

28. **What did he promise to give her?** (Matthew 14:7)
29. **For what did her mother instruct her to ask?** (Matthew 14:8)
30. **What made the king sorry?** (Matthew 14:8)
31. **Why did he command that her request be granted?** (Matthew 14:8)
32. **How was John put to death?** (Matthew 14:10)
33. **To whom was his head given?** (Matthew 14:11)
34. **What did his disciples do with the body?** (Matthew 14:12)
35. **Whom did they tell?** (Matthew 14:12)
36. **Thought Questions:**
- a. **Might John the Baptist have been one of those raised from the dead at Jesus' resurrection?** (Matthew 27:52-53)
  - b. **Was Israel a sought after place to be for a Roman official?**

### Activities

1. Find on a map the territory east of Jordan. Do more research as to where the fortress of Herod Antipas was located.
2. Find a story about another martyr and read it together as a family. (Example: chapter about "Huss and Jerome" from *The Great Controversy*.)
3. Help with prison ministry.

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“Father, glorify thy name.  
Then came there a voice  
from heavn, saying,  
I have both glorified it,  
and will glorify it again.”

John 12:28



14. **How is it taken?** (Matthew 11:12)
15. **Who prophesied before John?** (Matthew 11:13)
16. **What prophet did John represent?** (Matthew 11:14)
17. **To what did Jesus compare that generation? Why?** (Matthew 11:15-17)
18. **What did the people say of John? Why?** (Matthew 11:18)
19. **What did they say of Jesus? Why?** (Matthew 11:18)
20. **Who was Herod?** (Matthew 14:1)  
  
**Note:** Tetrarch = A ruler of the fourth part of the country.
21. **What did he say when he heard of the fame of Jesus?** (Matthew 14:2)
22. **Why did he put John in prison?** (Matthew 14:3)
23. **Who was Herodias?** (Matthew 14:3)
24. **For what sin had John reprov'd Herod?** (Matthew 14:4)
25. **Why did not Herod put John to death immediately?** (Matthew 14:5, 9)
26. **What did the people believe John to be?** (Matthew 14:5)
27. **Who danced before Herod on his birthday?** (Matthew 14:6)

# Imprisonment and Death of John

## Review Questions

1. **When Jesus instructed His disciples where did He go?** (Matthew 11:1)
2. **Where was John the Baptist at this time?** (Mark 6:17)
3. **Whom did he send to Jesus?** (Matthew 11:2)
4. **What did John wish to know?** (Matthew 11:3)
5. **When the disciples came, what was Jesus doing?** (Matthew 11:4-5)
6. **What answer did Jesus tell the messengers to return to John?** (Matthew 11:4-5)
7. **Who is blessed? Why?** (Matthew 11:6)
8. **What question did Jesus ask the people?** (Matthew 11:7-9)
9. **In what way was John “*more than a prophet*”?** (Matthew 11:10)
10. **Whose way had he prepared?** (Matthew 11:10)
11. **Were there any greater among men than John the Baptist?** (Matthew 11:10)
12. **Who, however, is greater than John?** (Only Christ was greater than him.)
13. **What does the kingdom of heaven suffer?** (Matthew 11:12)

# Study Guide

## XVII. Nicodemus

### Bible Reading

John 3:1-21

### Memory Verses

Psalm 40:7-8

Psalm 51:9-12

Isaiah 64:6

Ezekiel 36:25-28

John 3:3

John 3:14-15

### Character Quality

**Patience** – the suffering of afflictions, pain, toil, calamity, provocation or other evil, with a calm, unruffled temper; endurance without murmuring or fretfulness

Romans 5:3-4 – “*And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh **patience**;*”

“*And **patience**, experience; and experience, hope.*”

Antonyms – impatience; restlessness; fretfulness; temper

# Nicodemus

## Review Questions

1. **Who was Nicodemus?** (John 3:1)
2. **When did he come to Jesus?** (John 3:2)
3. **How did he address Him?** (John 3:2)
4. **Why did he think Jesus was sent from God?** (John 3:2)
5. **How must a man be changed before he can see the kingdom of God?** (John 3:3)
6. **What question did Nicodemus ask?** (John 3:4)
7. **Of what must a man be born?** (John 3:5)
8. **What is that which is born of the flesh?** (John 3:6-7)
9. **By what did Jesus illustrate the work of the Spirit?** (John 3:8)
10. **How did He answer the question, “How can these things be?”** (John 3:10)
11. **Why could Nicodemus not understand the things which Jesus told him?** (John 3:11-13)
12. **Of what was the serpent made by Moses a symbol?** (John 3:14; Numbers 21:4-9)

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## XXII. Imprisonment and Death of John

### Bible Reading

Matthew 11:1-19; Matthew 14:1-11; Mark 6:14-29;  
Luke 7:18-35

### Memory Verses

Matthew 28:18-20  
Luke 7:24-28  
Colossians 3:1-3

### Character Quality

**Faithfulness** – firmness in adherence to the truth and duties; trustworthiness

Revelation 2:10 – *“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou **faithful** unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”*

Antonyms – disloyalty; falseness; untrustworthy; inconstancy; instability; undependable

14. **Where did Jesus find him?** (John 5:14)
15. **What did Jesus say to him?** (John 5:14)
16. **What did the Jews seek to do? Why?** (John 5:15-16)
17. **When accused by them, how did Jesus defend Himself?** (John 5:17)
18. **For what other reason did they seek to kill Him?** (John 5:18)
19. **Thought Questions:**
  - a. **What was the Jewish perverted concept of Sabbath observance?**
  - b. **What is “lawful” to be done on the Sabbath day?**
  - c. **Why did God make the Sabbath?**  
(Mark 2:27-28)

### **Activities**

1. Draw an illustration depicting Ephesians 2:19-22.

13. **Why must Jesus die for man?** (John 3:15)
14. **Who gave Jesus to die for the world?** (John 3:16)
15. **For what purpose did God send His Son into the world?** (John 3:16-21)
16. **Study these texts: II Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:22-24; Titus 3:5-6; Matthew 18:3**
17. **Thought Questions:**
  - a. **Why was this interview held at night?**
  - b. **Why was Nicodemus perplexed at first?**
  - c. **What part of Jesus’ talk brought light to Nicodemus’ mind?**
  - d. **Did Nicodemus finally become a follower of Jesus?**
  - e. **What part did he have in Jesus’ burial?** (John 19:38-42)
  - f. **Was he at Jesus’ trial before Caiaphas and Annas?** (*The Desire of Ages* 699:0)

### **Activities**

1. Look up in *Strong’s Concordance* or a Bible dictionary the name Nicodemus. Find the meaning and make a sign with the name and its meaning to put on your bulletin board.
2. Do more study about the wind or the seed.
3. Read the story of Israel and the serpents in Numbers 21:4-9.

# Study Guide

## XVIII. "He Must Increase"

### Bible Reading

John 3:22-36; John 4:1-4

### Memory Verses

Isaiah 57:14-16

John 5:30

Colossians 2:6-10

Hebrews 1:9

John 1:29-30

### Character Quality

**Selflessness** – without concern for one's self; unselfish

Matthew 25:40 – *"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

Antonyms – selfishness

## Bethesda and the Sanhedrin

### Review Questions

1. **Why was Jesus again at Jerusalem?** (John 5:1)
2. **Describe the pool of Bethesda.** (John 5:2)
3. **Who lay in the porches surrounding it?** (John 5:3)
4. **For what were they waiting?** (John 5:4)
5. **To what one did Jesus give special attention?** (John 5:5)
6. **What did He ask the impotent man?** (John 5:6)
7. **Why had the man never been able to get into the pool?** (John 5:7)
8. **What did Jesus bid him do?** (John 5:8)
9. **What did he do immediately?** (John 5:9)
10. **Upon what day was this miracle performed?** (John 5:9)
11. **What did the Jews say to the man?** (John 5:10)
12. **How did he explain why he was carrying his bed?** (John 5:11)
13. **Did he know who had healed him?** (John 5:12-13)

# Study Guide

## XXI. Bethesda and the Sanhedrin

### Bible Reading

John 5

### Memory Verses

Exodus 34:5-8

Romans 7:24, first half of 25

Ephesians 2:19-22

### Character Quality

**Healthfulness** – that state in which the body's parts are sound and well organized, and in which they all perform freely their natural function

III John 2 – *“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in **health**, even as thy soul prospereth.”*

Antonyms – unhealthy; infirm; frail; feeble; weak; sick

# “He Must Increase”

## Review Questions

1. **When Jesus left Jerusalem, to what land did He go? What did He do?** (John 3:22)
2. **How did Jesus set His seal of approval on John's work?** (John 3:22)  
  
**Note:** It is not known exactly how long of a time was covered by Jesus' early ministry in Judea. His disciples administered baptism to the repentant.
3. **Where was John at this time?** (John 3:23-24)  
  
**Note:** It is thought that John's location was near Shechem in Samaria. This would put him near the territory of Herod Antipas, by whom he was imprisoned soon after this.
4. **What question arose between John's disciples and the Jews?** (John 3:25)
5. **What did these Jews say to John about Jesus?** (John 3:26)
6. **What did John answer?** (John 3:27)
7. **Of what could they bear witness?** (John 3:28)
8. **How did he illustrate his relation to Christ?** (John 3:29)
9. **How was his joy fulfilled?** (John 3:29)

10. **Who must increase? Decrease?** (John 3:30)
11. **Who is above all?** (John 3:31)
12. **What is the experience of one who receives the testimony of Jesus?** (John 3:32-33)
13. **How could Jesus speak the words of God?** (John 3:34)
14. **Into whose hands have all things been given?** (John 3:35)
15. **Who has everlasting life?** (John 3:36)
16. **Why did Jesus leave Judea?** (John 3:1-3)
17. **Thought Questions: What effect did this tense situation caused by Christ's growing popularity and John's waning popularity, have upon:**
  - a. John?
  - b. the Jewish rulers?
  - c. Jesus?

**What do you think made it possible for John to find genuine joy in the advance of Christ at the cost of his own popularity?**

**Could you take this same attitude toward another person or organization?**

**What does this thought mean: "John had risen to the height of self-abnegation"?**

**What do you think of Jesus' withdrawing**

12. **At what hour had the fever left the child?** (John 4:52)
13. **What did the father know?** (John 4:53)
14. **What was the result to him and his house?** (John 4:53)
15. **How many miracles had Jesus now performed in Galilee?** (John 4:54)
16. **Thought Questions:**
  - a. **How did the lack of belief on the part of the Jewish leaders affect the attitude of the nobleman regarding Jesus?**
  - b. **What should be our response when our faith is tested?** (Mark 9:23-24)
  - c. **What does Hebrews 11:6 teach us?**

### **Activities**

1. Look in a Bible dictionary to find a picture of a Roman officer. Draw a picture of him and copy John 4:48 below the picture. Learn more about a Roman officer and his duties.
2. What are God's guidelines for praying for the sick? Study this subject.
3. Research the incurable diseases of our day.



# “Except Ye See Signs and Wonders”

## Review Questions

1. **Where has a prophet no honor?** (John 4:44)
2. **Why did the Galileans receive Jesus?** (John 4:45)
3. **To what city in Galilee did He come?** (John 4:46)
4. **What miracle had He performed at this place?** (John 4:46)
5. **Whose son was very sick at Capernaum?** (John 4:46)
6. **What earnest request did the nobleman make?** (John 4:47)
7. **What had the nobleman wanted before he would believe?** (John 4:48)
8. **How did the nobleman repeat his entreaty?** (John 4:49)
9. **What did Jesus then say to him?** (John 4:50)
10. **Did the man believe the word Jesus had spoken?** (John 4:50)
11. **With what message did his servants meet him?** (John 4:51)

**from the territory when He knew of the difficulty between His disciples and those of John?**

**How long does God permit a man to remain at a post of duty?**

**Note:** “God calls a man to do a certain work; and when he has carried it as far as he is qualified to take it, the Lord brings in others, to carry it still farther. But, like John’s disciples, many feel that the success of the work depends on the first laborer. Attention is fixed upon the human instead of the divine, jealousy comes in, and the work of God is marred. The one thus unduly honored is tempted to cherish self-confidence. He does not realize his dependence on God. The people are taught to rely on man for guidance, and thus they fall into error, and are led away from God.” (*The Desire of Ages* 182)

## Activities

1. Draw a picture of John’s disciples and Jesus’ disciples praying together as they should have been doing instead of being jealous of one another. Copy the verse in John 3:30 below the picture.
2. Make yourself a list of ways you can have **selflessness**.

# Study Guide

## XIX. At Jacob's Well

### **Bible Reading**

John 4:1-42

### **Memory Verses**

Haggai 2:7

Matthew 5:14-16

John 4:10, 13-14

Romans 10:6-9

### **Character Quality**

**Giving** – bestowing; conferring; imparting; granting; delivering; yielding

Romans 8:32 – *“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely **give** us all things?”*

Antonyms – selfishness; taking; withholding

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## XX. “Except Ye See Signs and Wonders”

### **Bible Reading**

Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10; John 4:43-54

### **Memory Verses**

Genesis 32:26

Isaiah 65:24

John 4:48-50

Ephesians 3:14-21

### **Character Quality**

**Faith** – that firm belief of God's testimony, and of the truth of the gospel, which influences the will, and leads to an entire reliance on Christ for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 – *“Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

Antonyms – doubt; uncertainty; skepticism; unbelief; disbelief; incredulity; mistrust; suspicion; misgiving; apprehension; presumption

28. **How many months till wheat harvest?** (John 4:35)
29. **What harvest was then ripe?** (John 4:35)
30. **What reward will the reapers of this harvest have?** (John 4:36)
31. **Are the reapers and the sowers always the same?** (John 4:37-38)
32. **On whose testimony did many of the Samaritans believe Jesus?** (John 4:39)
33. **What did they say after they had heard Him themselves?** (John 4:40-42)
34. **How long did He remain with them?** (John 4:40)
35. **Read I Corinthians 3:6-15; Ecclesiastes 11:4, 6; and Psalm 126:5-6.**

### Activities

1. Make a well out of large stones with mortar (outside-life-size) to use as a planter. Put up a sign saying, "Jacob's well." **Or**, make a well out of small stones and clay. You could make a clay pot, too.
2. Choose people in your area with whom to share the gospel.
3. Practice offering people a drink when they come to visit your family.

## At Jacob's Well

### Review Questions

1. **Through what province did Jesus pass on His way to Galilee?** (John 4:4)
2. **To what city in Samaria did Jesus come?** (John 4:5)
3. **Where did Jesus sit to rest at noon?** (John 4:6)
4. **Where had Jesus' disciples gone?** (John 4:8)
5. **Who came to the well to draw water?** (John 4:7)

**Note:** As we study this experience of Jesus and the woman at the well, think of other instances in the Bible which show that God brings blessings to those who **give** of themselves in their daily toil.

When God wants a great servant,  
He calls a busy man....

Moses was busy with his flocks at Horeb.

Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the press.

Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.

Amos was busy following the flock.

Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup.

Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea.

James and John were busy mending their nets.

Matthew was busy collecting customs.

Saul was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.  
William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.

—*Moody Monthly, March 1931*

Can you name at least four instances in which God brought special blessings to those who **gave** of themselves in daily toil?

6. **For what did Jesus ask her?** (John 4:7)
7. **What surprised the women?** (John 4:9)
8. **Why had the Jews no dealings with the Samaritans?** (See II Kings 17:24-34; Ezra 4:1-3, 9-10; and Jeremiah 41:5.)  
  
**Note:** The Jews regarded the Samaritan religion as impure.
9. **If she had known who Jesus was, for what would she have asked?** (John 4:10)
10. **Of what water did she think Jesus was speaking?** (John 4:11-12)
11. **What did Jesus say was the difference between the water in the well and the living water?** (John 4:13-14) **What other things did Jesus say He was besides the “water of life”?** (John 6:35—find others)
12. **For what did she then ask?** (John 4:15)
13. **Whom did Jesus tell her to call?** (John 4:16)
14. **What did she confess?** (John 4:17)

15. **What did Jesus tell her about her life?** (John 4:17-18)
16. **What did she perceive?** (John 4:19) **Why do you think she changed the subject of conversation?**
17. **What question did she ask about the place of worship?** (John 4:20) **Of what mountain did the woman refer?** (Joshua 8:30-35)
18. **How must God be worshiped? Why? Where?** (John 4:21-24)
19. **What did Jesus mean when He said, “*Salvation is of the Jews*”?**
20. **What did she say of the Messiah?** (John 4:25)
21. **Whom did Jesus declare Himself to be?** (John 4:26)
22. **Why did Jesus’ disciples marvel?** (John 4:27)
23. **Where did the woman go?** (John 4:28)
24. **What did she tell her friends?** (John 4:29)
25. **What did the people then do?** (John 4:30)
26. **When the disciples urged Jesus to eat, what did He say?** (John 4:31-32)
27. **What did Jesus say was meat to Him?** (John 4:33-34)