

## WEEK 14, 2025

### Texts :- John 3&4

1. In John 3, a man came to Jesus by night. Say three facts about the man.

#### Answer

- His name was Nicodemus
- He was a Jew (i.e. a biological descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob)
- He was not just a Jew, but also a ruler (i.e. master, teacher) among the Jews.
- He was a Pharisee
- He was a man ignorant of the spiritual things Jesus spoke to him about, though he was a teacher in Israel. (John 3:10).

**Note** (You don't need to mention this) :- Just the same way Christianity religion has different denomination today, Anglican, Catholic, Pentecostal etc, the Jewish religion had different denomination in the time of Jesus. The most common among those denominations were Pharisees and Sadducees. And their difference was mainly in their doctrinal belief. For instance, the Pharisees believed in resurrection while the Sadducees do not. Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees.

2. A notable member of the Pharisees said to Jesus in **John 2:2** "Rabbi, **we know** that thou art a teacher come from God."

- a. By what did they know that truly Jesus came from God?
- b. Since they knew that Jesus was from God, did they receive him as such?

#### Answer

- a. They knew that Jesus came from God because of the several miracles which he did. His miracles testified that God was with him.
- b. Despite knowing that Jesus was from God, yet, many of the Pharisees did not believe in him, just the same way they did not believe in John. (John 3:11-12; John 12:42-43)

3. Complete this statement, as made in **John 3:3**. “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be \_\_\_\_\_, he cannot \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers

Except a man be **born again**, he cannot **see the kingdom of God**.

4. List and explain the two kinds of birth a man can experience, according to John 3.

### Answer

The first birth is **the natural birth**. This happens when a woman becomes pregnant and gives birth to a baby. The baby that is born is referred to as “flesh”.

The second birth is **the spiritual birth**. This is when the spirit of a man is made alive by the Spirit of God. A man who experiences this is said to be born again, that is, born of God, born from above, born of the Spirit of God.

5. **John 3:14** “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:”. In that verse, Jesus made a reference to Moses, briefly narrate the Moses’ story as recorded in Numbers 21:4-9.

### Answer

- As the Israelites journeyed through the wilderness, they got discouraged of the way.
- They therefore spoke against God, and against Moses. They murmured and complained.
- As a result, God sent fiery serpents among the people, and many were bitten and died.
- The people repented of their sin, and Moses prayed to God for them.
- God therefore instructed Moses to make a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and anyone that is bitten and beholds the serpent of brass becomes healed and lived.

6. John 3:22 “He must increase, but I must decrease”. Who made that statement, to who, and what was the context of it?

**Answer**

John the Baptist made the statement to his disciples when they came to report how all men were going to Jesus. John said, it was necessary for him to decrease, and for Christ to increase. Meaning that, he did not desire to outshine Christ. He wanted less of himself and more of Christ being revealed unto the people.

7. Narrate Jesus’ journey within John chapters 3 & 4.

**Answer :-**

- He came into Jerusalem in John 2, and was yet in Jerusalem when Nicodemus came to visit him at night, at the beginning of chapter 3.
- Then, in the middle of John 3, (verse 22 to be precise), he moved from Jerusalem to the other parts of Judea.
- In chapter 4, in order to avoid the Pharisees, he left Judea and was going to Galilee.
- On his way to Galilee, he stopped for about two days in Samaria, where he ministered to the Samaritans for like two days
- Towards the end of chapter 4, He departed Samaria and arrived Galilee.

8. Give an instance of where Jesus expressly declared himself as Christ in the book of John.

**Answer**

In his conversation with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well, the woman mentioned that they were expecting the coming Messiah (which is also called Christ), who shall tell them all things at his arrival.

Then, Jesus responded, “I that speak unto thee am he”. Meaning that, Jesus said to the woman, “I am the Messiah (Christ) which you all look forward to his arrival”

9. In John 4, Jesus said he had a kind of meat that his disciples were unaware of. What was that meat, and what can we derive from it?

**Answer**

Jesus said his meat was to do the will of him that sent him, and to finish the work of him that sent him. Meaning that, Jesus was so passionate about God that doing the will of God and carrying out his duties energized him. We believers must also get to a point in which we are so much given to God that doing his will becomes a source of refreshment for our soul.

10. The first miraculous sign of Jesus, recorded by John, was the turning of water into wine. Briefly narrate the second sign.

**Answer**

The second sign was documented in John 4, and it was about the healing of a nobleman's son at Capernaum.

The man besought Jesus to come over and heal his son, for the child was at the point of death.

Jesus did not go with the man, but spoke saying "Go your way, your son lives"

The man believed the words of Jesus, and got home to find his son healed.

Having enquired of the exact time of his son's healing, he discovered it happened at the same hour Jesus spoke, saying "Go your way, your son lives".