

## Early Judean Ministry

**Lesson aim:** To show how that Jesus substantiated the testimony that had been given about him by acts of divine power and holiness.

### **First cleansing of the temple at the Passover--Jn. 2:13-22**

- 1. Why did Jesus object to the presence of moneychangers and merchants in the temple? What does it teach us about Him?*
- 2. What prophecy did this episode in part fulfill?*
- 3. What sign did Jesus give to substantiate His right to cleanse the temple?*

### **An early response to Jesus' miracles--Jn. 2:23-25**

- 1. What does this section tell us about Christ?*

### **Nicodemus' interview with Jesus--Jn. 3:1-21**

- 1. What testimony did Nicodemus, who was not yet a follower of Jesus, give about Him?*
- 2. Outline the points Jesus made to Nicodemus about the essentials of entering the kingdom.*

3. *What does it mean to be born of water and the Spirit?*

4. *Contrast the characteristics of the believing with those of the unbelieving.*

### **John superseded by Jesus--Jn. 3:22-36**

1. *What further testimony does John give about Jesus?*

**Jesus' departure from Judea--Mt. 4:12; Mk. 1:14; Lk. 3:19-20, 4:14;  
Jn. 4:1-4**

*Research challenge:*



*Trace geographically the early movements of Jesus from his baptism to his return to Galilee mentioned in this section.*