



# OASIS Study

## The Gospel of John

Week 3:

John 3-4



# The Gospel of John – Some Basics

○ The Fourth Gospel is believed to have been written between 90 and 105 CE, some 20 to 30 years after the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), and includes events not reported in the synoptics (e.g. the woman at the well, the concept of being born again and foot washing).

John is noted for more expansive theological explanations than the synoptics – note the discussion by Jesus talking to Nicodemus about being born again and the follow up on John 3:16-21.

Remember that both the gospels and the epistles were generally shared through public readings at worship gatherings. Not available for the kind of scrutiny of the written word we're allowed. Academics cite this specifically noting the poetic flow of the language of Jesus in John (Jesus interpretation).



# The Events Conveyed in John 3-4

- Jesus teaches Nicodemus (John 3: 1-10)
- John 3:16 and its context (John 3: 11-21)
- John the Baptist's Testimony about Jesus (John 3: 22-4:1)
- Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman (John 4: 4-26)
- Many Samaritans Believe (John 4: 39-42)
- The Disciples Rejoin Jesus (John 4: 27-38)
- Jesus Heals the Official's Son (John 4: 43-54)



# Themes

- Creation, rebirth, renewal
- Origin of Jesus
- What can we understand about God from Jesus
- Jesus as fully human and fully divine
- **Light vs. Darkness**
- **Witnessing**
- **Being children of God; being in relationship with God**
- Abundance

