

# **NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY**

## **JOHN – PART FOUR**

### **The Old Order and The New Order**

#### **Lesson 14**

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# Background

- John - The Theological Gospel
- Reading for Events
- Reading for Larger Context
- Contrast Old and New

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- Jesus Goes “Up” to Jerusalem

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- Passover Key
  - Festival of Deliverance
  - Festival of Sacrifice
  - Festival of Demarcation

# Temple Clearing

- The Scene
  - Animals Sales
  - Money Changers

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# The Contrast

- Temple - Old Order / Covenant
- Jesus - New Order / Covenant

Why Animal Sacrifices for Passover when  
Paschal Lamb present?

# The Reaction

- Press for Authority / Miraculous Sign  
“Destroy this temple and I will raise it again  
in three days.”
- The Irony of Fulfilling the Wish
- Concluding Contrast With History

# Jesus and Nicodemus

- Nick - Old System
  - Religious Jew
  - Pharisee
  - Ruling Council
- Comes From the Dark
  - Later Contrast with Judas

# The Teaching

- Old / New:
- Born Again
- Old Guard Can't See / Understand
- Red Letter Issue

# The Contrast

- Nick (Old System) from Darkness

“Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light. (3.19ff)

# John The Baptist Revisited

## (Jn 3.22-36)

- John Contrasts the Coming New with the Fading Old

“He must become greater; I must become less.” (3.30)

# Jesus and The Samaritan Woman

## (Jn 4.1-42)

- Old and New in Third Context
  - Nick/Temple = Jewish Religion
  - John = Seeking Renegade / Non-conformist
  - Samaritan Woman = Outcast, Sinful Heretic
- The Story

# The Story

- Noon (6th Hour)
- Jesus Asks for Water
- Jesus is Living Water
- Jesus Knows Her
- Questions on Worship



# Old and New

- Gerizim, Jerusalem, or the Heart
- Spirit and Truth
- Passion Parallels

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- 6th Hour (4.6 and 19.14)
- Jesus Alone, Weary and Thirsty
- Jesus' Work to Finish God's Will

# Points For Home

1. Stale Religion is Dead Religion
2. Jesus is Fresh and Alive
3. Live in Jesus, Live in the Light
4. The Worst Sinners Welcome in Jesus
5. Watch Religion, it Can Crowd Out Jesus