

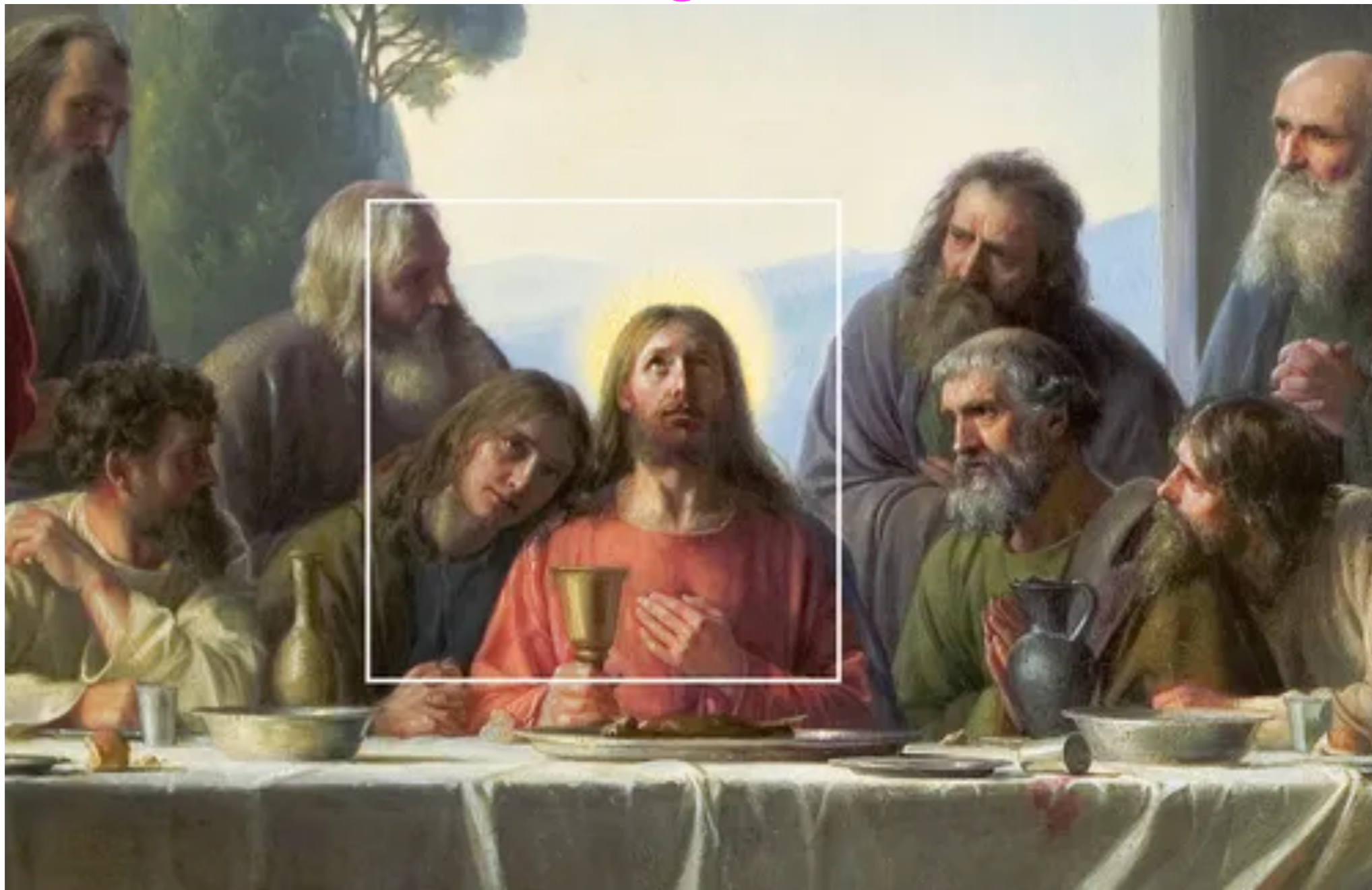
The Gospel of John

Lesson 5

Nicodemus - 3:1-36

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Review

34. Who was invited to the wedding feast?

Jesus, his mother, his disciples and his brothers (vs. 12).

Review

35. In vs. 2:4, is Jesus saying His time is not ready to perform miracles by stating “My hour has not yet come” (7:30, 12:23, 17:1)? If so why did He perform a miracle?

- No.
- My hour is used in this gospel to refer to his death, burial and resurrection, 7:30, 12:23, 17:1.

Review

36. Is this wine in Chapter 2, alcoholic?
How do you know?

Non-alcoholic. Drunkenness & carousing is condemned in the Bible.

Review

37. How long did Jesus Christ ministry last?

3.5 years.

Review

38. How is this timeframe determined [2:13, 5:1, 6:4, 12:1]?

Using the 4 Passovers mentioned in this Gospel.

Review

39. In vs. 2:19, who did Jesus say would destroy this temple?

- Doesn't say.

Review

25. What are 4 evidences presented so far that Jesus is Deity in Chapter 1:1-18?

His Attributes

vs. 1.

Creator

vs. 3.

Witness: John the Baptist

vs. 6-8.

Witnesses: Apostles.

vs. 14.

Review

16. Fill in the blank. Gospel of John is a Proof Treatise that Jesus is Deity.

Review

18. What is the connotation of using the word “Word” in vs. 1:1?

Not a single word but word is put for a message, a statement.

Review

24. What are the 3 parts of the message (“Word”)?

1. Word is Deity vs. 1, 14.

2. Word provides Spiritual Life vs. 4, 12.

3. Believing in the Word provides
Spiritual Life vs. 7, 12.

Q5.1 On what basis did Nicodemus recognize Jesus as a teacher from God?

- Signs worked.

Q5.2 How many signs
has Jesus worked?

One, turning water into wine.

Q5.3 Why did Nicodemus
come at night?

Text does not say.

Q5.5 Look up the definition of “born” in dictionary and in Strong’s (G1080). How is the phrase “born again” used in this text?

Dictionary(AH):1. a. Brought into life by birth. b. Brought into existence; created:
A new nation was born with the revolution.

Strong’s: “figuratively to regenerate”.

New Life.

Q5.6 A key phrase to understand the meaning in this text is “born of the Spirit” (vs. 5, 6, 8). Jesus explains the meaning by using a contrast and an analogy (vs. 6,8). What are two ways the word “Spirit” could be interpreted?

Holy Spirit, Human Spirit.

Q5.7 What are the characteristics of the wind mentioned in vs. 8? Does this analogy support the Holy Spirit or human spirit?

Invisible, exists (hear it, see its effects), do not know it's path.

Supports - human spirit.

Q5.8 What is being contrasted in vs. 6?

Physical vs. Spiritual.

Q5.9 Now, what does the phrase to be “born of the Spirit” mean?

Experience a new spiritual life.

Q5.10 The kingdom of God is mentioned in vs. 3 and 5. What is the difference?

Vs. 3: Experience the Blessings of Messianic Rule.

Vs. 5. Requirements to enter.

Q5.11 There are two requirements to enter the Kingdom. For the first requirement, what does it mean to be “born of water”, Rom. 6:4?

To be baptized.

Q5.12 In verse 11, what things has the “we” done?

Speak, know, testify, seen.

Q5.13 Who is the “we”?

This is a difficult question.

Q5.14 What have they testified?

- Jesus is God.

Q5.15 In vs. 13, what is the implication of “He who descended from heaven” (see vs. 11-12)?

- Heavenly origin and His witness is reliable.

Q5.16 In this text, what is the heavenly message Jesus has to convey to Nicodemus?

Son of Man must be lifted up that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

Q5.17 What does “Son of Man be lifted up” refer to (12:32-34)?

Lifted up on a cross, His death.

Q5.18 What is the first word in the “golden verse” in the Bible (3:16)? What is the significance of this word?

”For”. Connecting word on previous verse and explains the reason for the previous heavenly message.

Contrast - 3:14-16

Physical Life

Spiritual Life

Moses Lifted

God Gave

Lifted Serpent

JC Lifted Up Cross

He Looked

Believe in Him

Belief = Obedient Faith

Q5.19 Does vs. 17 teach that Jesus Christ will not judge the world?

”No. Note the “not/but”. Emphasis is to save mankind.

Q5.20 Some believe that John 3:16 shows that baptism is not required for salvation since it is not mentioned. How do you respond with this statement?

1). Hearing the gospel not mentioned. Required?

2). Baptism (born of water) is required to enter Kingdom of God (vs. 5)

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3). Example of Moses lifting up serpent shows that “believes” requires action.

4). Harmony of Scriptures (Mark 16:15-26, Acts 2:38, 22:16) requires that “believes” is a figure of speech known as synechode (a part is mentioned but whole is meant).

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5). Apostle John taught baptism was required for salvation i.e. remission of sins, Acts 2:38.

Q5.21 What things does John the Baptist say about Jesus that baptism is not required for salvation since it is not mentioned. How do you respond with this statement?

- 1) He must increase, I must decrease.
- 2) Comes from heaven.
- 3) Has all authority.
- 4) Speaks the Word's of God.
- 5) Provides eternal life.