

NTE243 Gospel of John

HW: Transubstantiation in John 6

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- (1) Read the online piece by Rich Deem to familiarize yourself with some of the issues:
5 pts.

www.godandscience.org/doctrine/eucharist.html

- (2) Listen to the debate between Evangelical/Protestant Rob Zins and Roman Catholic Patrick McCafferty with a view to answering the specific questions below. Begin listening to the Zins debate at **19:30** minutes.
5 pts.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcdF0SV7plc [Note the zero after the F and the letter “e” after the p! All links on this page can also be found on my web page.]

- (3) Answer the following questions. Most of the questions are not directly answered in the order of the presentation but are synthetic questions requiring you to analyze and summarize statements made along the way by both debaters. Preview all questions before and/or during the debate in order to be alert to the answers as they come up and as they receive elaboration at various points.
10 pts. **Type all work on separate sheets of paper. Include name & box # on all work.**

1. What is **transubstantiation**? (What is the Roman Catholic view of the **elements** of the Lord’s Table?)
2. Where/when do Roman Catholics believe that the very first instance of transubstantiation took place **and** why do they believe this?
3. Where/when do Roman Catholics believe that Jesus established a special New Covenant “**priesthood**” that would offer—day in and day out—the unbloody “sacrifice” of the Mass?
4. Find and read that passage in all three Synoptic Gospels and **list** the specific chapters and verses.
5. Is there any clear evidence in these passages for the establishment of a special New Covenant priesthood at the Last Supper that would perform a special unbloody sacrifice (a special priesthood that would **not** include all Christians as the priesthood of believers)? If so, what is that evidence?
6. Roman Catholics charge Protestants with not taking the New Testament (e.g., John 6) seriously because they don’t take it **literally** enough. How specifically does Zins use John 6:53-56 to charge the Roman Catholics with inconsistency on this point (of taking the Scripture literally)?
7. Why do Roman Catholics believe that it is **not** necessary to receive both elements (bread and wine) at communion such that they even outlawed the laity taking the wine and counted them accursed (=damned by God) if they did?
8. At what famous Roman Catholic church **council** in the 1500's did they outlaw the laity taking wine at communion?
9. How/where/when do Roman Catholics believe that **mortal** (**serious**) sins are forgiven?
10. How/where/when do they believe that **venial** (**minor**) sins are forgiven?