

## Class 4 – NRSV Bible Passages for Term 1 - 2026

### John 2:1–12 — The Miracle at Cana

**2** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4** And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” **5** His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” **6** Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. **9** 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 **10** 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.” **11** 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.

### John 2:13–22 — The Cleansing of the Temple

**13** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. **15** 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. **16** He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” **18** The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” **19** Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” **20** The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” **21** But he was speaking of the temple of his body. **22** 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.

## John 2:23–3:10 — Jesus teaches Nicodemus

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

**3** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus 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.”

**3** Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” **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?” **5** Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6** What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ **8** The wind 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.” **9** Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” **10** Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

## John 4:46–54 — The Official in Cana

**46** Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. **47** When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. **48** Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” **49** The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my little boy dies.” **50** Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. **51** As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. **52** So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, “Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.” **53** The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he himself believed, along with his whole household. **54** Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

## John 4:1–42 — The Samaritan Woman at the well

**4** Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” **2** —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— **3** 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.” **8** (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.) **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 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 worshipers 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, 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 are you speaking with her?” **28** Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, **29** “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” **30** They left the city and were on their way to him.

**31** Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” **32** But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” **33** So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” **34** Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. **35** Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. **36** The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. **37** For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ **38** I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

**39** Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” **40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. **41** And many more believed because of his word. **42** They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

## John 5:1–18 — Jesus Heals the Paralytic at Bethzatha

**5** After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. **3** In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. **5** One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” **7** The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” **8** Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” **9** At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. **10** So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” **11** But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” **12** They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk’?” **13** Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. **14** Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” **15** The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. **16** Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. **17** But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” **18** For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.