

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

Chapters 8-12

Read 7:53-8:11 Why was the question posed by the Pharisees about the woman caught in adultery a trap? (Note 8:6)

When Jesus says, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” Is He overturning the Mosaic Law? How does Jesus avoid the trap set by the Pharisees and turn the tables on them? (Note 8:7)

What is the symbolism of Jesus writing in the ground? (Note 8:8)

Read 8:12 What symbolism is found when Jesus says, “I am the light of the world...” as it pertains to the Feast of Tabernacles and other Old Testament themes? (Note 8:12)

Read 8:33-47 Does being a descendant of Abraham guarantee the blessing of divine sonship in the New Covenant? How is this point illustrated with the example of Ishmael and Isaac? How does imitating Abraham’s faith contrast with the response of the Jewish authorities to Jesus’ message? (Note 8:33-47)

Does genealogical descent from Abraham guarantee the blessing of divine sonship in the New Testament? (Note 8:35)

The Jewish authorities claim to be sons of Abraham, Jesus on the other hand claims that they neither are sons of Abraham or God, but are sons of who? (Note 8:44)

What covenant promise made to Abraham was fulfilled in Jesus? (Note 8:56)

Read 8:48 Is Jesus a Samaritan? (Note 8:48)

Read 8:49-56 What covenant promise was made to Abraham for nearly sacrificing his son Isaac? (Note 8:56)

Read 8:57-58 What is the significance of the statement by Jesus, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." (Note 8:58)

Read 9:1-3 Does sickness always proceed from sin? (Note 9:2)

Read 9:4-12 How does the Church view the use of common things by Jesus to serve a holy purpose? (Note 9:6)

How does the healing of the blind man by washing, anointing, and enlightening foreshadow the sacrament of Baptism? (Note 9:7)

Read 9:18-23 What is the meaning of the phrase “put out of the synagogue” (Note 9:22)

Read 10:11-16 How does the Church interpret the passage, “And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd.”? How does this relate to faith, worship, and leadership? (Note 10:16)

Read 10:22 What is the feast of the Dedication? (Note 10:22)

Read 10:23-30 What is Jesus claiming when He says, “I and the Father are one.”? (Note 10:30)

Read 10:31-34 What is the meaning that Jesus is conveying when He cites Psalm 82:6 “I said you are gods”? (Note 10:34)

Read 11:17 What are the Jewish burial customs in 1st century Palestine? (Note 11:17)

Read 11:18-27 Did the Jews at Jesus’s time believe in the resurrection? (Note 11:24, Note 11:25)

Read 11:38-48 What is the Sanhedrin? And why is the raising of Lazarus insulting to the Sadducees? (Note 11:47)

How is the statement “and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation” ironic? (Note 11:48)

Read 11:49-53 What is the meaning of the statement of Caiaphas “that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish”? (Note 11:51)

Read 12:12-13 What are the three main feast days for the Nation of Israel? (Note 12:12)

What does the meaning of the Hebrew acclamation Hosanna? (Note 12:13)

Read 12:14-15 What is the meaning of Zechariah 9:9-10 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt! And I will destroy the chariot out of Ephraim, and the horse out of Jerusalem, and the bow for war shall be broken and he shall speak peace to the Gentiles, and his power shall be from sea to sea, and from the rivers even to the end of the earth.” (Note 12:15)

Read 12:20-23 Why when Jesus hears that some Greeks wish to see him does, He now proclaim that His hour had come? (Note 12:20, Note 12:23)

Read 12:37-40 How does the prophet Isaiah’s mission to the northern tribes of Israel parallel the mission of Jesus? (Note 12:40)