

areth.”<sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”<sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”<sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”<sup>51</sup> And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you,<sup>a</sup> you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

### The Wedding at Cana

**2** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.<sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.<sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.”<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”<sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.<sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.<sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom<sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”<sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**12** After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

### Jesus Cleanses the Temple

**13** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.<sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.<sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.<sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”<sup>17</sup> His disciples remem-

bered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”<sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?”<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”<sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?”<sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body.<sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**23** When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing.<sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people<sup>25</sup> and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

### Nicodemus Visits Jesus

**3** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.<sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus<sup>b</sup> by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”<sup>c</sup> **4** Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.<sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>d</sup> **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You<sup>e</sup> must be born from above.’<sup>f</sup> **8** The wind<sup>d</sup> blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

**11** “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you<sup>g</sup> do not receive our testimony.<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>h</sup> **14** And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>i</sup>

**16** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who be-

*a* Both instances of the Greek word for *you* in this verse are plural *b* Gk *him* *c* Or *born anew* *d* The same Greek word means both *wind* and *spirit* *e* The Greek word for *you* here is plural *f* Or *anew* *g* The Greek word for *you* here and in verse 12 is plural *h* Other ancient authorities add *who is in heaven* *i* Some interpreters hold that the quotation concludes with verse 15

lives in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”<sup>a</sup>

### Jesus and John the Baptist

22 After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. 23 John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized 24—John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 Now a discussion about purification arose between John’s disciples and a Jew.<sup>b</sup> 26 They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.” 27 John answered, “No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. 28 You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah,’<sup>c</sup> but I have been sent ahead of him.” 29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.”<sup>d</sup>

### The One Who Comes from Heaven

31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. 32 He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. 33 Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified<sup>e</sup> this, that God is true. 34 He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. 35 The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God’s wrath.

### Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

4 Now when Jesus<sup>f</sup> learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and bap-

tizing more disciples than John”<sup>2</sup>—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—<sup>3</sup>he left Judea and started back to Galilee. 4 But he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>g</sup> 10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you<sup>h</sup> say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I am he,<sup>i</sup> the one who is speaking to you.”

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why

<sup>a</sup> Some interpreters hold that the quotation concludes with verse 15    <sup>b</sup> Other ancient authorities read *the Jews*

<sup>c</sup> Or *the Christ*    <sup>d</sup> Some interpreters hold that the quotation continues through verse 36    <sup>e</sup> Gk *set a seal to*

<sup>f</sup> Other ancient authorities read *the Lord*    <sup>g</sup> Other ancient authorities lack this sentence    <sup>h</sup> The Greek word for you here and in verses 21 and 22 is plural    <sup>i</sup> Gk *I am*