

# The Gospel of John

Chapter 5, Verses 30-47

# Review

- General Introduction to the Gospel of John
  - one of the ***five Johannine books***, all of which are among the last books in the Bible to have been written
  - *one of the **four gospels**, each of which is a biography of Jesus and an historical narrative of his life*
  - written in Greek, primarily to those who had already accepted Christ, including ***both Jews and Gentiles***

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- **Prolog (1:1-18)**
  - Jesus Christ was the ***Word become flesh*** (1:14).
  - “***Flesh***” emphasizes that Jesus became exactly what we are.
  - The “***Word***” (Greek, *Logos*) was what God was, and did what God did, from the beginning.
  - He is ***rejected by the world***, in general.
  - But he is the ***savior of all who receive him***.

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- **The narrative begins....**
  - Jesus was revealed to Israel by ***John the Baptist***, after which ***Disciples*** began to follow Jesus (1:19-51).
  - Jesus performed his ***first sign at Cana of Galilee***, changing water into wine (2:1-11).
  - He then went up to Jerusalem, ***cleansed the temple*** and performed other ***signs*** (2:12-25), which attracted the attention of the Jews, including a man named Nicodemus.

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- **Discussion with Nicodemus**
  - Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of his people, was attracted by ***the signs*** Jesus performed. (3:1-2)
  - But Jesus explained to him that in order to see the Kingdom of God, a man must be ***born again***, and that whoever believes in the Son of Man will have eternal life. (3:1-15)
  - We are reminded that ***God has shown his love for the world by sending Jesus to save it.*** (3:16-21)

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- **Jesus began to surpass John the Baptist**
  - John's disciples were concerned that many who came to be baptized were now ***going to Jesus instead of John***. (3:22-26)
  - John told them that this is was exactly what ***should be happening*** (3:27), what John had ***foreseen*** (3:28), and that he was ***happy*** to see this happen (3:29)!
  - ***“He must increase, but I must decrease,”*** John said. (3:30)
  - A brief commentary by the author follows (3:31-36).

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- **The Samaritan woman**

- To avoid conflict with the Pharisees, Jesus moved to Galilee, which took him through ***Samaria***, where he met a woman by a well and surprised her by ***asking for a drink***. (4:1-9)
- During the ensuing conversation, the woman ***confessed her sins*** and gradually ***came to know who Jesus was*** (4:10-25).
- Jesus openly declared himself to be ***the Messiah***. (4:26)
- The woman went away to ***call others to come and meet Jesus***, as Jesus disciples returned from shopping, (4:27-30)

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- **Jesus Taught His Disciples Concerning “the Harvest”**
  - While the Samaritan woman was away, Jesus taught his disciples that ***doing the Father’s will and work was more important to him than his personal needs.*** (4:31-34)
  - Jesus’ work (into which his disciples also will enter) is ***to save*** all who are destined to see the kingdom and enter into eternal life, and ***the time for this work is at hand.*** (4:35-38)
  - Surprisingly ***the harvest will include many Samaritans.***



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- **Many Samaritans believed in Jesus**
  - Because of the **woman's testimony** regarding his **prophetic powers** ("he told me all that I ever did") the townspeople invited Jesus to stay with them for two days. (4:39-40)
  - Consequently many more came to believe in Jesus, and those who had believed because of the woman's testimony, now **believed because of what they themselves had heard**, confessing that **Jesus was the Savior of the world!** (4:41-42)
  - After two days, Jesus left and came to Galilee (4:43-45)

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- **Jesus healed the son of an official from Capernaum.**
  - In Cana of Galilee (as in Judea) it seemed that people knew and accepted Jesus mostly for *his miraculous signs* (4:45-46)
  - Hearing that he had returned to Cana from Judea, an official from Capernaum came to Jesus to heal his son, (4:47,49)
  - Jesus said that this official, and others like him, would not believe unless they saw *signs and wonders*. (4:48)
  - Jesus healed this man's son (4:50-53) and *consequently the man and his household believed*.

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- **Jesus healed a man by the pool in Jerusalem**
  - Sometime later Jesus *returned to Jerusalem* to attend another feast of the Jews (5:1).
  - While there he healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years, telling him to *take up his bed and walk*, thus causing the man to *break the law concerning the Sabbath*. (5:2-11)
  - When questioned about this, the man *did not know who had healed him*, because Jesus had withdrawn and there was a large crowd there. (5:12,13)

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- **The Jews persecuted Jesus for working on the Sabbath**
  - Later Jesus found the man whom he had healed, told him who he was, and admonished him to *sin no more*. (5:14)
  - The man then told the Jews who had healed him. (5:15)
  - This was *why* the Jews persecuted Jesus, *because he was doing these things on the Sabbath*. (5:16).
  - But this was not the only reason why the Jews persecuted Jesus, as we saw in last week's lesson.

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- This would be a strange and blasphemous statement for any man other than Jesus to make.

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# How has the Father borne witness?

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- Moses & Prophets
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