

## Parallels Between Gospel of John and Genesis © Ryan Vilbig 2012

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| <u><b>Day 1:</b></u> | God creates light, separated between light and darkness (Gn 1:1) | "In the beginning" (Jn 1:1), "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (Jn 1:9)  |
| <u><b>Day 2:</b></u> | God separates the waters (Gn 1:7)                                | <p>"The next day" (Jn 1:29 )</p> <p><b>Water of John is separated from water of Christ:</b> "John answered them, "I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'" ( Jhn 1:33)</p> <p><b>Aquinas:</b> Sins were not forgiven in John's Baptism, which, however, was the Baptism of Penance. Consequently it was fitting that those who went to receive that Baptism, should confess their sins, so that they should receive a penance in proportion to their sins. But Christ's Baptism is without outward penance, as Ambrose says (on Romans 11:29); and therefore there is no comparison. (Summa III q.68 a.6)</p> |
| <u><b>Day 3:</b></u> | God brings forth earth and plants from water (Gn 1:10-11)        | <p>"On the <i>third day</i>, there was a wedding" (Jn 2:1). Jesus brought forth a product of earth and plants, i.e. wine, from the water.</p> <p><b>Liturgy of the Eucharist:</b> "Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, <i>fruit of the vine</i> and work of human hands."</p>   |
| <u><b>Day 4:</b></u> | God gives Sun and moon as "signs" σημεῖα to rule (Gn 1:14-15)    | <p>Next episode, Jews ask "what sign (σημεῖον) can you show us." I will <b>raise up the temple of my body</b>; the rising sun is a sign of the rising of Christ (Jn 2:18-19). "But for you who fear my name, there will arise the <i>sun of justice</i> with its healing rays." Malachi 4:2</p> <p>"[T]he <b>primary manifestor who arose from the dead in three days was the moon-god</b>, the lord of light in the lunar orb. The moon is visible during twenty</p>   |

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|                      |   | <p>during twenty-seven days, and the three days were allowed for its resurrection. The Mangaian Tangoroa-of-the-tattooed-face arose from the dead at the end of three days, "scarred and enfeebled as you see" him in the shape and complexion of the new moon." (Robert Shaw, <i>Sketch of Religions of the World</i> (St. Louis, MO: Beckett &amp; Co., 1904), 286.)</p> <p>In 725, Bede wrote, "The Sunday <b>following the full Moon</b> which falls on or after the equinox will give the lawful <b>Easter</b>." [72] (Bede, <i>The reckoning of time</i>, trans. Faith Wallis (Liverpool, UK: Liverpool University Press, 1999) 148.</p>  |
| <u><b>Day 5:</b></u> | God brings water creatures from water (Gn 1:21)     | <p><b>Discourse to Nicodemus:</b> "no one can enter the kingdom of God without being <b>born of water</b> and Spirit." (Jn 3:5) Jesus is bringing forth new creatures from water.</p> <p><b>John Chrysostom:</b> "At first it was said, 'Let the water bring forth the creeping things that have life.' But from the time that the Lord entered <b>the streams of the Jordan, the water no longer gives forth life but souls that are rational and endued with the Spirit</b> ... But that which is fashioned in the womb needs time, whereas that fashioned in the water is all done in an instant ... For the nature of the body is such as to require time for its completion, but spiritual creations are perfect from the beginning." (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, John, p. 114, from Chrysostom Homilies on the Gospel of John 26.1)</p> |
| <u><b>Day 6:</b></u> | God creates man in his image and likeness (Gn 1:26) | <p>"It was about the <b>sixth</b> hour." (Jn 4:6)</p> <p><b>Origen:</b> "We learn that he is meek and lowly in heart and does not disdain to speak of such great matters with a woman carrying water who goes out of the city because of her great poverty and labors to draw water for herself.</p>  |

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|   |   | <p>When the disciples arrive they are amazed, for they previously beheld the greatness of the divinity in him, and they marvel that so great a man was <b>speaking with a woman. We, however, carried away with pride and arrogance, despise those below us and forget that the words “Let us make man according to our image and according to our likeness”</b> (Gen 1:26) apply to each person. (Origen, Commentary on the Gospel of John 13.166-67.) --- i.e. Jesus re-created Samaritan in image and likeness of God</p> <p>Also, Jesus gives life to boy who was sick. (Jn 4:52)</p> |
| <b>Day 7 :</b>  | God rests on Sabbath.                         | <p>Jesus cures on the Sabbath. "<b>Now that day was the Sabbath</b>" (Jn 5:9). But Jesus reveals that days of creation do not end work of God. "<b>My Father is at work until now, so I am at work.</b>" (Jn 5:17)</p>  |
| <b>Adama -earth</b>                                   | Gen 2:7 Lord formed man from dust in ground   | John 5:25 Dead will hear voice of God and live  |
| <b>Disobedience to God</b>                            | Gen 3:22 Man disregards voice of God          | John 5:38 Jews do not have word of God abiding in them  |
| <b>Multiplication of old Adam/new Adam</b>            | Gen 5-6 Multiplication of generations of Adam | John 6:1-15 Multiplication of loaves  |
| <b>Walks on water</b>                                 | Gen 6-7 Noah floats on waters                 | John 6:16-24 Jesus walks on waters  |
| <b>Multiplication of old Noah/new Noah</b>            | Gen 10 Sons of Noah multiplied                | John 6:25-34 Multiplication of bread  |
| <b>Bread of Melchizadek/Christ</b>                    | Gen 14 Melchizadek offers bread and wine      | John 6: Christ offers bread of life   |
| <b>Blessing of Father</b>                             | Gen 27 Jacob obtains blessing from Father     | John 6:65 No one can come to me unless granted by Father  |
| <b>Evolution of Flock/Laying of Hands on Apostles</b> | Gen 30 Jacob transforms Laban's flock         | John 6:70 Jesus chooses twelve but one is a devil   |

Perhaps Joseph in well is connected to Crucifixion of Christ, and resurrection his leaving Egypt