

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT

JOHN

Chapter 3

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

What is the symbolic meaning of Nicodemus meeting Jesus at night?

How does the Church interpret Jesus proclamation “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”?

What observations suggest that this verse refers to the Sacrament of Baptism?

How does the story of Moses hoisting a bronze serpent on a pole relate to the mission of Jesus?

NUMBERS Chapter 21

The Bronze Serpent. 4From Mount Hor they set out by way of the Red Sea, to bypass the land of Edom, but the people's patience was worn out by the journey; 5so the people complained^d against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"^{*}

6So the LORD sent among the people seraph^{*} serpents, which bit^e the people so that many of the Israelites died. 7Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray to the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, 8and the LORD said to Moses: Make a seraph and mount it on a pole, and everyone who has been bitten will look at it and recover.^{*} 9Accordingly Moses made a bronze serpent^{*} and mounted it on a pole, and whenever the serpent bit someone, the person looked at the bronze serpent and recovered.^f

Jesus and John the Baptist

How did God reveal himself to the Israelite nation in the Old Testament and how is this relationship extended in the New Testament?

He Who Comes from Heaven

How does the Church understand and interpret John 3:36 “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests upon him.”?

Chapter 4

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

What is the significance of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at a well, given the Old Testament stories of Isaac, Jacob and Moses?

Why was there enmity between Jews and Samaritans?

How does Jesus view the Jewish tradition of men conversing with women in public?

What is the symbolic meaning of the Samaritan women having 5 husbands?

Where did the Samaritans worship? Didn't God command the Israelite people to worship only in Jerusalem?

What does Jesus mean when He says "Salvation is from the Jews"?

How does Christian worship contrast with Jewish and Samaritan worship?

The “Hour” of Jesus

What is the historical hour of Jesus?

How does the Church view the relationship between the historical “hour” of Jesus and the liturgical “hour”? Between the sacrificial gift of Christ to the Father on the Cross and the Sacramental gift of Christ to us in the liturgy?

Chapter 5

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

What is the significance of the man being ill for 38 years?

What is Jesus revealing when He calls God as his Father?

The Authority of the Son

The Father gives the Son the authority to execute judgment. What does this mean?

The Testimony to Jesus

What are the 5 different witnesses to Jesus divine authority and mission?

Chapter 6

Feeding the Five Thousand

What does the multiplication of the loaves and the resurrection have in common?

How does Saint Bede interpret the feeding of the five thousand allegorically?

What is the Greek word for thanksgiving?

The Bread from Heaven

What is the relationship between the manna given in the Old Testament and Jesus as the bread from heaven?

What are the two different interpretations of the bread of life discourse? How does faith and belief in the Eucharist complement each other?

What do Jesus and Moses have in common when the Jews murmured against them?

Is Jesus speaking literally or figuratively when he says, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”

How does the Tree of Life in the book of Genesis compare to the claim that eating the Bread of life will lead to everlasting life?

Why doesn't Jesus make an effort to try to draw his disciples back to the fold?