

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

John 2:13–22

13 Now the Jewish feast of Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 He found in the temple courts those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting at tables.

15 So he made a whip of cords and drove them all out of the temple courts, with the sheep and the oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16 To those who sold 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 was written, "*Zeal for your house will devour me.*" [[Ps 69:9](#)]

18 So then the Jewish leaders responded, "What sign can you show us, since you are doing these things?"

19 Jesus replied, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again."

20 Then the Jewish leaders said to him, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and are you going to raise it up in three days?"

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

22 So after 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 Jesus was in Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover, many people believed in his name because they saw the miraculous signs he was doing.

24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people.

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

The New Birth

3:1 Now a certain man, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, who was a member of the Jewish ruling council,

2 came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time, can he?"

5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter 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 amazed that I said to you, 'You must all be born from above.'

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

9 Nicodemus replied, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you don't understand these things?"

11 I tell you the solemn truth, we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony.

12 If I have told you people about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

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

14 Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [cf. [Num 21:8–9](#)]

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

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

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

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through him.

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

19 Now this is the basis for judging: 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 does evil deeds hates the light and does not come to the light, so that their deeds will not be exposed.

21 But the one who practices the truth comes to the light, so that it may be plainly evident that his deeds have been done in God.

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

John 3:22–36

22 After this, Jesus and his disciples came into Judean territory, and there he spent time with them and was baptizing.
 23 John was also baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming to him and being baptized.
 24 (For John had not yet been thrown into prison.)
 25 Now a dispute came about between some of John’s disciples and a certain Jew concerning ceremonial washing.
 26 So they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, the one who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River, about whom you testified—see, he is baptizing, and everyone is flocking to him!”
 27 John replied, “No one can receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven.
 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but rather, ‘I have been sent before him.’ [cf. [Mal 3:1](#)]
 29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands by and listens for him, rejoices greatly when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. This then is my joy, and it is complete.
 30 He must become more important while I become less important.”
 31 The one who comes from above is superior to all. The one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is superior to all.
 32 He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony.
 33 The one who has accepted his testimony has confirmed clearly that God is truthful.
 34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he does not give the Spirit sparingly.
 35 The Father loves the Son and has placed all things under his authority.
 36 The one who believes in the Son has eternal life. The one who rejects the Son will not see life, but God’s wrath 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 had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife,</p> <p>4 because John had repeatedly told him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”</p> <p>5 Although Herod wanted to kill John, he feared the crowd because they accepted John as a prophet.</p>	<p>17 For Herod himself had sent men, arrested John, and bound him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her.</p> <p>18 For John had repeatedly told Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”</p> <p>19 So Herodias nursed a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not</p> <p>20 because Herod stood in awe of John and protected him, since he knew that John was a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard him, he was thoroughly baffled, and yet he liked to listen to John.</p>	<p>19 But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil deeds that he had done,</p> <p>20 Herod added this to them all: He 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
<p>12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been imprisoned,</p>	<p>14a Now after John was imprisoned,</p>		<p>1 Now when Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard that he was winning and baptizing more disciples than</p>

he went into Galilee.	Jesus went into Galilee	14a Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee,	John 2 (although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples were), 3 he left Judea and set out once more 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 But he had to pass through Samaria.

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

6 Jacob’s well was there, so Jesus, since he was tired from the journey, sat right down beside the well. It was about noon.

Jesus’ Conversation with the Samaritan Woman

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.”

8 (For his disciples had gone off into the town to buy supplies.)

9 So the Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you—a Jew—ask me, a Samaritan woman, for water to drink?” (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.)

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

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

12 Surely you’re not greater than our ancestor Jacob, are you? For he gave us this well and drank from it himself, along with his sons and his livestock.”

13 Jesus replied, “Everyone who drinks some of this water will be thirsty again.

14 But whoever drinks some of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again, but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain 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 have to come here to draw water.”

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

17 The woman replied, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “Right you are when you said, ‘I have no husband,’

18 for you have had five husbands, and the man you are living with now is not your husband. This you 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 the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

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

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

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

24 God is spirit, and the people 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 he comes, he will tell us everything.”

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

The Disciples Return

27 Now at that very moment his disciples came back. They were shocked because he was speaking with a woman. However, no one said, “What do you want?” or “Why are you speaking with her?”

28 Then the woman left her water jar, went off into the town and said to the people,

29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Surely he can’t be the Messiah, can he?”

30 So they left the town and began coming to him.

Workers for the Harvest

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing 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 to do the will of the one who sent me and to complete his work.

35 Don't you say, 'There are four more months and then comes the harvest?' I tell you, look up and see that the fields are already white for harvest!

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

37 For in this instance the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

38 I sent you to reap what you did not work for; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

The Samaritans Believe

39 Now many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the report of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I ever did."

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

41 and because of his word many more believed.

42 They said to the woman, "No longer do we believe because of your words, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this one really is the Savior of the world."

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