

man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of <sup>a</sup>water and the Spirit he cannot enter into <sup>b</sup>the kingdom of God. <sup>6a</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born <sup>1</sup>again.' <sup>8a</sup> The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you <sup>a</sup>the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>a</sup>we speak of what we know and <sup>b</sup>testify of what we have seen, and <sup>b</sup>you do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13a</sup> No one has ascended into heaven, but <sup>b</sup>He who descended from heaven: <sup>c</sup>the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> As <sup>a</sup>Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must <sup>b</sup>the Son of Man <sup>c</sup>be lifted up; <sup>15</sup> so that whoever <sup>1</sup>believes will <sup>a</sup>in Him have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so <sup>a</sup>loved the world, that He <sup>b</sup>gave His <sup>1c</sup>only begotten Son, that whoever <sup>d</sup>believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God <sup>a</sup>did not send the Son into the world <sup>b</sup>to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18a</sup> He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of <sup>b</sup>the <sup>1</sup>only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> This is the judgment, that <sup>a</sup>the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for <sup>b</sup>their deeds were evil. <sup>20a</sup> For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who <sup>a</sup>practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

### John's Last Testimony

<sup>22</sup> After these things Jesus and His <sup>a</sup>disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and <sup>b</sup>baptizing. <sup>23</sup> John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and <sup>people</sup> were coming and were being baptized— <sup>24</sup> for <sup>a</sup>John had not yet been thrown into prison.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about <sup>a</sup>purification. <sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, "<sup>a</sup>Rabbi, He who was with you <sup>b</sup>beyond the Jordan, to whom you <sup>c</sup>have testified, behold, He is

<sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup> Ezek 36:25-27; Eph 5:26; Titus 3:5 <sup>b</sup> Matt 19:24; 21:31; Mark 9:47; 10:14; John 3:3

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 1:13; 1 Cor 15:50

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or from above

<sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup> Ps 135:7; Eccl 11:5; Ezek 37:9

<sup>10</sup> <sup>a</sup> Luke 2:46; 5:17; Acts 5:34

<sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 1:18; 7:16f; 8:26; 28; 12:49; 14:24 <sup>b</sup> John 3:32

<sup>13</sup> <sup>a</sup> Deut 30:12; Prov 30:4; Acts 2:34; Rom 10:6; Eph 4:9 <sup>b</sup> John 3:31; 6:38, 42 <sup>c</sup> Matt 8:20

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup> Num 21:9 <sup>b</sup> Matt 8:20 <sup>c</sup> John 8:28; 12:34

<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or believes in Him will have eternal life <sup>a</sup> John 20:31; 1 John 5:11-13

<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or unique, only one of His kind <sup>a</sup> Rom 5:8; Eph 2:4; 2 Thess 2:16; 1 John 4:10;

Rev 1:5 <sup>b</sup> Rom 8:32; 1 John 4:9 <sup>c</sup> John 1:18; 3:18; 1 John 4:9 <sup>d</sup> John 3:36; 6:40; 11:25f

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 3:34; 5:36, 38; 6:29, 38, 57; 7:29; 8:42;

10:36; 11:42; 17:3, 8, 18, 21, 23, 25; 20:21 <sup>b</sup> Luke 19:10;

John 8:15; 12:47; 1 John 4:14

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or unique, only one of His kind <sup>a</sup> Mark 16:16; John 5:24 <sup>b</sup> John 1:18; 1 John 4:9

<sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 1:4; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46 <sup>b</sup> John 7:7

<sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 3:20, 21; Eph 5:11, 13

<sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup> 1 John 1:6

<sup>22</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 2:2 <sup>b</sup> John 4:1, 2

<sup>24</sup> <sup>a</sup> Matt 4:12; 14:3; Mark 6:17; Luke 3:20

<sup>25</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 2:6

<sup>26</sup> <sup>a</sup> Matt 23:7; John 3:2 <sup>b</sup> John 1:28 <sup>c</sup> John 1:7

<sup>27</sup> <sup>a</sup> 1 Cor 4:7; Heb 5:4 <sup>b</sup> James 1:17

<sup>28</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit testify for me <sup>2</sup> I.e. Messiah <sup>a</sup> John 1:20, 23

<sup>29</sup> <sup>a</sup> Matt 9:15; 25:1 <sup>b</sup> John 15:11; 16:24; 17:13; Phil 2:2; 1 John 1:4; 2 John 12

<sup>31</sup> <sup>a</sup> Matt 28:18; John 3:13; 8:23 <sup>b</sup> 1 Cor 15:47; 1 John 4:5

<sup>32</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 3:11

<sup>33</sup> <sup>a</sup> John 6:27; Rom 4:11; 15:28; 1 Cor 9:2; 2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13; 4:30; 2 Tim 2:19; Rev 7:3-8

<sup>34</sup> <sup>1</sup> Lit because He does not give the Spirit by measure <sup>a</sup> John 3:17 <sup>b</sup> Matt 12:18; Luke 4:18; Acts 1:2; 10:38

<sup>35</sup> <sup>a</sup> Matt 28:18; John 5:20; 17:2 <sup>b</sup> Matt 11:27; Luke 10:22

<sup>36</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or believe <sup>a</sup> John 3:16 <sup>b</sup> Acts 14:2; Heb 3:18

4:1 <sup>a</sup> Luke 7:13 <sup>b</sup> John 3:22, 26; 1 Cor 1:17

2 <sup>a</sup> John 3:22, 26; 1 Cor 1:17 <sup>b</sup> John 2:2

3 <sup>a</sup> John 3:22 <sup>b</sup> John 2:11f

4 <sup>a</sup> Luke 9:52

5 <sup>a</sup> Luke 9:52 <sup>b</sup> Gen 33:19; Josh 24:32 <sup>c</sup> Gen 48:22; John 4:12

6 <sup>1</sup> Perhaps 6 p.m. Roman time or noon Jewish time

8 <sup>a</sup> John 2:2 <sup>b</sup> John 4:5, 39

9 <sup>a</sup> Luke 9:52 <sup>b</sup> Ezra 4:3-6, 11f; Matt 10:5; John 8:48; Acts 10:28

10 <sup>a</sup> Jer 2:13; John 4:14; 7:37f; Rev 7:17; 21:6; 22:1, 17

11 <sup>1</sup> Or Lord <sup>a</sup> Jer 2:13; John 4:14; 7:37f; Rev 7:17; 21:6; 22:1, 17

12 <sup>a</sup> John 4:6

baptizing and all are coming to Him." <sup>27</sup> John answered and said, "<sup>a</sup>A man can receive nothing unless it <sup>b</sup>has been given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves <sup>1</sup>are my witnesses that I said, '<sup>a</sup>I am not the <sup>2</sup>Christ;' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.' <sup>29</sup> He who has the bride is <sup>a</sup>the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this <sup>b</sup>joy of mine has been made full. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease.

<sup>31</sup> "<sup>a</sup>He who comes from above is above all, <sup>b</sup>he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. <sup>a</sup>He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> What He has seen and heard, of that He <sup>a</sup>testifies; and <sup>a</sup>no one receives His testimony. <sup>33</sup> He who has received His testimony <sup>a</sup>has set his seal to *this*, that God is true. <sup>34</sup> For He whom God has <sup>a</sup>sent speaks the words of God; <sup>1b</sup> for He gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35a</sup> The Father loves the Son and <sup>b</sup>has given all things into His hand. <sup>36</sup> He who <sup>a</sup>believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who <sup>b</sup>does not <sup>1</sup>obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

### Jesus Goes to Galilee

**4** Therefore when <sup>a</sup>the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and <sup>b</sup>baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although <sup>a</sup>Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His <sup>b</sup>disciples were), <sup>3</sup> He left <sup>a</sup>Judea and went away <sup>b</sup>again into Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And He had to pass through <sup>a</sup>Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So He <sup>\*</sup>came to a city of <sup>a</sup>Samaria called Sychar, near <sup>b</sup>the parcel of ground that <sup>c</sup>Jacob gave to his son Joseph; <sup>6</sup> and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about <sup>1</sup>the sixth hour.

### The Woman of Samaria

<sup>7</sup> There <sup>\*</sup>came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus <sup>\*</sup>said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For His <sup>a</sup>disciples had gone away into <sup>b</sup>the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> Therefore the <sup>a</sup>Samaritan woman <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For <sup>b</sup>Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you <sup>a</sup>living water." <sup>11</sup> She <sup>\*</sup>said to Him, "<sup>1</sup>Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that <sup>a</sup>living water? <sup>12</sup> You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who <sup>a</sup>gave

11 <sup>1</sup> Or Lord <sup>a</sup> Jer 2:13; John 4:14; 7:37f; Rev 7:17; 21:6; 22:1, 17

12 <sup>a</sup> John 4:6