

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
FROM THE SERIES “THE
SACRAMENTAL GOSPEL”
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Presentation Part III: Born Again of Water
and Spirit

REVIEW FROM SESSION 2

- ✕ Water and the Dove (Holy Spirit) bear witness to the Son (Jesus)
- ✕ Typology
- ✕ Phillip and Nathanael
- ✕ Wedding at Cana
 - + Water (Jewish rites of purification)
 - + “on the third day”
 - + Wine
 - + “my hour”

BELIEVE...

✕ *Receive, believe, and become* children

✕ “They believed him, he didn’t believe them”

+ *anthropas*

✕ No one can do these signs

✕ Signs point beyond, but are easily missed...



NICODEMUS

- ✗ He doesn't know what he doesn't know...
- ✗ He doesn't know that he doesn't know...
- ✗ *anōthen*
 - + Again anew
 - + from above “of water and of spirit”
- ✗ “Born of flesh is flesh//of spirit is spirit”



JESUS PUNS

- ✕ Born “from above” of water and “spirit”....
- ✕ *anōthen*
 - + Temporal: again
 - + Spatial: from above
- ✕ *pneuma*
 - + Wind, breath or Spirit (in reference to the Holy Spirit)



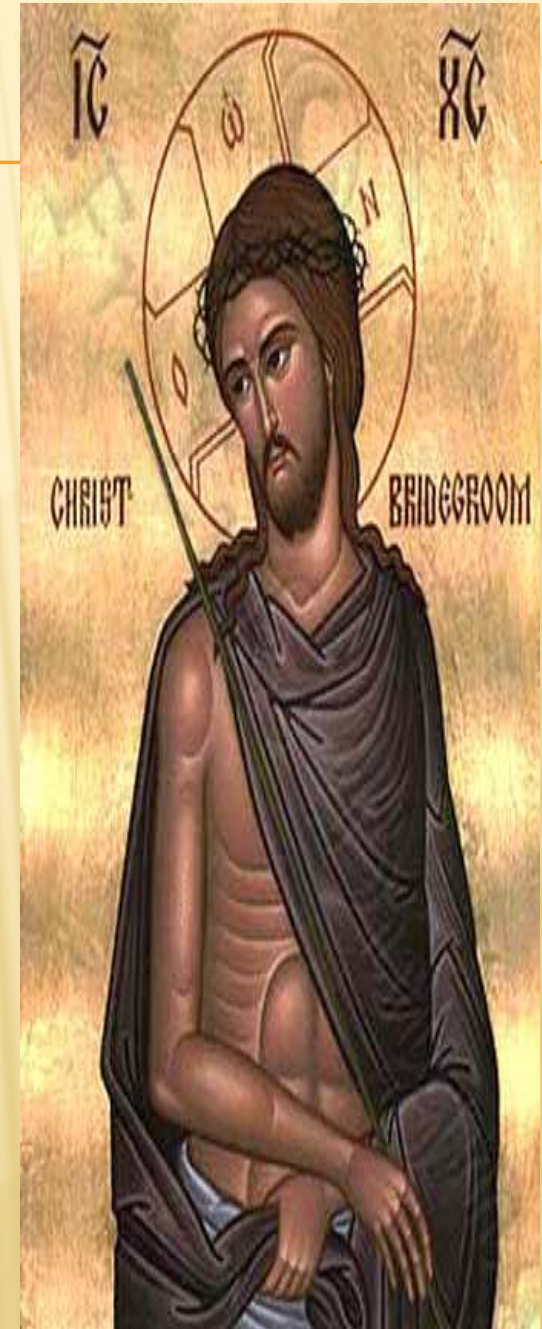
MOSES, THE ISRAELITES AND THE SERPENTS IN THE DESERT

- ✗ “a liar” and “a murderer”
- ✗ They look upon the raised serpent and are healed (Number 21:9)
- ✗ “...so the Son of Man must be lifted up” (John 3:14)
- ✗ Absorb your resentment



JESUS: THE BRIDEGROOM

- ✘ The Wedding at Cana
 - + “woman” (Genesis 2:23 [Eve])
- ✘ “He must increase, I must decrease”
 - + The “Bridegroom” and the “Best Man”
- ✘ Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well
 - + Jacob’s Well (where he met his wife, Rachel)
 - + “Go call your husband”



THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

- ✗ Jacob's Well

- ✗ "You've had five husbands"



- ✗ "flowing" or "living" water

- ✗ Worship in "spirit" and "truth"

- ✗ "I perceive you are a prophet."

END OF PART THREE

✕ Discussion Questions:

- + What was meant by the phrase “He [Jesus] didn’t believe them”? Did it say more about Jesus or the others?
- + What did Jesus mean in his use of the word *pneuma*, which can mean both “wind,” “breath” and “spirit”? What evidence from other areas of the Bible helps you in your answer?
- + What was Jesus’ chastising of Nicodemus meant to show?
- + What role has St. John the Baptist played so far? How has your understanding of him changed?

END OF PART THREE CON...

✕ Discussion Questions:

- + How does Baptism relate to our reception of divine nature?
- + What are we to make of St. John the Baptist's response to those who questioned him about Jesus?
- + How are the grumblings of the Israelites more devious than they appear? How does it relate to Jesus?
- + What evidence have we seen so far in the Gospel of John that Jesus is the Bridegroom? Who is the Bride?
- + How does Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman support this title? What does it have to do with Baptism?