

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

Chapters 4-7

Read 4:1-6 What is the significance of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at a well, given the Old Testament stories of Isaac, Jacob, and Moses? (Note 4:6)

Why was there enmity between Jews and Samaritans? (Note 4:7-42)

Read 4:7-15 How does Jesus view the Jewish tradition of men conversing with women in public? (Note 4:9)

What is living water? (Note 4:10)

Read 4:16-20 What is the symbolic meaning of the Samaritan women having 5 husbands? (Note 4:18)

Where did the Samaritans worship? Didn't God command the Israelite people to worship only in Jerusalem? (Note 4:20)

Read 4:21-26 What does Jesus mean when He says, “Salvation is from the Jews”? (Note 4:22)

How does Christian worship contrast with Jewish and Samaritan worship? (Note 4:23)

Read 4:46-50 How is Jesus received in Galilee vs. Judea? (Note 4:47)

Topical Essay 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?

Read 5:1-2 What is the Sheep Gate? (Note 5:2)

Read 5:3-9 What is the significance of the man being ill for 38 years? (Note 5:5)

Read 5:10-18 What is Jesus revealing when He calls God as his Father? (Note 5:18)

Read 5:25-29 The Father gives the Son the authority to execute judgment. What does this mean? (Note 5:27) (Note 5:29)

Read 5:30-47 What are the 5 different witnesses to Jesus divine authority and mission? (Note 5:30-47)

Who does Jesus believe wrote the Torah? (Note 5:46)

What does the multiplication of the loaves and the resurrection have in common? (Note 6:1-14)

Read 6:1-4 How many times is the Passover mentioned in St. John's Gospel? (Note 6:4)

Read 6:22-34 What is the relationship between the manna given in the Old Testament and Jesus as the bread from heaven? (Note 6:31)

Read 6:35-40 What are the two different interpretations of the bread of life discourse? How does faith and belief in the Eucharist complement each other? (Note 6:35-39)

Read 6:41 What do Jesus and Moses have in common when the Jews murmured against them? (Note 6:41)

Read 6:42-53 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.” (Note 6:53)

Word Study – Eats What does the Greek word Trogo Mean?

Read 6:54-59 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? (Note 6:58)

Read 6:60-71 Does human reason have its limitations? (Note 6:63)

Why doesn't Jesus try to draw his disciples back to the fold? (Note 6:66)

Read 7:1-2 What is the Feast of Tabernacles? What two liturgical ceremonies celebrated in this feast provide a backdrop to Jesus' teaching in Chapters 7 and 8? (Note 7:2)

Read 7:10-13 What does "fear of the Jews" mean? (Note 7:13)

Read 7:14-15 Is Jesus formally educated? (Note 7:15)

Read 7:16-24 When were the Israelites supposed to circumcise newborn boys? What happened if this requirement fell on the Sabbath? What is the meaning of the following passage "If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well?" (Note 7:22)

Read 7:25-27 What were the two traditions that circulated in ancient Judaism concerning the birth and origin of the Messiah? (Note 7:27)

Read 7:37-39 What liturgical ceremony of the feast of Tabernacles does Jesus allude to when He says, “come to me and drink”? (Note 7:37)

What Old Testament passages are referenced when Jesus says “Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water”? (Note 7:38)