A person wearing a hat and a jacket stands on a beach, their figure reflected in the calm water. The scene is dimly lit, creating a somber and contemplative mood.

NICODEMUS

A MAN REBORN?

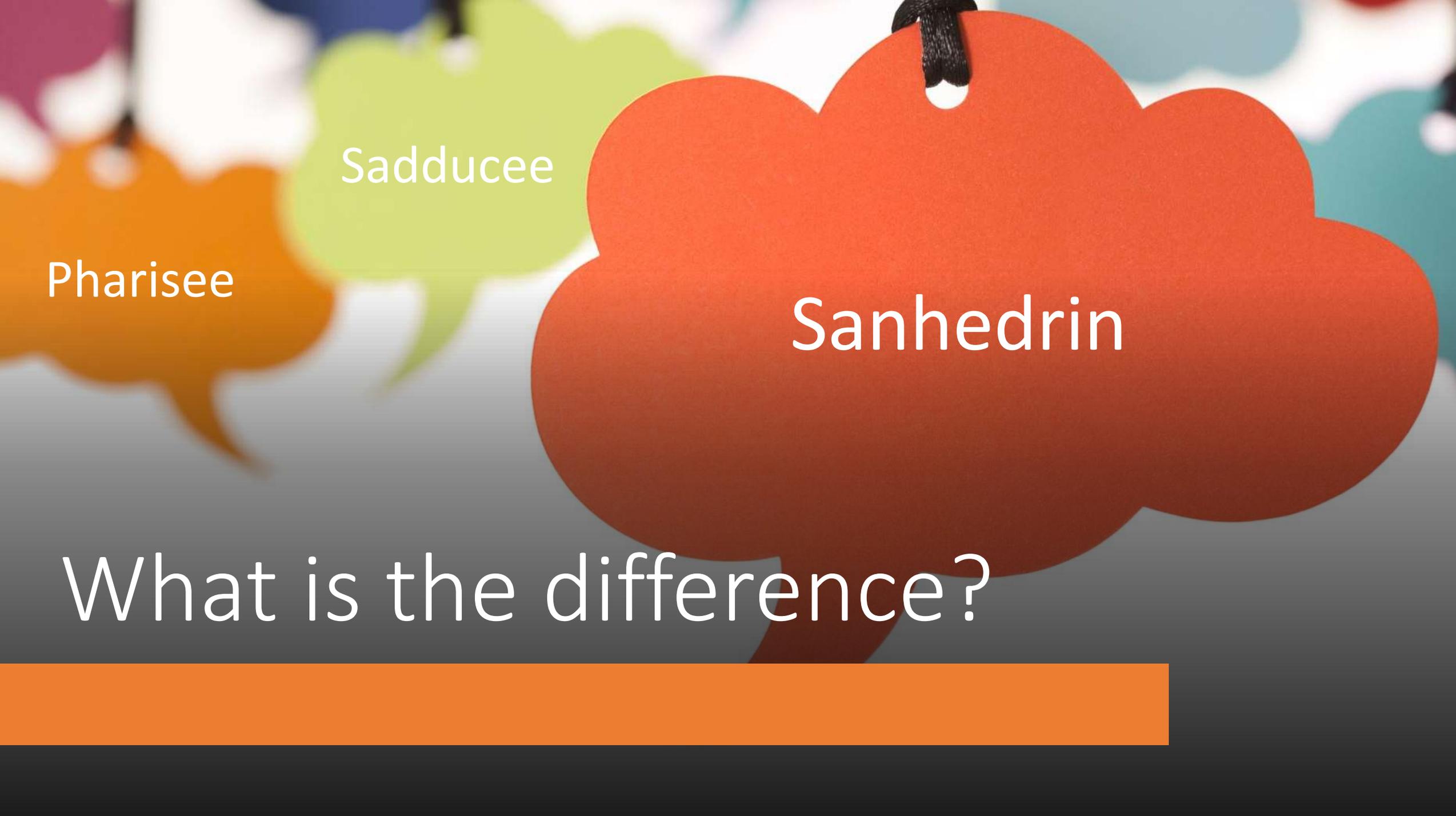
Health warning!

- Some of the questions tonight, I don't know the answer to.
- If it isn't in the Bible specifically – is it important?
- But – worthwhile to put ourselves into Nicodemus' sandals to try to empathise / understand the relationship he had with Jesus to see what we can potentially learn/work out.
- Also can give a different 'spin' on the encounter.



What do we
know about
Nicodemus?





Sadducee

Pharisee

Sanhedrin

What is the difference?

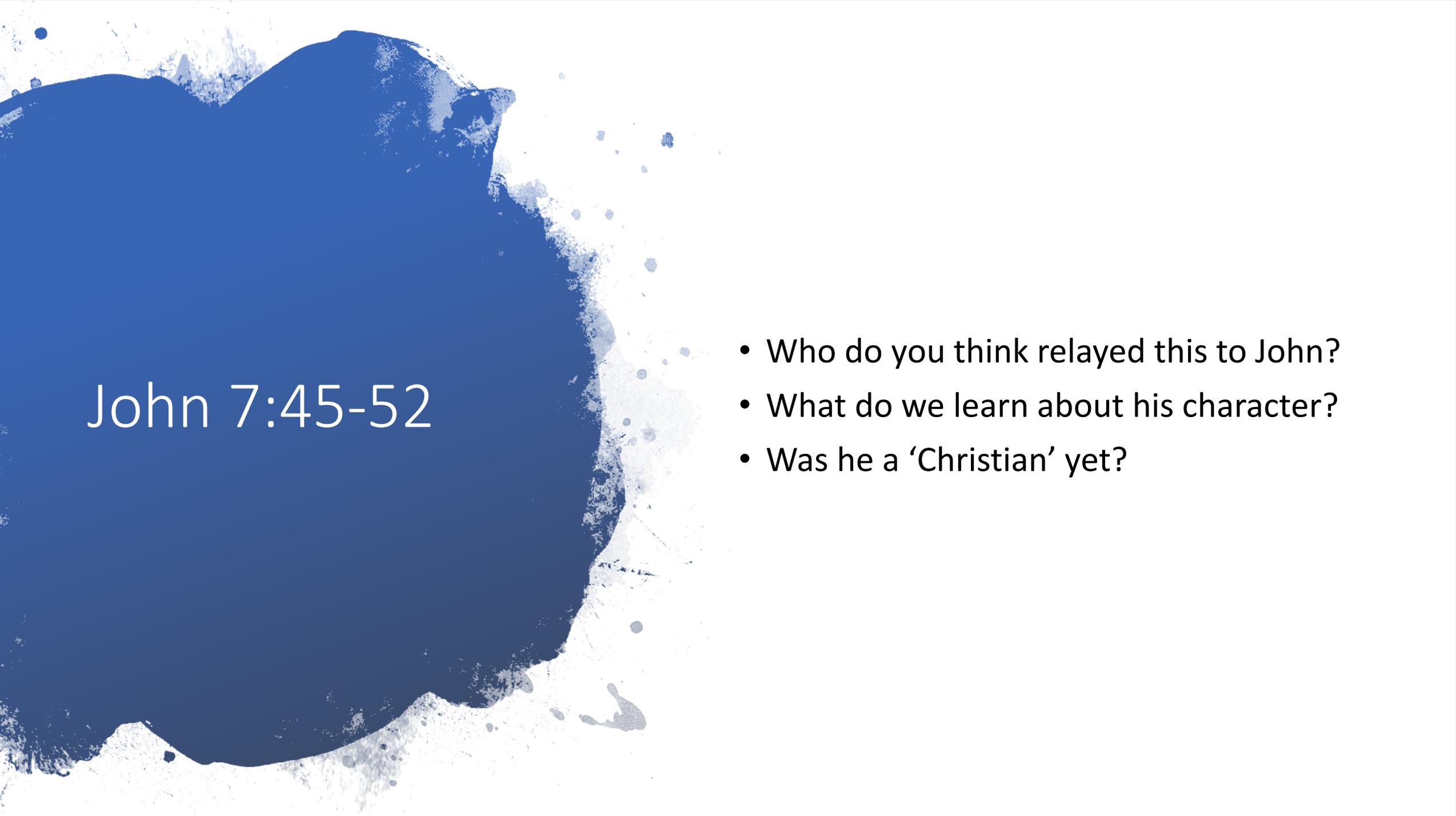


John's Gospel

- Possible composite of sources that were fed to John
- Written in greek about 100AD.
- Focus on who Jesus was (rather than what He did – uses miracles/sayings/incidents to show who He was)
- Longer discourses on theology rather than shorter key sayings (although 7x 'I am's.)
- Focus on individual relationships – woman in adultery, Nicodemus, Martha, Mary, Peter, etc.
- Covers 3(?) years not 1 year of Jesus' ministry.

Nicodemus

- Only appears in 3 places – all in John's gospel.
- John 3: 1-21
- John 7: 45-52
- John 19: 38-42



John 7:45-52

- Who do you think relayed this to John?
- What do we learn about his character?
- Was he a 'Christian' yet?



John 19:38-42

- What do we learn about Nicodemus?
- What risk did he take by going with Joseph?
- Was he still in the Sanhedrin?

Mark's gospel says that all the Sanhedrin condemned Jesus. Luke's gospel says that Joseph hadn't consented.



John 3:1-21

- Why do you think Nicodemus came at night?
- What does Nicodemus opening statement say about what he thought of Jesus?
- What do you think of Nicodemus' question in v4?
- What does it mean to be born again?
- What does v8 tell us about living in the Spirit?
- V14 refers back to the OT – what was the story? What is the comparison to Jesus?
- V16-18 – What do you take as a key point from this chunk?
- V21 – Thinking about what Jesus pulls the Pharisees up for elsewhere – why might Jesus have said this?



Do you believe in Jesus? That
what he offers is true?

What question do you need to
ask Jesus 1-2-1?

Is your faith a secret?

Do we do things well for show
or for God?

Are there situations where you
need to take a stand for what is
right?

