

A.	<u>Area of Study: Jn 7-8</u>	B4/1-35
B.	<u>Jn 7-9: The Theme of Baptism is brought out by:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jn 7 – The Feast of Tabernacles <input type="checkbox"/> Jn 8 – The Descendants of Abraham <input type="checkbox"/> Jn 9 (BSP 5) – The Healing of the Man Born Blind 	B4/14
C.	<u>“For not even his brothers believe in Him”</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus’ brothers, as many others who claimed to believe in Jesus, believe with mere human faith that seeks miracles and earthly glory, thus, forcing Jesus to become an earthly king. <input type="checkbox"/> John’s portrayal of these believers’ temptation of Jesus is similar to that of Satan in the desert. This shows that these believers are no different than Satan. 	Jn 7:3-5 B4/1,32 NJBC61:105 B4/1, NJBC61:105
D.	<u>The Historical Background of the Feast of Tabernacle and Significance in the OT</u>	Paul
E.	<u>Why would Jesus choose the Feast of Tabernacles to reveal himself as the Spring of Living Water?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Feast of Tabernacles commemorates the erection of the Temple. Temple = The Mystical Body of Jesus => Incarnation of Jesus, the Word made flesh who “tabernacled” among us in the “tent” of his body (Temple, Church, Mystical Body). <input type="checkbox"/> The Feast of Tabernacles commemorates the event in Exodus, Moses strikes the rock and water flows from it to quench Israel’s thirst. This rock is Jesus, from whom flows the living water that gives life. <input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel’s vision of the restored Temple (water gushing out from it into all directions) prefigures the above teaching. When Jesus said, “as the scripture has said, ‘ Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water’”, He identifies himself as the True Temple <input type="checkbox"/> This is also fulfilled on the Cross (out of Jesus’ side flowed blood and water) <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus is the True Temple, Jesus’ heart = Holy of Holies <input type="checkbox"/> “Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water” 	Jn 7:37-39 B4/16-19 Jn 1:21 BSP #1 1Cor 10:4 Ezek 47 Jn 19:34-35 B4/18-19
F.	<u>Jesus’ Mercy on the Woman Caught in Adultery as a Revelation of His Wisdom</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Under the Roman Occupation, Jews do not have the authority to inflict death penalty. If Jesus agrees with the Elders that the adulterous woman should be stoned, then Jesus would be guilty of insurrection. <input type="checkbox"/> She should be stoned according to the law of Moses. If Jesus said that she is sinless, Jesus would have violated Moses’ law. <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus’ reply puts the Pharisees right back into their own trap. If they believe that they are truly without sin, they could have stoned the woman; however, they depart quietly in fear of being charged with insurrection. Thus, they admit to their own sinfulness. <input type="checkbox"/> The Elders start to leave first because they understand the implications of Jesus’ reply first. <input type="checkbox"/> “Go and do no sin again” – Jesus’ grace is free, but not cheap. 	Jn 8:1-11 B4/24-25 Jn 18:31 Deu 22:22 B4/25
G.	<u>Jesus is the Light of the World</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Light is another theme of the Feast of Tabernacles => the Pillar of Fire and Cloud that accompanied Israel in the wilderness. Christ is the Light. 	Jn 8:12-20 Ex 13:21 Eph 1:18 Heb 6:4

H.	<p><u>“I AM” – EGO EIMI (GK) = God’s Holy Name</u> => God gives witness to Jesus</p>	<p>Jn8:24, 28,58 NAB NJBC 61:117</p>
I.	<p><u>The True Descendants of Abraham</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ It is based on the dignity of baptism, not blood relations. The father of the Jews, as well as all of us, is the devil, the Father of Lies. ❑ “The truth will make you free” ❑ True freedom results from knowing the Truth and living in the Truth. God (Truth) = Freedom ❑ Only God can distinguish right from wrong, the existence of an objective truth rejects subjective standard of judgment. ❑ Freedom does not neglect others’ welfare. We are “our brother’s keeper”. One’s fulfillment is rooted in mutual fulfillment of all. ❑ We must use our freedom to fulfill our kingly duty as God allows humanity to manage His creation and personal properties. 	<p>Jn 8:31-59 B4/31-33</p> <p>Jn 8:32 JP II The Splendor of Truth #34-35 Gen 2:17 Gen 5:9 JP II Gospel of Life #19 JP II The Splendor of Truth #38</p>