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

22 So when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the saying that Jesus had spoken.

## Jesus and Nicodemus (April 30)

John 2:23–3:21

### Jesus' Miracles in Jerusalem

2:23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in his name *because they* saw his signs which he was doing.

24 But Jesus himself did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all *people*,

25 and because he did not need anyone to testify about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

### The New Birth

3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees whose name was Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This man came to him at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that *you are* a teacher who has come from God, for no one is able to perform these signs that you are performing unless God were with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born from above, he is not able to see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born *when he* is an old man? He is not able to enter into his mother's womb for the second time and be born, *can he*?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born of water and spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God.

6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'It is necessary for you to be born from above.'

8 The wind blows wherever it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." [cf. [Ezek 36:25–27](#); [11:19–20](#); [Jer 31:33–34](#)]

9 Nicodemus answered and said to him, "How can these *things* be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and you do not understand these *things*?"

11 Truly, truly I say to you, we speak what we know, and we testify *about* what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony!

12 If I tell you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 And no one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven—the Son of Man.

14 And just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, thus it is necessary *that* the Son of Man be lifted up, [cf. [Num 21:8–9](#)]

15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life."

### John (the author) Reflects on Jesus' Conversation with Nicodemus

16 For in this way God loved the world, so that he gave his one and only Son, in order that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but will have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world in order that he should judge the world, but in order that the world should be saved through him.

18 The one who believes in him is not judged, but the one who does not believe has already been judged, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God.

19 And this is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For everyone who practices evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds be exposed.

21 But the one who practices the truth comes to the light, in order that his deeds may be revealed, that they are done in God.

### Early Judean Ministry—John Superseded by Jesus (April–November 30)

John 3:22–36

22 After these *things* Jesus and his disciples came into Judean territory, and there he spent time with them and was baptizing.

23 Now John was also baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and they were coming and were being baptized.

24 (For John had not yet been thrown into prison.)

25 So a dispute occurred on the part of John’s disciples with a Jew concerning purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you on the other side of the Jordan, about whom you testified—look, this one is baptizing, and all are coming to him!”

27 John answered and said, “A man can receive not one *thing* unless it is granted to him from heaven!

28 You yourselves testify about me that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I am sent before that one.’ [cf. [Mal 3:1](#)]

29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine is complete.

30 It is necessary for that one to increase, but *for* me to decrease.”

31 The one who comes from above is over all. The one who is from the earth is from the earth and speaks from the earth; the one who comes from heaven is over all.

32 What he has seen and heard, this he testifies, and no one accepts his testimony.

33 The one who accepts his testimony has attested that God is true.

34 For *the one* whom God sent speaks the words of God, for he does not give the Spirit by measure.

35 The Father loves the Son and has given all *things* into his hand.

36 The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the Son will not see life—but the wrath of God remains on him.

### Early Judean Ministry—John’s Imprisonment (November/December 30)

Matthew 14:3–5	Mark 6:17–20	Luke 3:19–20
<p>3 For Herod, <i>after</i> arresting John, bound him and put <i>him</i> in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip,</p> <p>4 because John had been saying to him, “It is not permitted for you to have her.”</p> <p>5 And <i>although</i> he wanted to kill him, he feared the crowd, because they looked upon him as a prophet.</p>	<p>17 For Herod himself had sent <i>and</i> arrested John and bound him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Philip his brother, because he had married her.</p> <p>18 For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not permitted for you to have your brother’s wife.”</p> <p>19 So Herodias held a grudge against him and was wanting to kill him, and was not able <i>to do so</i>.</p> <p>20 For Herod was afraid of John, <i>because</i> he knew him <i>to be</i> a righteous and holy man and protected him. And <i>when</i> he listened to him, he was greatly perplexed, and <i>yet</i> he listened to him gladly.</p>	<p>19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him concerning Herodias, his brother’s wife, and concerning all the evil deeds that Herod had done,</p> <p>20 added this also to them all: he also locked up John in prison.</p>

### Early Judean Ministry—Jesus Decides to Leave Judea (November/December 30)

Matthew 4:12	Mark 1:14a	Luke 4:14a	John 4:1–3
12 Now <i>when</i> he heard that John had been arrested,	14a And after John had been taken into custody,		1 Now when Jesus

he withdrew into Galilee.	Jesus went into Galilee	14a And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee,	knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.
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### Through Samaria—The Woman at the Well (November/December 30 – 2 days in Sychar)

John 4:4–42

#### At the Town of Sychar

4 And it was necessary *for* him to go through Samaria.

5 Now he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [[Gen 48:21–22](#)]

6 And Jacob’s well was there, so Jesus, *because he* had become tired from the journey, simply sat down at the well. It was about the sixth hour.

#### Jesus’ Conversation with the Samaritan Woman

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me *water* to drink.”

8 (For his disciples had gone away into the town so that they could buy food.)

9 So the Samaritan woman said to him, “How do you, being a Jew, ask from me *water* to drink, *since I* am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you had known the gift of God and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me *water* to drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket and the well is deep! From where then do you get this living water?”

12 You are not greater than our father Jacob, *are you*, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, and his sons and his livestock?”

13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again.

14 But whoever drinks of this water which I will give to him will never be thirsty for eternity, but the water which I will give to him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” [cf. [Isa 55:1–3](#)]

15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or come here to draw *water*!”

16 He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.”

17 The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have said rightly, ‘I do not have a husband,’

18 for you have had five husbands, and *the one* whom you have now is not your husband; this you have said truthfully!”

19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, [cf. [Gen 12:6–7](#); [33:18–20](#); [Deut 11:29](#)] and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.”

21 Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, that an hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

22 You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, because salvation is from the Jews.

23 But an hour is coming—and now is *here*—when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for indeed the Father seeks such *people to be* his worshipers.

24 God *is* spirit, and the ones who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one called Christ); “whenever that one comes, he will proclaim all *things* to us.”

26 Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am *he*.

#### The Disciples Return

27 And at this *point* his disciples came, and they were astonished that he was speaking with a woman. However, no one said, “What do you seek?” or “Why are you speaking with her?”

28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into the town and said to the people,

29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Perhaps this one is the Christ?”

30 They went out from the town and were coming to him.

**Workers for the Harvest**

31 In the meanwhile the disciples were asking him, saying, “Rabbi, eat *something!*”

32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

33 So the disciples began to say to one another, “No one brought him *anything* to eat, *did they?*”

34 Jesus said to them, “My food is that I do the will of the one who sent me and complete his work.

35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months and the harvest comes’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest already.

36 The one who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, in order that the one who sows and the one who reaps can rejoice together.

37 For in this *instance* the saying is true, ‘It is one who sows and another who reaps.’

38 I sent you to reap what you did not work for; others have worked, and you have entered into their work.”

**The Samaritans Believe**

39 Now from that town many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything that I have done.”

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they began asking him to stay with them. And he stayed there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his word,

42 And they were saying to the woman, “No longer because of what you said do we believe, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this one is truly the Savior of the world!”

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