

the Gospel of John

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INTRODUCTION



What does it mean to be a Christian in our culture today? For some people, it is a characteristic that defines the very core of who they are. Sadly for others, it is merely one of many adjectives used to describe them, and can easily be dropped depending upon the political climate or social circles they are in at the time. The first time the name “Christian” was used was in Acts 11:26. The Greeks in Antioch did not know what to call the Apostles and their followers, so they gave them the name “Christian” which meant “of the party of Christ.” Jesus, however, never referred to His followers by that name. Instead, Jesus called His Apostles and His followers by the title “disciple.” A disciple is simply one who is a student of a specific teacher and follows their teachings and doctrines. To be a true follower of Jesus, you must follow the teachings of Jesus, but you can’t follow them until you understand who Jesus is and what He stood for.

Together we are setting out on a twenty-one week journey in the Gospel of John with our focus being to follow in the very footsteps of Jesus while He was on earth. We are specifically studying the Gospel of John because it is significantly different than the other synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke - which trace the chronological actions of Jesus. The Apostle John however, placed more of a focus on what Jesus’ recorded actions revealed about who He was and His character. As we travel alongside Jesus each week, we will learn amazing theological truths that stand as the foundation for our faith and belief that Jesus is the Son of God. We will learn the significance of His teachings and doctrines so that by the end of our study, we can be authentic disciples of our teacher, Jesus.

John 20:31 will be our anchor verse for this Bible study: *“but these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.”* The Bible was written to point to salvation through Jesus! By opening the Word of God and studying the truths in Scripture, it is my prayer that our lives will be transformed into authentic and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Strap on your sandals as our journey begins!

Blessings,
Erin Countryman

Character Trait Journal



Map of Israel in the New Testament

"I Am" Statements of Jesus

- 1) I Am _____ (6:35)
- 2) I Am _____ (8:12)
- 3) I Am _____ (10:7,9)
- 4) I Am _____ (10:11,14)
- 5) I Am _____ (11:25)
- 6) I Am _____ (14:6)
- 7) I Am _____ (15:1,5)

Miracles of Jesus

- _____ (2:1-11)
- _____ (4:46-54)
- _____ (5:1-9)
- _____ (6:1-15)
- _____ (6:16-21)
- _____ (9:1-6)
- _____ (11:1-44)
- _____ (21:6-11)

JOHN 1: JESUS, THE WORD



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14 (NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

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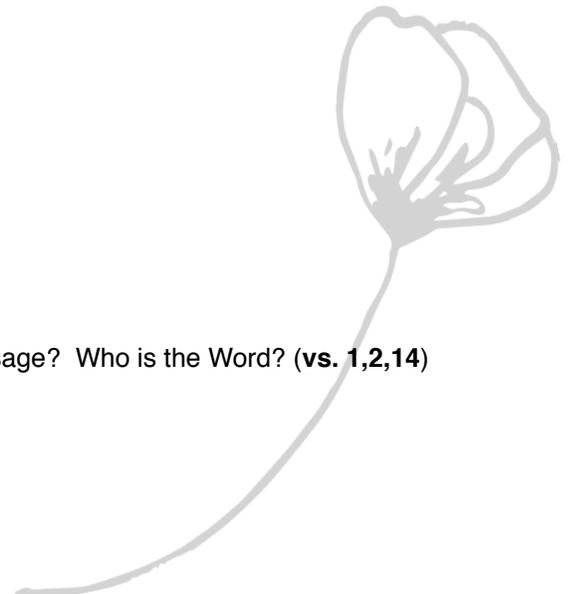
DAY TWO: JESUS' CHARACTER REVEALED

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

1. If someone asked you to tell them who Jesus is, how would you describe Jesus to them? When did you first meet Jesus? How has your knowledge of Him deepened the longer you have known Him?

Read John 1:1-18 today.

2. What is the relationship between the Word and God in the passage? Who is the Word? (**vs. 1,2,14**)



3. What are some other titles and terms that John uses in the passage to describe Jesus Christ?

4. **Verse 17** says that Moses brought the law, but Jesus brought us grace and truth. Explain what this means to you and how it affects your life.

5. What are the benefits to believing God (**vs.12-13**)? What reasons or excuses do you think people have for not believing?

DAY THREE: DIGGING DEEPER

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

6. What is the significance of the first words in **John 1:1**, “In the beginning...”? What does this passage reveal about Jesus’ mission?

7. **Verse 10** says, “He came into the very world he created, but the world did not recognize him.” In our memory verse we learn that the Word became human and made His home among us. Write down the Old Testament prophecies and then record the New Testament fulfillment.

Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:1-6

Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:26-38

Read Colossians 1:13-20 today.

8. What role did Jesus play in creation?

9. What authority was given to Jesus and by whom?

10. How are those who believe in Jesus reconciled to God? (**vs. 19-20**)

11. Are you “kingdom” minded (**vs. 13**)? How are you responding to being brought out of the “kingdom of darkness” and into the “Kingdom of the Son”?

12. Read **Colossians 1:21-23**. What are the benefits we receive by being in the Kingdom of the Son?

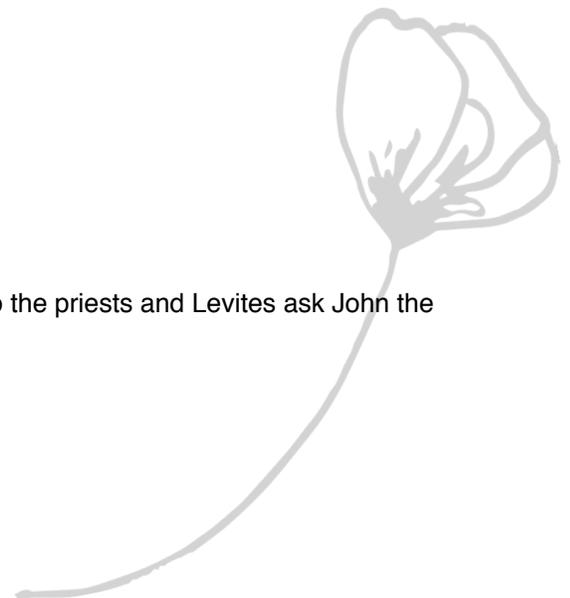
Thank you Lord! Now, **STAND FIRM** in it.

DAY FOUR: A TESTIMONY

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 1:19-34 today.

13. We read more about John the Baptist in this passage. What do the priests and Levites ask John the Baptist (**vs. 19-28**)? How did John respond?



14. Read **Mark 1:1-8** to learn some more about John the Baptist. What was he preaching? What was his specific message?

15. What does John the Baptist call Jesus in **John 1:29**? Read **1 Peter 1:18-20** and record the name Jesus is given.

16. What did John testify to in **verses 32-34**?

DAY FIVE: RESPONDING TO TRUTH

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 1:35-51 today.

17. Read **verse 36** again. Who first told you about Jesus and explained that He was the Messiah? How did you respond?

18. Andrew, who was Peter's brother, was one of John the Baptist's disciples who left to follow Jesus. What did Andrew do, according to **verse 42**?

19. Who have you brought to meet Jesus lately and how did you do it? Who is someone you could share Jesus with that God has placed on your heart?

20. What did you learn from the exchange between Jesus and Nathaniel in **verses 47-49**?

21. What do the following verses tell us about God?

Psalm 44:21

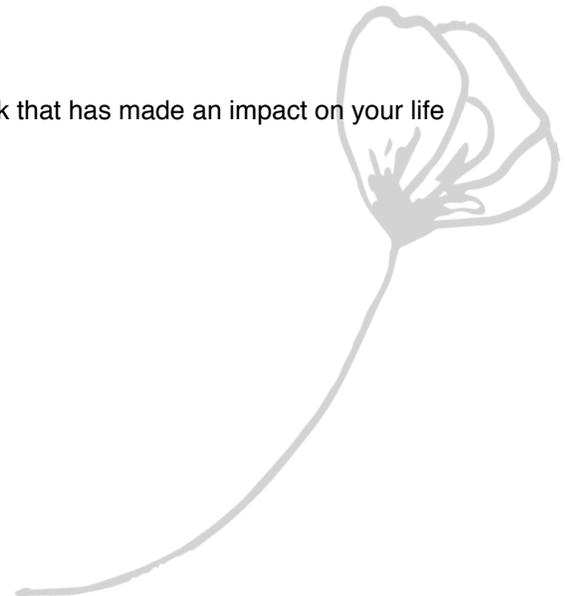
Psalm 119:168

Psalm 139:2

Psalm 139:23

22. What is your response after reading the Psalms passages knowing that Jesus knows your thoughts, emotions, and actions?

23. As you review John Chapter 1, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



TEACHING NOTES

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JOHN 2: JESUS, THE AUTHORITY



*The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"
Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."
-John 2:18-19 (NIV)*

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

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DAY TWO: THE SITUATION

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 2:1-12 today.

"Weddings in Jesus' day were extended community events. They often lasted a week or more. Hospitality ruled the day, and families were under significant social pressure to provide lavishly for their guests. The problem that arose because the wine ran out created a major crisis.- Max Lucado in his book "The Gospel of John" (pg. 12).

1. We see that Jesus was a guest in **verses 1-2**. Where did the events take place? Who was present at the wedding?

2. What was Jesus' mother's statement in **verse 3**? What did her statement reveal about the situation in light of the passage from Max Lucado?

3. What was the miracle that occurred in **verses 5-10**? Record all the details about it from the passage.

4. Wine was a symbol of joy at a celebration and the "world's joy" had run out. There was more to this miracle than meeting a human need and saving a family some embarrassment. What was the spiritual significance of Jesus using the external washing pots of the Jewish purification ritual to meet an internal need?

What does **John 16:24** say about the joy of the Lord?

5. What was the twofold result of the miracle according to **verse 11**?



Day Three: Jesus' Character Revealed

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 2:1-12 again today.

6. Mary came to her son with a dilemma. She was probably a widow at this time and would have depended on her first born son. Mary knew her son better than anyone. Read the following passages and record what she knew about her son.

Luke 1:31-33,35

Luke 2:17-19

Luke 2:52

John 1:29-34

7. Jesus' response to Mary in vs. 4 was, "My hour has not yet come." Given all that Mary knew about Jesus, do you think she was surprised at His answer? What do you suppose Jesus meant?

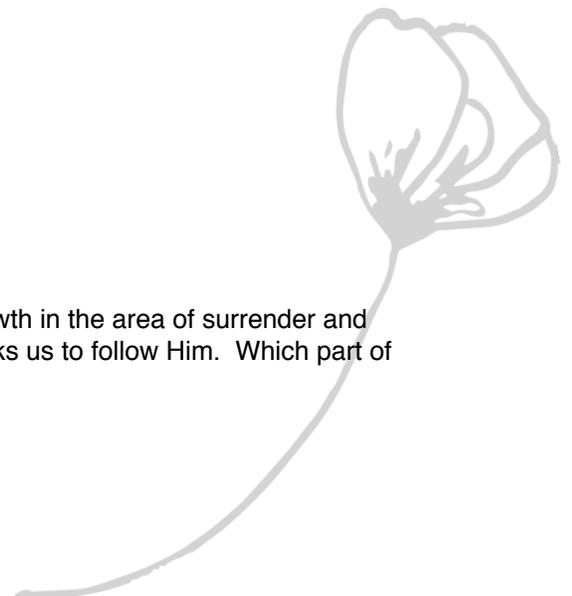
8. Jesus was obedient to a "heavenly timetable" that was carved out by the Father. Review the following references where Jesus refers to "the hour" - **John 7:30, 8:20, 12:23, 13:1, and 17:1**.

What do the verses in **John 5:19-30** record about Jesus' relationship with the Father?

What does Jesus do according to **John 5:30**?

9. Read **Matthew 28:18**. What has Jesus been given?

10. Review Day Three, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal needed growth in the area of surrender and submission. Just as Jesus followed His Father's will, Jesus asks us to follow Him. Which part of following Jesus is most difficult for you and why?



Day Four: Jesus' Passion for Worship

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 2:13-17 today.

11. Where was Jesus headed after He left Cana? What important holiday was near?

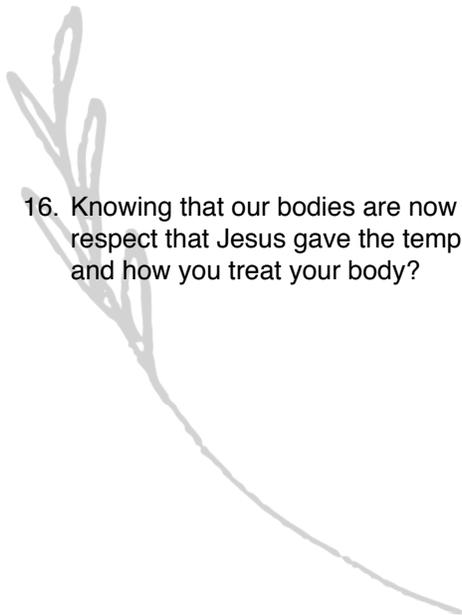
12. When Jesus cleared the temple (**vs. 13-16**), why did He react the way He did? What was He communicating by His actions?

13. Since many Jews had to travel great distances to the temple to offer sacrifices according to God's laws, animals were sold near the temple for their use. How might this convenience turn into criminal activity?

14. How did King Solomon describe the temple he built in **1 Kings 8:13**? How did Jesus refer to the temple in **John 2:16**?

15. Jesus became angry with those who were irreverent in God's house and affected the worship of the people. As you think about yourself and your family, what are some ways that you can personally treat God's house with more reverence?

16. Knowing that our bodies are now the temple of the Holy Spirit (**1 Cor. 6:19-20**) and realizing the respect that Jesus gave the temple of God, how does this fact change how you feel about yourself and how you treat your body?



Day Five: A Response

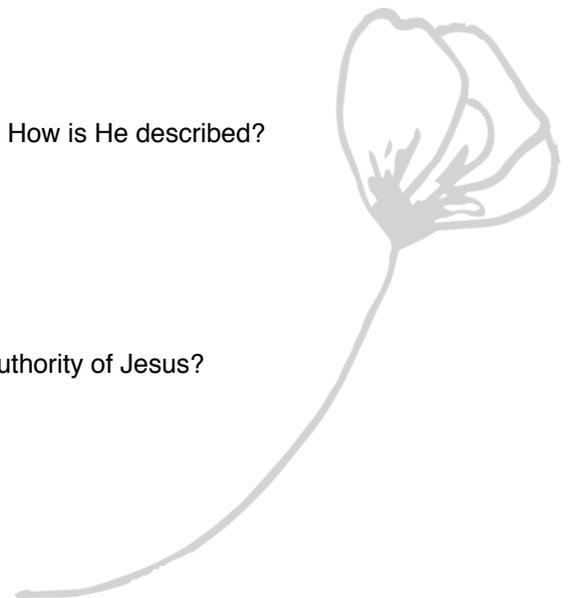
Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 2:17-25 today.

17. What did the disciples remember that was written in **Psalms 69:9**? What did the disciples connect?
18. What did the Jewish leaders demand from Jesus in **verse 18** and why? Was this a reasonable request?

Record what **Matthew 28:18** say about Jesus' authority.

19. How did Jesus respond to their demand (**vs. 19**)? How was this to be accomplished and how does this show that Jesus was aware of what He had come to do?
20. **John 2:12-25** depicts individuals ranging from true believers to unbelievers. Read the passage and identify the different spiritual temperatures you notice. Which ones do you find in yourself? What are some life changes that can to be made?
21. **Isaiah 11:1-5** describes the coming Messiah and His authority. How is He described?
22. What areas in your life need to be given over to the glory and authority of Jesus?



23. As you review John Chapter 2, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

TEACHING NOTES

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JOHN 3: JESUS, THE MESSIAH



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.- John 3:16 (NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

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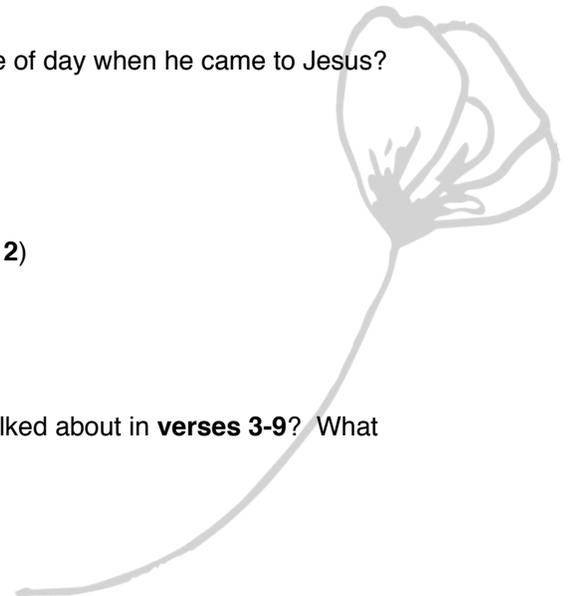
Read John 3:1-36 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
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DAY TWO: THE CONVERSATION

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 3:1-15 today.

1. Who was Nicodemus, and what was the significance of the time of day when he came to Jesus?
(**vs. 1-2**)
2. What did Nicodemus already know about who Jesus was? (**vs. 2**)
3. What were the two kinds of births that Jesus and Nicodemus talked about in **verses 3-9**? What confused Nicodemus?



4. To be “born again” means that we are literally “born from above” and indicates a new birth and spiritual transformation by the Holy Spirit. What do the following verses say about this new life?

2 Corinthians 5:17

Titus 3:5

1 Peter 1:3

John 1:12

5. What makes the symbol of the “wind” (**vs. 8**) a great analogy to describe the Holy Spirit? Read **Ezekiel 37:1-14** and record how the symbol of “wind” compares to **John 3:8**?
6. Why did Nicodemus not understand Jesus’ words, according to **verses 10-12**?

Day Three: Digging Deeper

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 3:12-16 today.

7. Nicodemus, who was a religious man, struggled to accept the truth of Jesus according to John 3:4,9, and 12. What does Paul say about being able to understand spiritual truths?

1 Corinthians 2:14

2 Corinthians 4:4

8. Jesus reveals to Nicodemus in **verses 12-16** that He is the long awaited Messiah. Review John 1 Homework, Question 7. Why should Nicodemus have recognized Him?
9. How did Paul testify to these truths about Jesus in **1 Corinthians 15:47**?
10. **John 1:14** references Moses and the bronze snake from **Numbers 21:4-9**. Read the passage in Numbers and record how it's elements foreshadowed the Messiah.

*the people's location to the "promised land" (vs. 4):

*the people's attitudes (vs. 4-5):

*the problem (vs. 6-7):

*the intercessor (vs.7) :

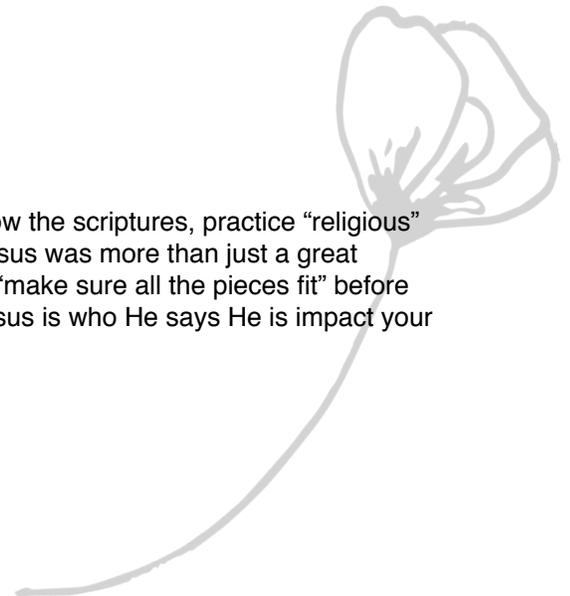
*the solution (vs. 8):

*the requirement (vs.9):

*the promise (vs.9):

11. In **John 3:14**, Jesus said, "so must the Son of Man be lifted up." How was Jesus' "lifting up" part of God's plan of salvation in light of the Numbers passage?

12. It can be easy for us to get stuck like Nicodemus. You may know the scriptures, practice "religious" activities like attending church, and still not truly believe that Jesus was more than just a great teacher. How do you struggle with trying to "figure it all out" or "make sure all the pieces fit" before you put your trust in Jesus? How can believing by faith that Jesus is who He says He is impact your life?



Day Four: Character Revealed

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 3:16-21 today.

13. Almost everyone has memorized John 3:16 at some point in their life. As you read this passage today, what are the powerful statements made in it?

Who does God love?

What did God give up?

Who receives eternal life?

How is this good news?

14. Why did God send his Son into the world according to **verse 17**?

15. God sent Jesus into the world to save us because of his great love! What do the following verses say about God's love?

Psalms 89:2

Jeremiah 31:3

1 John 4:8

1 John 4:9-10

Romans 5:8

Romans 8:39

16. What is the only requirement in order to escape judgement (**vs. 18**)?

17. Read **Romans 8:1-4** and record your response. What is personally most meaningful to you?

18. As followers of God's truth, how are we to live in response to the light? (**John 3:19-21**)

Day Five: A Response

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 3:22-36 today.

19. What were John the Baptist and Jesus both doing? Why were John's disciples concerned? (**vs. 22-26**)

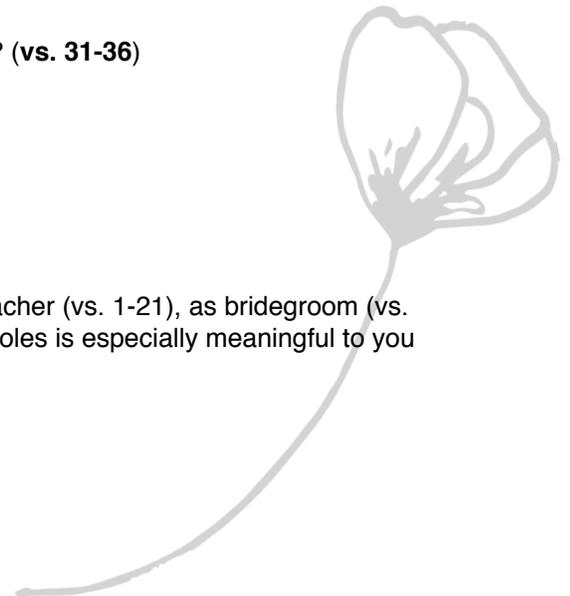
20. What was John the Baptist's response in **verses 27-30** and what did he mean by it?

21. What does John the Baptist's response to his followers tell you about him?

22. John the Baptist was given a unique role in God's plan of salvation. How does that role compare with the role Christians have today to share the news about Jesus?

23. What are the facts that John the Baptist reveals about the Son? (**vs. 31-36**)

24. In John Chapter 3, we see Jesus in three different roles: as teacher (vs. 1-21), as bridegroom (vs. 22-30) and as the witness (vs. 31-36). Explain which of these roles is especially meaningful to you today?



25. As you review John Chapter 3, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

TEACHING NOTES



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JOHN 4: JESUS, THE LIVING WATER

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."- John 4:13-14 (NIV)

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Read John 4:1-54 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
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DAY TWO: THE BACKGROUND

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 4:1-9 today.

1. There was "talk" going around and the Pharisees had heard it. Read the passage from last week in **John 3:25-30**. Why do you think this caused Jesus to leave Judea?
2. To get to the Galilee region from Judea, there were three routes that could be taken: a trade route along the coastline of the sea, a trade route through the desert region, or the shortest and most direct route through Samaria, which was a despised and avoided region by the Jews. What does it say about Jesus' mission that He would go through the "wrong side of the tracks"?

3. Read **Genesis 33:18-20** (Shechem is in Samaria) and **2 Kings 17** (specifically vs. 5-6 and vs. 24-40) to discover what the tension was that arose between the Jews and those who lived in Samaria. Why did the Jews look down on Samaritans?

4. When Jesus arrived at Jacob's well, what is recorded about His humanity in **verse 6**? How is this an encouragement to you?

5. A divine appointment happened around noontime between Jesus (a Jew) and a woman (a Samaritan). Knowing the story from day one's reading, what can you conclude about the woman's character because she was drawing water alone and at a time later in the day than the other women?

6. Can you recall a time in which the Lord met you in your own circumstances and had a "divine appointment" with you?

Day Three: Living Water

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 4:9-26 today.

7. The conversation begins with the woman thinking she will meet a physical need of Jesus. How does Jesus re-direct the conversation from a physical need to a spiritual need? (**vs. 10**)

8. What do the following verses say about the "living water" Jesus references?

Jeremiah 2:13

Jeremiah 17:13

Revelation 7:17

9. Put into your own words what Jesus meant when He said, “never be thirsty again.”

10. Once Jesus reveals His knowledge of the woman’s sin, she tries to re-direct the conversation to talk about where the proper place to worship should be. The woman saw Jesus first as a Jew, then as a prophet, but what did Jesus reveal to her about His father and Himself in **verse 23-26**?

11. What did you learn about Jesus from the way He interacted with this sinful woman? Why do you suppose He didn’t tell her sooner in the conversation that He was the Christ?

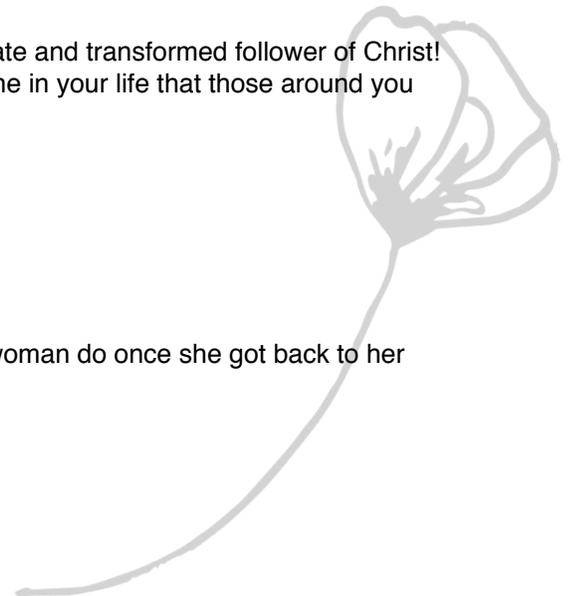
Day Four: A Testimony

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 4:27-42 today.

12. There is nothing more contagious and inspiring than a passionate and transformed follower of Christ! What are some of the major transformations that Jesus has done in your life that those around you can see?

13. After her encounter with the Messiah, what did the Samaritan woman do once she got back to her town and what was the result of her actions? (**vs. 28-30**)



14. The woman's faith immediately led her to share the good news (**verse 29**). Does faith have the same effect on you? Explain.
15. Describe the reaction of the disciples when they returned with food for Jesus in **verse 27**. How can you relate to their feelings?
16. Just like the Samaritan woman, the disciples focused on meeting a physical need instead of a spiritual one. What type of food did Jesus have to give and how can we also enjoy it? (**vs. 32-38**)
17. What did Moses say we are to live by in **Deuteronomy 8:3**? How would you describe your current appetite for it?

Day Five: A Healer

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 4:43-54 today.

18. Jesus returns to Galilee. Why was He pleasantly surprised by His reception? (**vs. 24-46**)
19. What did the government official know of Jesus and why did he seek him out? (**vs. 46-47**)
20. How was Jesus critical of the people in **verse 48**? How might this be true today and why?

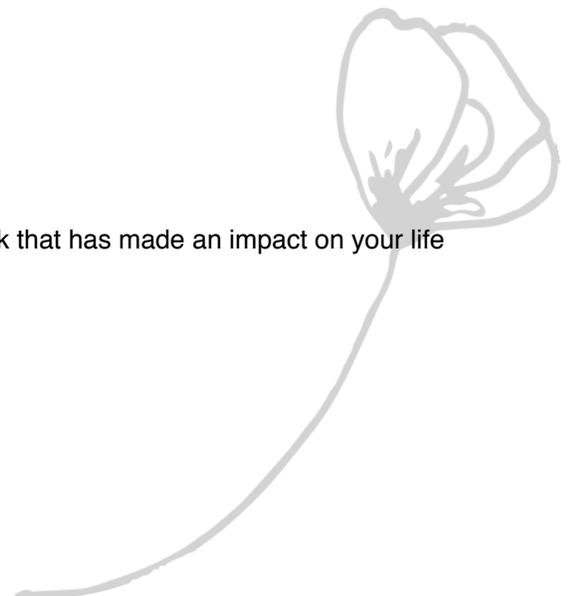
21. How did the man's reaction demonstrate his faith, according to **verses 49-50**?

22. What does this second miracle tell us about Jesus?

23. What are some areas in your life that you need to ask Jesus to work a miracle in? Do you have faith that He will hear you and answer? (Spend some time taking them to Jesus in prayer.)

24. How can you act on your faith like the Samaritan woman (to witness) & the government official (to believe) did?

25. As you review John Chapter 4, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



TEACHING NOTES

Teacher: _____ Passage(s): _____



JOHN 5: JESUS, THE HEALER



“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.” - John 5:24 (NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

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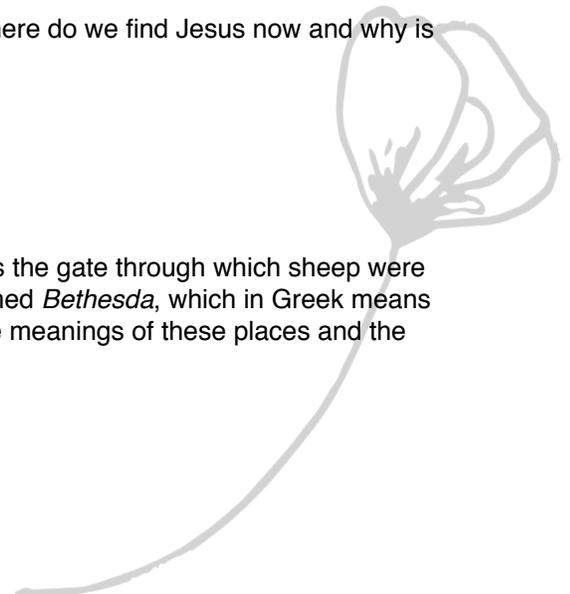
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DAY TWO: A MIRACLE NEEDED

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 5:1-6 today.

1. Remind yourself where Jesus was at the end of Chapter 4. Where do we find Jesus now and why is He there? (**vs. 1-3**)
2. Jesus entered Jerusalem by way of the Sheep Gate, which was the gate through which sheep were brought into the temple for sacrifice. The healing pool was named *Bethesda*, which in Greek means “house of mercy or grace”. What significance do you find in the meanings of these places and the mission of Jesus?



3. From the brief description of the man in **verse 5**, record how you imagine his physical state and emotional condition.

4. Jesus was surrounded by five covered porches overflowing with blind, lame, and paralyzed people who were anxiously anticipating being healed by the pools. It was a place of great need and the needs never ceased. What was prophesied about the Messiah according to **Isaiah 35:5-6**?

5. What should have been an encouragement the man about Jesus in **verse 6**? How do the following verses encourage you?

Psalm 139:13

Psalm 139:16

Proverbs 5:21

Luke 12:7

6. What did Jesus ask the man in **verse 6** and what do you think the purpose was for the question?

7. Where was the man placing his hope in according to **verse 7**?

8. Reflect on some areas in your life that you are in need of “healing” but have placed your hope in other places rather than in front of the Lord with faith. Pray about them today. (Do not share in group discussion)

Day Three: The Healer

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 5:1-15 today.

9. The paralyzed man didn't recognize the significance of the one who was in front of him. How did Jesus heal the man (**vs. 8-9**) and what was significant about this?

10. Throughout the gospels when Jesus healed, it was instantaneous and complete. Is faith a prerequisite for healing? According to **verses 11-13**, what did the man know about Jesus?

11. What is your reaction to the fact that Jesus sought out a man who did not seek Him, a man who was without faith, who was one among many in the crowd, and the one He chose to heal?

12. Afterward, Jesus “disappeared into the crowd” and left the scene. There was no profession of faith from the healed man that was recorded. What did Jesus eventually do in **verse 14**? How is this a picture of His grace that He offers to you and I?

13. What does **John 15:16** say about coming to faith? What is our only responsibility according to **Ephesians 2:8-9**?

14. As you read the end of this narrative, do you think the man came to faith in Jesus? What are the implications of his actions in **verse 15** and how are people like this today?

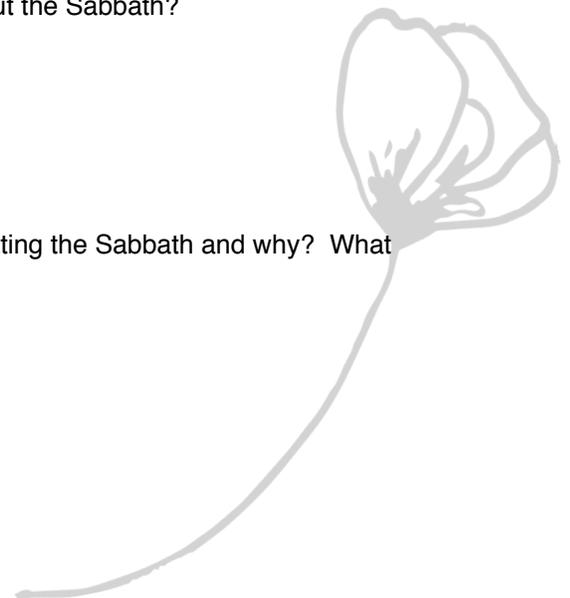
Day Four: “Official” Persecution Begins

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 5:16-30 today.

15. What specific details did Moses record in **Exodus 20:8-11** about the Sabbath?

16. Look back to **John 5:10**. Who was originally in trouble for violating the Sabbath and why? What defense did the paralyzed man offer according to **verse 11**?



17. What does Jesus say to the religious leaders in **Mark 2:27-28** regarding the Sabbath?

18. Describe the chain reaction that occurred as a result of the miracle at the pool. What were the core issues at the root of the conflict (**vs. 16-18**)?

19. What are some of the claims Jesus makes about His relationship with the Father in **verses 19-23**?

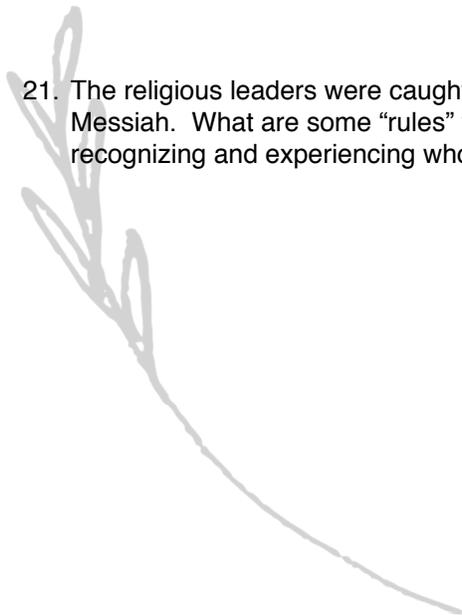
Power/Works:

Judgement:

Honor:

20. In **verses 17, 19, & 30** Jesus states principles that controlled His life. Consider how they can be a pattern for you as well and then personalize them by writing them out as your own principles.

21. The religious leaders were caught up in obeying a list of man-made rules instead of worshipping the Messiah. What are some “rules” you have placed in your life that are keeping you from truly recognizing and experiencing who Jesus is?



Day Five: Witnesses

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 5:31-47 today.

22. Jesus began to prepare a legal defense against the attack started by the “earthly judges” known as the Pharisees. Why was His testimony alone not sufficient for them according to the Old Testament law in **Numbers 35:30** and **Deuteronomy 17:6**?

23. Who did Jesus mention as His first valid witness to the truth in **verses 33-35**? What did the witness testify about Jesus according to **John 1:23, 1:29 and 36, and John 1:34**?

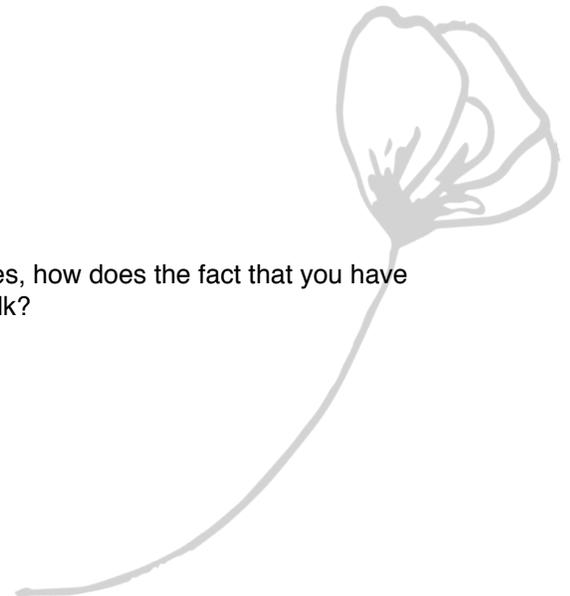
24. The second witness that Jesus brings to His defense was His miracles. What does **John 5:36** say about His works? What did Nicodemus, who was a Pharisee, testify to in **John 3:2**?

25. Who is the third witness mentioned according to **verse 37**? Record what was said and the events in which they occurred in **Matthew 3:17, Matthew 17:5, 2 Peter 1:17**?

26. The final witness Jesus mentioned were the Scriptures, which purposely pointed to Him! The Pharisees ignored clear evidence in the Old Testament that Jesus was the Messiah and more notably was that they misunderstood the purpose of the Mosaic Law completely! What does **Romans 3:20** and **Galatians 3:10-11 & 24** say about the Law?

27. What did the accusers not have according to **verse 42**?

28. If you have accepted the Messiah and believe the four witnesses, how does the fact that you have God’s love impact you? How does it change your everyday walk?



29. As you review John Chapter 5, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

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John 6: Jesus, the Bread of Life

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." -John 6:35 (NIV)

Day One: Getting Started

Before you start, take a moment to pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom to you as you read the word of God. Take time to confess any sin that may need repentance and receive the grace the Lord has for you.

Read John 6:1-71 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
(Read it several times using different translations and/or listen to an audio version if possible.)

Day Two: The Miracle Meal

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 6:1-15 today.

1. Chapter 5 ends with the official persecution of Jesus beginning. In **verse 3**, we find that Jesus has moved to the far side of the Sea of Galilee and gathered His disciples on a hill. What additional information does **Mark 6:30-32** offer about the scene?
2. Why was a large crowd following Jesus at this time in His ministry, according to **John 6:2**? In what ways do you think it is similar today?

3. This miracle was recorded in each of the four Gospels. Read the reference in each Gospel and record the specific way Jesus responded to the crowd that had gathered around Him.

Matthew 14:14

Mark 6:34

Luke 9:11

John 6:5

4. To many, this is a familiar story. Using our passage today, what details about this miracle stand out to you now and why?

5. What do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to learn from this miracle meal?

6. With which character in the story do you identify most - the people in the crowd, Philip, Andrew, or the boy with the sack lunch? Why?

7. What did the people say about Jesus, according to **verse 14**, and why did this cause a problem for Him, according to **verse 15**?

13. The disciples were fearful and anxious because they were trusting in themselves. Once they received Jesus into the boat and trusted Him to take care of them, they recognized His deity and worshipped Him (**Matthew 14:33**). Where are you placing your trust? How are areas of fear or anxiety in your life related to a lack of trust in the Lord?

14. What does **Isaiah 26:3** promise?

Day Four: Character Revealed

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 6:22-59 today.

15. Jesus knew that the crowds obviously wanted to follow Him, but what did Jesus say was their only motivation? (**vs. 26-27 & 30**)

16. The “followers” had placed their focus on the bread (or blessings) from the Lord instead of on the one who was providing the blessings. Where did Jesus say their focus should be, according to **verse 27**?

17. What is the only work God wants from His followers? (**vs. 29**)

18. What was the second of Jesus’ “I Am” statements, made in **verse 35**?

19. What additional spiritual truths did Jesus communicate in this passage?

verse 37:

verse 38:

verse 39:

verse 44:

verse 47:

20. Jesus performed two creation miracles in John. He created wine from water in chapter 2, and He created bread for 5,000 people from five barley loaves in chapter 6. The two elements of communion, the bread and the wine, were miraculously created by Him. What did Jesus say about His own flesh and blood in **verses 53-57**?

21. How do we affirm the true meaning of Jesus' words in this passage of John, according to **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**?

Day Five: A Response

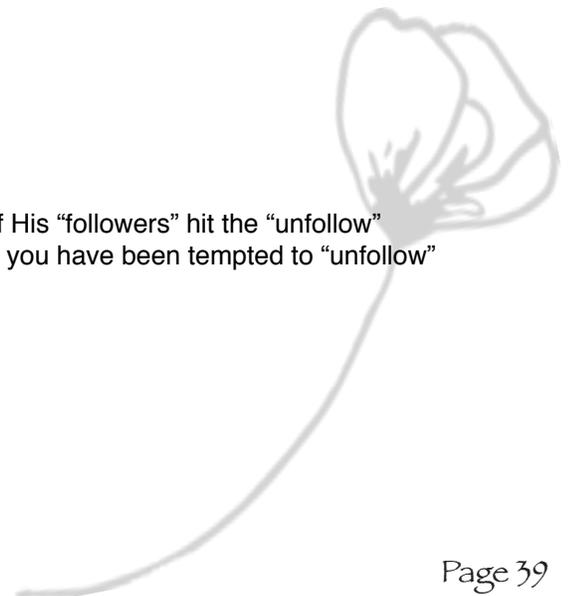
Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 6:60-79 today.

22. What problem did the crowd of disciples have with Jesus' words? (**vs. 60-61**)

23. Jesus makes several important declarations about unbelievers. What facts does He tell us about in **verse 64-65**?

24. In **verse 66** we see that, at this point in Jesus' ministry, many of His "followers" hit the "unfollow" button. Have there been times in your walk with the Lord when you have been tempted to "unfollow" Him? What were some of the circumstances?



25. No doubt, the heat was being turned up on the disciples, being part of Jesus' ministry wasn't all sunshine and roses. Peter makes a profound statement in **verse 68**. Do you think the people who "unfollowed" the Lord recognized that they would eventually end up following after something/someone else? How does this correlate to your answer in question 24?

26. Early this week, we looked at the story of the miraculous meal in **Mark 6:34**. In this verse, to what did Jesus liken man? What do the following verses reveal that elaborate on this analogy?

Psalm 23

Luke 15:4-7

John 10:27

Hebrews 13:20

27. According to Peter, why do we follow Jesus (**vs. 68-69**)? If Jesus asked you today if you wanted to leave too, how would you answer Him?

28. As you review John Chapter 6, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

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John 7: Jesus, the Christ



"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me to drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." -John 7:37-38 (NIV)

Day One: Getting Started

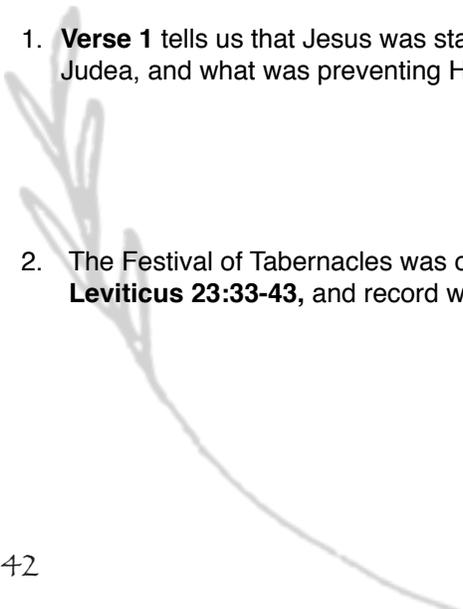
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Day Two: Setting the Scene

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 7:1-10 today.

1. **Verse 1** tells us that Jesus was staying around Galilee. What was the reason for Jesus to head to Judea, and what was preventing Him? (Reference **John 5:18**.)
 2. The Festival of Tabernacles was one of the three pilgrimages required to the temple each year. Read **Leviticus 23:33-43**, and record what you find out about the Festival of Tabernacles.
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3. Who was goading Jesus to go to Judea? Why? (**vs. 3-4**)?

4. What does **verse 5** reveal to us about Jesus' half brothers? What do **Psalms 69:8** and **Mark 6:1-6** add to our understanding of Jesus' family dynamics?

5. We were introduced to Jesus being aware of God's timetable in Chapter 2. How was Jesus aware of it in this passage? How would it have benefited the brothers if Jesus were to have gone with them?

6. Jesus never allowed others to order His steps. He was always listening and obedient to His Father's timing. Have you ever gone before God's leading or delayed going when His leading was clear? What were the results?

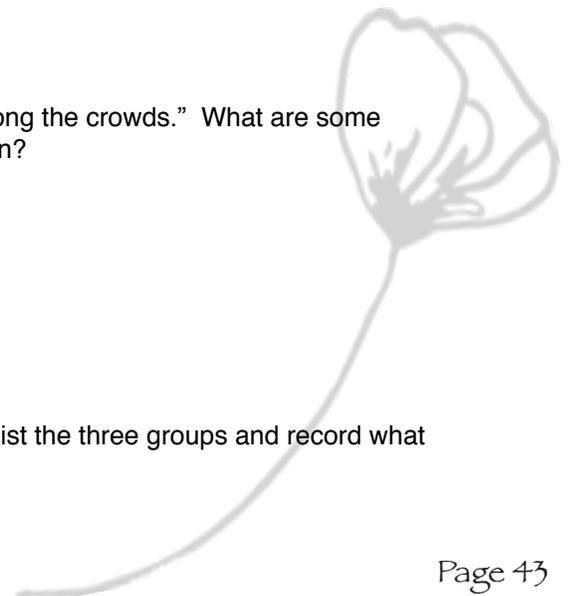
Day Three: The Debate

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 7:11-36 today.

7. **Verse 12** says that there was "a lot of grumbling about him among the crowds." What are some grumbings about Jesus YOU hear among the crowds you are in?

8. There were three groups of people identified in this passage. List the three groups and record what their view of Jesus' character was.



9. Due to the large crowds at festival times, religious teachers would often sit on the Temple steps to teach. We find in **verse 14** that Jesus makes His way up to the Temple to begin a doctrine lecture. What was His message? (**vs. 16-19**)

10. What did the people question in **verse 15**? Many of the other teachers were quoting from rabbinical schools of thought or famous rabbis who were well known. Who did Jesus say His authority of His teaching was, according to **verse 16**? Why did this cause problems among the Jewish leaders?

11. What were the questions the people were asking about Jesus in **verses 25-26**? What was their objection in **verse 27**?

12. What was Jesus' response to them in **verses 28-29**?

13. Again, the leaders were unsuccessful in arresting Him because "His time had not yet come." What was the result of Jesus' teaching, according to **verse 31**?

Day Four: Living Water

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 7:37-39 today.

14. What two invitations did Jesus offer on the last day of the feast? (**vs. 37-38**)

15. Go back and read **John 4:13-14**, where Jesus talks about the living water. What are the characteristics of the living water that Jesus offered?

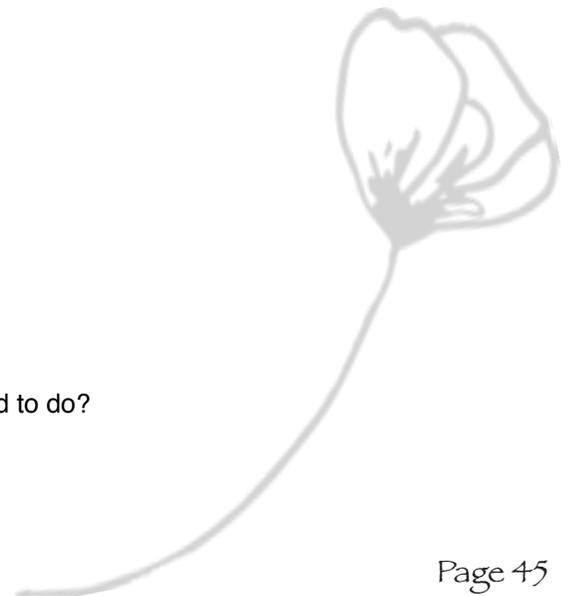
16. Remember that the Festival of Tabernacles was to commemorate God's provision for the Israelites in the wilderness. Read **Exodus 17:3-7** and describe what happened while they were in wilderness exile?
17. Each day during the Festival of Tabernacles the high priest drew water from the pool of Siloam and carried it back to the temple. The shofar was blown, songs were sung, **Isaiah 12:3** was recited, and then the priest poured the water around the altar as an offering to God. What does **Isaiah 12:3** say?
18. With the backdrop of **Isaiah 12:3** being chanted by the priests from the temple, why were the words Jesus stood up to shout (**John 7:37-38**) significant?
19. How has Jesus satisfied the thirsts and longings in your life?

Day Five: The Responses

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 7:40-53 today.

20. What was the division of opinion now about Jesus? (**vs. 40-43**)
21. Go back to **John 7:32**. What were the temple guards supposed to do?



22. Why didn't they do what they were supposed to do, according to **verses 44-46**?

23. How did the Pharisees respond to the following groups:

- the temple guards (**vs. 47**)
- themselves (**vs. 48-49**)
- the crowd (**vs. 49**)
- Nicodemus (**vs. 50-52**)

24. What is your reaction to Jesus today? How did you come to your conclusions about Him?

25. As you review John Chapter 7, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

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JOHN 8: JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12 (NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

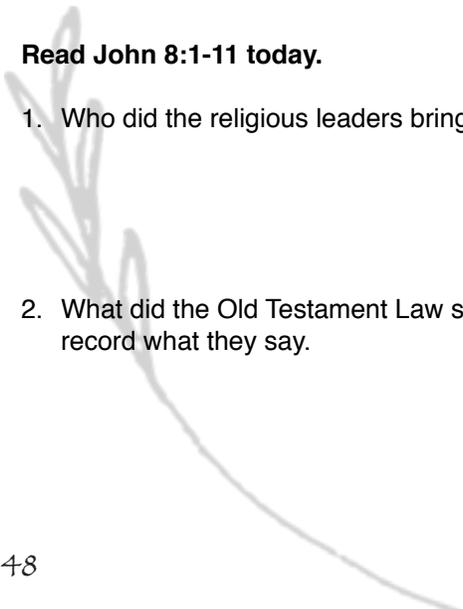
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DAY TWO: HYPOCRISY CONFRONTED

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 8:1-11 today.

1. Who did the religious leaders bring to Jesus? Why?
 2. What did the Old Testament Law say about this? Read **Leviticus 20:10** and **Deuteronomy 22:22** and record what they say.
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3. How was Jesus' attitude toward the woman different than the crowd's?
4. What did Jesus say to the accusers? What did He ask of the accused?
5. How does Jesus' response to the woman exemplify grace and truth?
6. With which group or person in the story do you identify? Why?

Day Three: The Light Shines

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 8:12-20 today.

7. What is the third "I Am" statement that Jesus makes (**vs. 12**)? What promise follows?
8. Record what the following Old Testament verses say about "light":

Psalm 27:1

Psalm 84:11

Psalm 119:105

Isaiah 49:5-6

Isaiah 60:1



9. By claiming to be the “light of the world”, Jesus was claiming to be God and to be Israel’s Messiah. The Pharisees would have been very familiar with **Isaiah 42:6**, that described the Messiah. What information does it give about the Messiah?
10. In the wilderness exile, God made His presence known to the Israelites by a pillar of fire at night. Verse 20 told us that Jesus was teaching at the Temple in the Treasury, which had four candelabra lit at night during the feast to signify the presence of God as a reminder to the people. Knowing this, how did Jesus’ “I am” statement shock the crowd?
11. Again, like as chapter 5, the Pharisees claimed Jesus’ testimony was not valid. Why did Jesus say His own testimony was valid? Who were His two witnesses? (**vs. 16-18**)
12. What does **Ephesians 4:18** say about an unbeliever’s heart and mind? **Ephesians 5:8-14** shares some wisdom with the believer. What is it?
13. In response to **Ephesians 5:8-14**, thank God for the provision of Jesus the Light in your own life. How have you seen darkness unveiled from your heart as you have allowed the Light to expose your own sin?

Day Four: Life and Death

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 8:21-30 today.

14. In **verse 21**, Jesus tells the unbelievers that they will die in their sin. What do **Psalms 14:2-3** and **Proverbs 16:2** add?

15. Jesus makes a claim in **verse 23** that the people are of this world and He is not. According to **1 John 2:16**, what does this world offer?

16. What results from friendship with the world, according to **James 4:4**?

17. What great truth does **John 3:36** tell us?

18. Where is a true believer's citizenship, according to **Luke 10:20** and **Philippians 3:20-21**?

19. In **verse 23** Jesus points out again to the Jewish leaders their inability to understand. What does Jesus say they will understand and when (**vs. 28**)?

20. How can we have life, according to **verse 12 and 24**?

Day Five: Title

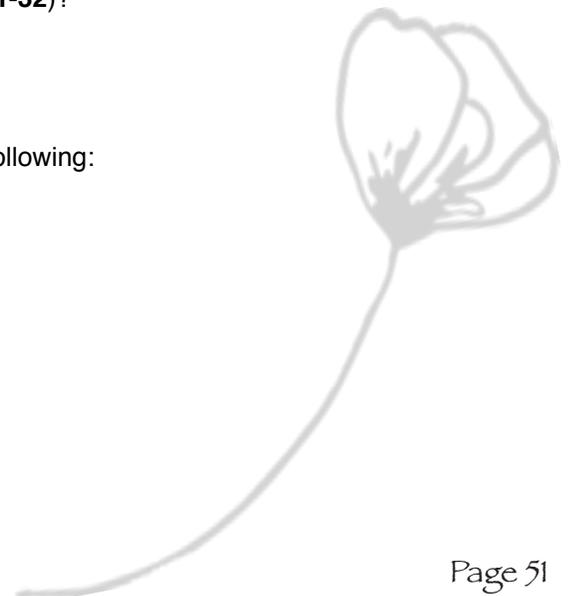
Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 8:31-59 today.

21. What did Jesus say to the Jews who had believed in Him (**vs. 31-32**)?

22. Which issues did Jesus force people to confront regarding the following:

1. Who is a slave to sin (**vs. 34**)?
2. Who can set them free (**vs. 36**)?
3. What they want to do and why (**vs. 37, 40**)?



23. What was the distinction that Jesus made between those claiming belief and Himself (**vs. 38**)? What was their response? What did Jesus say is the test to show who belongs to God (**vs. 41-47**)?

24. How do you feel the people who were there listening to Jesus' words might have felt? How do you feel about reading what Jesus said?

25. Whose glory did Jesus seek (**vs. 48-59**)? Ultimately, who did the Jewish leaders want to be glorified? Who is the one who glorifies Jesus (**vs. 54**)?

26. How do you demonstrate love for God in your daily life (**vs. 42**)? Identify at least one area where you can improve and write a prayer asking God to help you in this area.

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JOHN 9 & 10: JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD



"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" -John 10:11(NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED (CHAPTER 9)

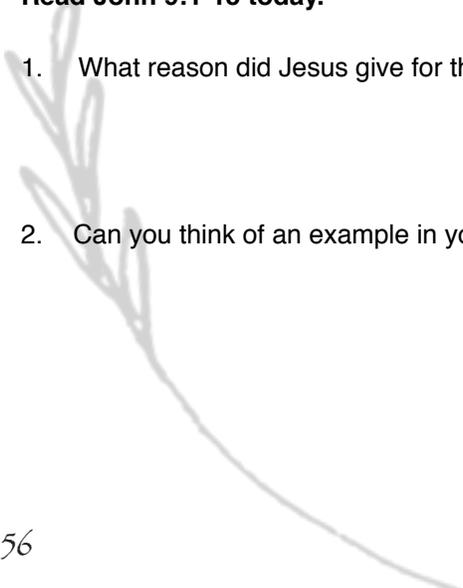
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Read John 9:1-41 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
(Read it several times using different translations and/or listen to an audio version if possible.)

DAY TWO: THE BLIND CAN SEE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 9:1-15 today.

1. What reason did Jesus give for the man's blindness (**vs. 3**)?
 2. Can you think of an example in your own life when God was glorified through suffering?
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3. Read **Matthew 5:14**. Jesus says His people are the lights of the world. How does that fit in with verse 4 where Jesus uses the word “we”? Do you feel a sense of responsibility to Jesus?

4. What did Jesus say should be done, according to **verse 4**, and what does this mean?

5. How did the neighbors and others react to the blind man’s miracle (**vs. 8-12**)?

6. What was the blind man’s simple testimony (**vs. 15**)? Write out a simple, one sentence testimony of what the Lord has done in your life that you can share with anyone who asks.

7. According to **verse 1**, this man was born blind and knew no different. His eyes were made new and he was finally able to see all the things and people around him for the first time! How do you think the man felt after this experience?



DAY THREE: SEEING THINGS CLEARLY

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 9:16-41 today.

8. Like the Samaritan woman in Chapter 4, the blind man also went through several stages of understanding who Jesus was. What was the progression for him? (**vs. 11, 17, 33, 38**)

9. What was the question that came up and divided them all (**vs. 16**)?

10. While the man was increasingly able to clearly see Jesus, what was true of the Pharisees according to evidence in this story (**vs. 40**)?

11. The Pharisees had spiritual blind spots. Can you think of blind spots from your past that have received sight? How might you let Jesus illuminate current areas of blindness?

12. The man stood up to the religious leaders and the consequence according to **verse 34**, was that they threw him out of the synagogue (excommunicated him). What stand did the man make against them, according to **verses 24-34**?

13. As you review John Chapter 9, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

DAY FOUR: GETTING STARTED (CHAPTER 10)

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 10:1-42 today. (Read it several times using different translations and/or listen to an audio version if possible.)

14. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.

DAY FIVE: THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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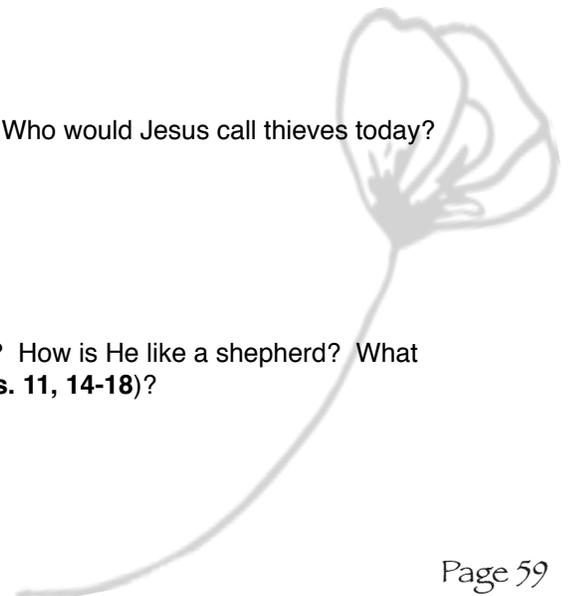
Read John 10:1-21 today.

15. According to our passage today, list some of the qualities of the “good shepherd.”

16. Read **verses 1-10** and describe how Jesus is like a gate into the sheepfold.

17. How is the gate different from thieves and robbers (**vs. 7-10**)? Who would Jesus call thieves today? Why?

18. Jesus makes another “I am” statement in **verse 14**. What is it? How is He like a shepherd? What statement does it make about His commitment to the sheep (**vs. 11, 14-18**)?



19. Has Jesus been a “good shepherd” to you? If so, how?
20. How can you follow your “good shepherd” closer this week?

DAY SIX: THE SHEEP

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 10:22-42 today.

21. As a sheep, who are some people that you have followed in the past? How does this encourage or convict you?
22. According to John 10, what are some characteristics of sheep?
23. When looking at John 10, what do you think each of the following represents?
 1. the sheep:
 2. the shepherd:
 3. the sheep pen:
 4. the stranger:
 5. the watchman:
 6. the gate:
24. Jesus was confronted by the people in the Temple in **verse 24**. Jesus responded by talking about His sheep. What was the relationship described by Jesus (**vs. 25-30**)?
25. What promise does Jesus give His sheep in **verses 28-29**? What does **Deuteronomy 31:6** add?

26. As you review John Chapter 10, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

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John 11: Jesus, the Comforter



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" - John 11:25-26 (NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

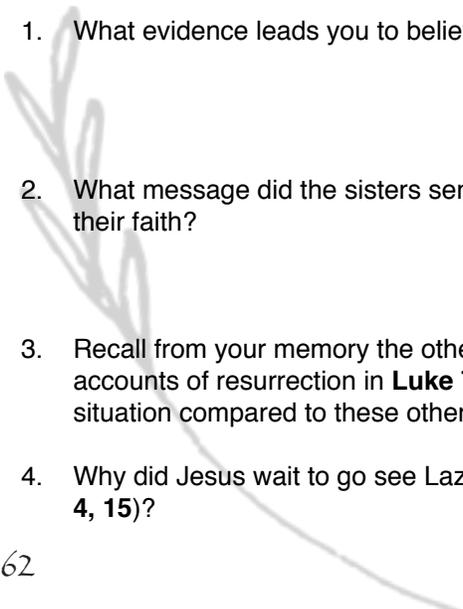
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DAY TWO: JESUS IS NEEDED

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 11:1-16 today.

1. What evidence leads you to believe that Jesus had a close relationship with Lazarus and his sisters?
 2. What message did the sisters send? To whom did they send it (**vs. 2**)? What does it reveal about their faith?
 3. Recall from your memory the other person who Jesus had raised in John 4. Read of the other accounts of resurrection in **Luke 7:11-16** and **Luke 8:40-56**. What was unique about Lazarus' situation compared to these others?
 4. Why did Jesus wait to go see Lazarus? What did you learn about Him from His decision to wait (**vs. 4, 15**)?
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5. Why was it dangerous for Jesus to make the trip to Bethany at that time (**vs. 8**)?

6. What did Jesus say about His work on earth and God's timing (**vs. 9**)?

7. The disciple Thomas was also known as "Doubting Thomas." What do his words in **verse 16** say about his character? Would you be so bold in the same position?

DAY THREE: HOPE COMES NEAR

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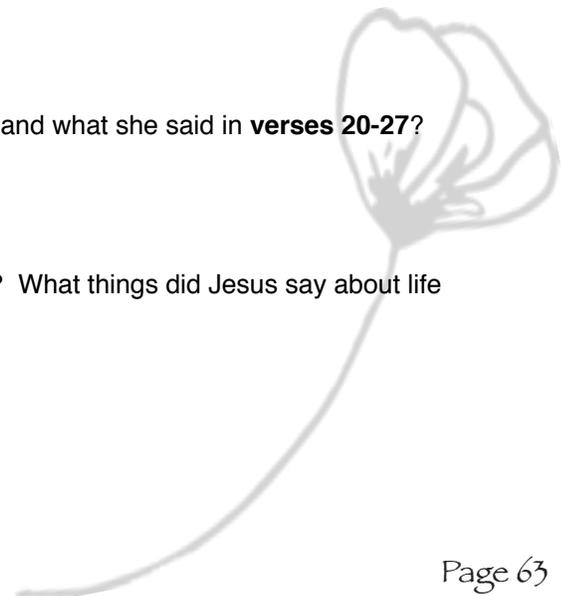
Read John 11:17-32 today.

8. How long had Lazarus been buried in the tomb when Jesus finally arrived (**vs. 17**)?

9. Mary and Martha were quite different in their personalities. Where do we find each of them in this story according to **verses 19-20**? What does this reveal about each of them?

10. What do you learn about Martha from how she spoke to Jesus and what she said in **verses 20-27**?

11. Jesus makes another "I am" statement in **verse 25**. What is it? What things did Jesus say about life and death?



12. What does **1 Corinthians 15:20-23** say about death, resurrection and new life?

13. What was Mary's reaction when Jesus came near (**vs. 28-32**)?

DAY FOUR: JESUS' CHARACTER REVEALED

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 11:33-45 today.

14. John 11:19 said that "many" people had gone to the home of Lazarus to console Mary and Martha in their loss. How did Jesus react when He got to their home (**vs. 33**)?

15. The New King James version of **verse 33** says, "He groaned in the spirit and was troubled." Why do you think Jesus "groaned," wept and was deeply troubled over the death of Lazarus, even when He knew that He was going to eventually bring Lazarus back to life?

16. What can we learn about Jesus' divine nature and His humanity from today's passage?

17. Read **Hebrews 4:14-16**. How does knowing that Jesus sympathizes with the troubles of mankind give us confidence and increase our understanding of Him as our comforter?

18. Why did Martha not want the stone removed (**vs. 39**)? Of what did Jesus remind her (**vs. 40**)?

19. What did Jesus say to the Father? Why? (vs. 41-42)?

20. What did Jesus say to Lazarus? What happened as a result (vs. 43-44)?

21. In light of the Hebrews passage we read earlier and then the story of Lazarus, how do the passages demonstrate the ability of Jesus to bring comfort to us in our most distressed times?

DAY FIVE: THE PLAN TO KILL JESUS

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 11:46-57 today.

22. What were the different responses to the miracle of Lazarus (vs. 45-46)?

23. What did the Jewish leaders fear about Jesus (vs. 47-48)?

24. What did Caiaphas say (vs. 49-50)? What did he mean?



25. **Verse 52** says the plan of Jesus, as Messiah, is to unite all the children of God (not just the nation of Israel). Read **Isaiah 53** and record anything meaningful or important to you that was written about the coming Messiah.

26. The next few months of Jesus' ministry propel us quickly to the cross. As Passover began, what were the Jewish leaders busy doing (**vs. 55-57**)?

27. As you review John Chapter 11, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



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JOHN 12: JESUS, THE GLORIFIED

*"Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."
-John 12:28 (NIV)*

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

Before you start, take a moment to pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom to you as you read the word of God. Take time to confess any sin that may need repentance and receive the grace the Lord has for you.

Read John 12:1-50 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
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DAY TWO: JESUS ANOINTED

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 12:1-11 today.

1. What is the relationship between the Word and God in the passage? Who is the Word? (**vs. 1,2,14**)
2. How was Mary preparing for the Passover in **verses 1-3**?
3. Read **Mark 14:3** for some additional insight. Why do you think Mary anointed Jesus' feet and head?

4. What problems did Judas have with Mary? (**vs. 5-6**) How was this hypocritical?

5. What did Jesus say about Mary's actions? (**vs. 7-8**)

6. Mary's fragrance spread throughout the house that evening and has now spread throughout the world. How can your devotion for Christ spread to be an aroma to those around you?

DAY THREE: TRIUMPHAL ENTRY AT PASSOVER

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 12:12-19 today.

7. How did the crowd greet Jesus when He arrived in Jerusalem? What title did they give Him? (**vs. 12-13**)

8. Read **Zechariah 9:9** and **John 12:15**. What descriptive words were used of the coming king in Zechariah? How do they describe Jesus?

9. Why do you think the disciples did not understand? When did they finally understand according to **verse 16**?

10. Who continued to spread the word about Jesus and why? (**vs. 17-18**)

11. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus' popularity among the people? (**vs. 19**) How do you think this made them feel?

DAY FOUR: JESUS' PREDICTION

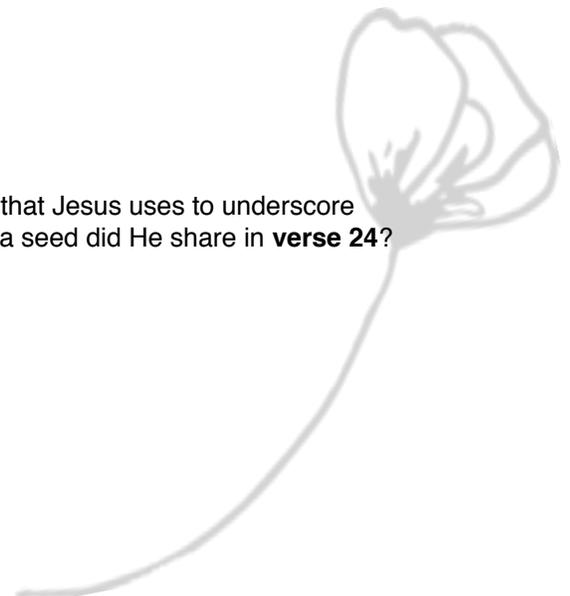
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Read John 12:20-36 today.

12. What does the mention of Greeks in **verses 20-21** infer about the message of Jesus?

13. In light of his triumphal entry, what is significant about Jesus' words in **verse 23**? (compare to John 2:4, 7:30, and 8:20) What is beginning?

14. "Very truly I tell you" or "I tell you the truth" are solemn phrases that Jesus uses to underscore something significant He is saying. What significant idea about a seed did He share in **verse 24**?



15. As you look over **verses 23-33**, summarize in your own words the principles that Jesus taught about His death, and life springing forth from death.
16. What did the voice from heaven confirm in **verses 28-30**?
17. Jesus said in **verse 35** that He came to this world as a light. How has His light illuminated your life (see **Acts 26:18**)? What does Paul say in **2 Corinthians 4:6** about this light?

DAY FIVE: UNBELIEF

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 1:37-50 today.

18. In **verse 37** they clearly saw who Jesus was and yet would not believe. When people refuse to believe and reject the evidence of Jesus, what can happen according to **verses 39-40**?
19. For those who did believe, what was a potential consequence that they faced? (**vs. 42-43**)
20. What might keep someone today from confessing belief in Jesus as their Savior?
21. What was Jesus' mission according to **verse 47**?

22. On whose authority did Jesus come? (**vs. 49-50**)

23. How did Jesus live a surrendered life of obedience to the Father based on **verses 49-50**?

24. We see over and over that Jesus goes to the Father and relies on the Father's strength and direction which gave Him confidence to fulfill the Father's will. Many times we don't even discuss areas of our life with the Father. What things do you need to surrender in your life today so that you can confidently live in obedience to the Father's will? (Commit them to prayer today.)

25. As you review John Chapter 12, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



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JOHN 13: JESUS, THE SERVANT

*“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.”
-John 13:14 (NIV)*

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

Before you start, take a moment to pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom to you as you read the word of God. Take time to confess any sin that may need repentance and receive the grace the Lord has for you.

Read John 13:1-38 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
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DAY TWO: JESUS’ CHARACTER REVEALED

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 13:1-11 today.

1. What are some things Jesus knew that His disciples did not? (**vs. 1-3**)
2. What is significant about Jesus washing His disciples’ feet? (**vs. 3-5**)



3. What was Peter's reaction to Jesus washing his feet in **verse 8**? Why does it take humility and grace to let someone serve you like this?

4. Is it harder for you to let someone serve you or for you to serve others? Why do you think?

5. Look closer at Jesus and Peter's interaction in **verses 6-10**. Why do you think Jesus told Peter that Peter didn't understand what He was doing? What do you think Jesus' actions were a precursor to?

6. What does Jesus' cleansing mean to us? (**vs. 8**) How has Jesus cleansed us according to:

Colossians 2:13-14

Titus 2:14

1 John 1:7 and 9

Ephesians 5:26

DAY THREE: THE EXAMPLE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 13:12-17 today.

7. What was the point of Jesus' actions in **verses 14 and 15**?

8. Describe a time when you witnessed humble servanthood.

9. According to **1 John 2:3-6**, what are identifying characteristics of those who know Jesus?

10. What does **Colossians 3:22-25** say about being a “slave”?

11. Jesus dignified sacrifice and service. What lesson was learned by the mother of James and John in **Matthew 20:20-28**?

DAY FOUR: THE BETRAYER

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 13:18-30 today.

12. Review **John 6:64 & 70** and record what Jesus knew and what He shared with His disciples.

13. What reason did Jesus give for identifying His betrayer? (**vs. 18-19**)



14. In **John 13:21** it says that Jesus was deeply troubled in His spirit. Using your imagination, what do you think Judas was feeling at this time?

15. What did Jesus tell Judas in **verse 27**? Why do you think He said this?

16. The story of Judas is a sobering one. He appeared to be a believer, but he never committed his life to Jesus' authority as Lord. What warning did Judas not heed in **John 12:25-26**?

DAY FIVE: CALLED TO LOVE

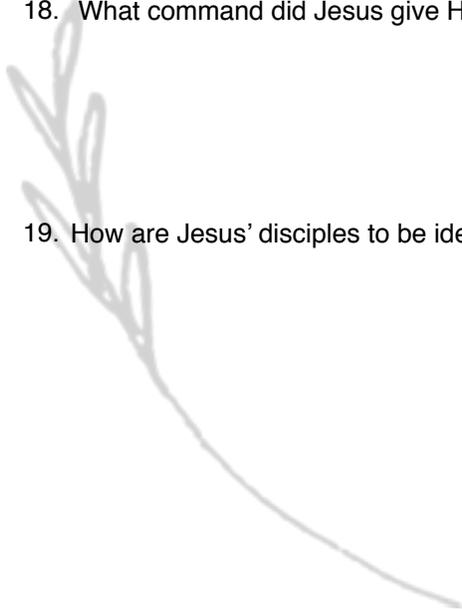
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Read John 13:31-38 today.

17. How was Jesus about to glorify God? (**vs. 31-32**)

18. What command did Jesus give His disciples in **verse 34**?

19. How are Jesus' disciples to be identified? (**vs. 34**)



20. Read **1 John 3:11, 16-18**. What is love? Why do you think Jesus gave this command to His disciples?

21. Read **Philippians 2:1-8**. What should a believer's attitude be according to this passage?

22. What is one specific way you can imitate Christ's humility and servant character this week?

23. As you review John Chapter 13, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



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JOHN 14: JESUS, THE WAY



Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." -John 14:6 (NIV)

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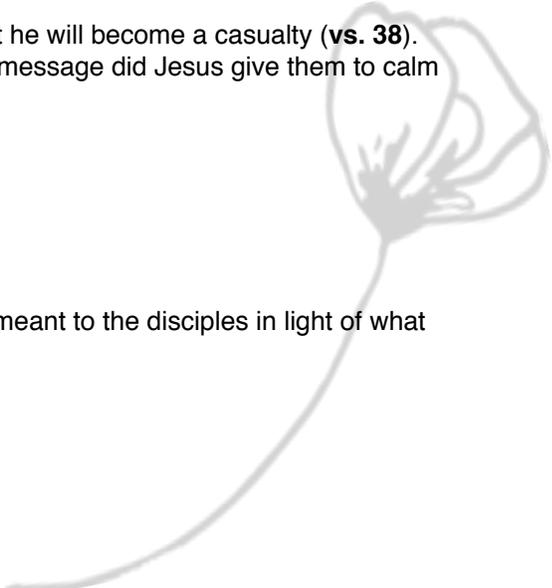
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DAY TWO: BLESSED ASSURANCE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 13:36 and 14:1-6 today.

1. Just when Peter began to feel like a hero, Jesus announces that he will become a casualty (**vs. 38**). This no doubt stunned Peter and the rest of the disciples. What message did Jesus give them to calm their troubled hearts?
 2. What do you think it means to trust in God? What might it have meant to the disciples in light of what was about to happen?
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3. Read **2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1** and record the promises Jesus gives. How does it encourage you today?

4. Jesus spoke of heaven as a real place. What information do the following verses give about heaven?

2 Peter 1:11

1 Peter 1:4

Hebrews 11:16

John 14:2

5. What “I Am” statement does Jesus make in this text?

6. Not everyone is going to heaven, but only those who trust in Jesus (**vs. 6**). How do **Acts 4:12** and **1 Timothy 2:4-6** make the case for Jesus as the only “way”?

DAY THREE: THE WAY TO THE FATHER

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 14:7-15 today.

7. According to Philip’s question in **verse 8**, what did the disciples still not understand completely?

8. How did Jesus characterize His relationship with the Father? (**vs. 9-11**)

9. Looking back at **John 5:36**, recall what Jesus revealed about the Father?
10. What is the significant promise in **verses 12-14**? What do you think it means?
11. How are we to pray? (vs. 13-15)

In whose name do we pray?

What should be the result of answered prayer?

Is **vs. 14** the promise to claim a “blank check”?

What is our responsibility? (**vs. 15**)

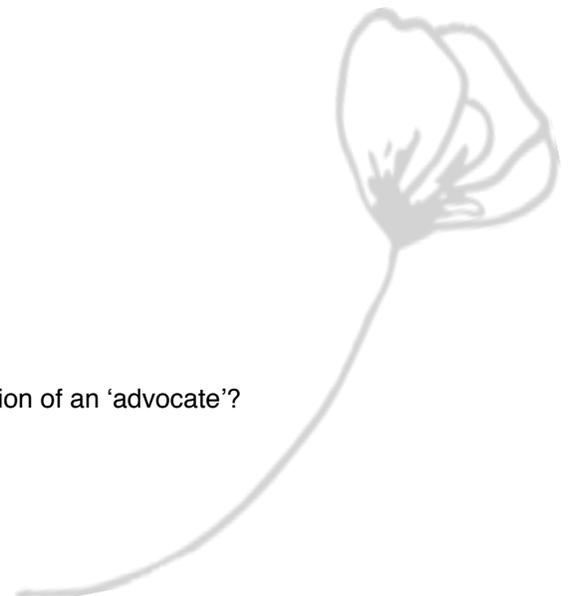
12. God’s conditions for answering prayer are praying in faith, praying in Christ’s name, and praying in obedience. Which of these is difficult for you and why?

DAY FOUR: THE ADVOCATE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 14:15-26 today.

13. What demonstrates love for Jesus? (**vs. 15, 21, 23-24**)
14. What did Jesus promise to give? (**vs. 16-17**) What is the definition of an ‘advocate’?



15. Read **Galatians 4:6-7**. For what reason was the Holy Spirit sent? How does God characterize believers according to this passage? What does the God do for believers?
16. The way we treat the Holy Spirit is the way we treat the Lord Jesus Christ. What does **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** say in regards to this?
17. What is the blessed promise that Jesus gives us in **verse 18**? Going back to the passage in **Galatians 4**, why would Jesus not abandon us according to **verse 5**?
18. What additional things did Jesus promise about the Holy Spirit in **verse 26**?

DAY FIVE: THE GIFT OF PEACE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 14:27-31 today.

19. Read **John 14:1** and **John 14:27** together. What kind of peace can Jesus give? What does this mean to you personally?
20. The world bases peace on *resources* yet God's peace is based on *relationship*. What are some resources that have given you false peace? How do they compare to the peace of a relationship with Jesus?
21. Who is our great spiritual enemy according to Jesus? (**vs. 30-31**)

22. How much power does this enemy have over Jesus? (**vs. 30**)
23. Read **Hebrews 2:14-15**. How much power does Satan have over Jesus today?
24. What must the world learn about Jesus? (**vs. 31**)
25. Imagine yourself sitting with the disciples as you listened to Jesus' words. Which words bring you the most comfort and how will you incorporate into your life?
26. As you review John Chapter 14, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



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JOHN 15: JESUS, THE VINE



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." -John 15:5 (NIV)

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Read John 15:1-27 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
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DAY TWO: THE TRUE VINE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 15:1-8 today.

1. As Jesus continues teaching His disciples in the upper room, He records His last "I Am" statement in chapter 15. What is it?
2. Who is the gardener and what does the gardener do? (**vs. 1-2**)



10. How had Jesus demonstrated His obedience to the Father and His love for His disciples? (**vs. 12-13**)
How would He do the same in the future?

11. Why did Jesus call His disciples His friends? (**vs. 14-15**)

12. What does friendship with Jesus involve? Give an example from your own life.

13. What was the purpose for which Jesus chose His disciples? (**vs. 16**)

14. What kind of fruit does last? Clarify if the evidence of fruit is found in others or yourself?

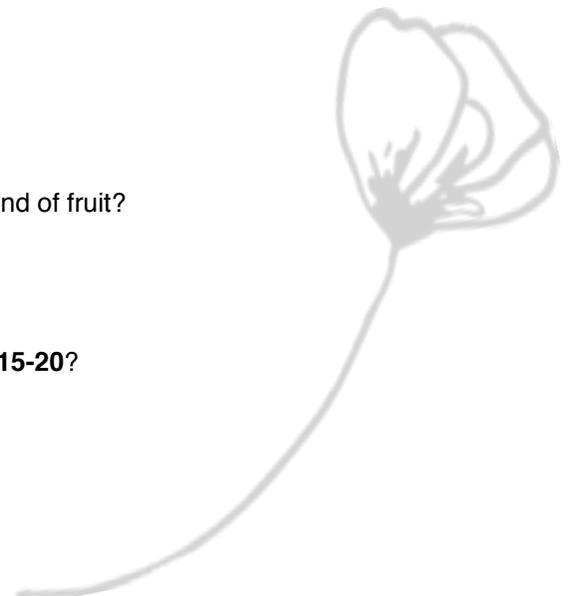
DAY FOUR: LASTING FRUIT

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 15:9-17 today.

15. Reviewing **John 15:16** again, God chose us to produce what kind of fruit?

16. What does Jesus say about the fruit of believers in **Matthew 7:15-20**?



17. How has the **Matthew 7:15-20** passage challenged you personally?

18. What type of “tree” do you hope people see when looking at your life? What evidence do you see in your life to support this?

19. Where there is “true fruit”, it remains. When there is man-made fruit, it will eventually disappear. Can you identify some “man-made” fruit in your past that has eventually withered as well as some enduring “true fruit”? How do they compare?

DAY FIVE: THE WORLD’S HATRED

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 15:18-27 today.

20. How does the world make it hard for us to be Christians?

21. What harsh reality did Jesus reveal to His disciples? (**vs. 18-19**) Why is it harsh?

22. Who do you think was “the world” that Jesus referred to here?

23. The world loves those who conform to it (**vs. 19**). Give some examples of when have you see the world pressure people to conform.

24. What did Jesus' coming reveal to the world, and why might that produce hatred? (**vs. 22-25**)

25. What encouragement do you get from **verses 1-17** that might help you with your place in **verses 18-25**?

26. As you review John Chapter 15, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

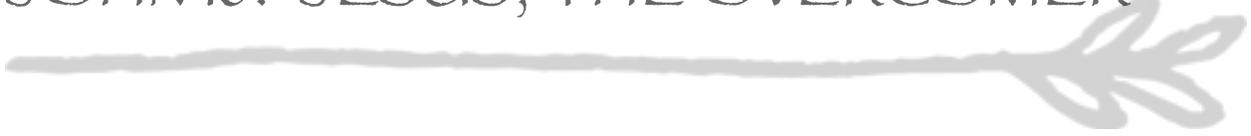


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JOHN 16: JESUS, THE OVERCOMER



"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." -John 16:33 (NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

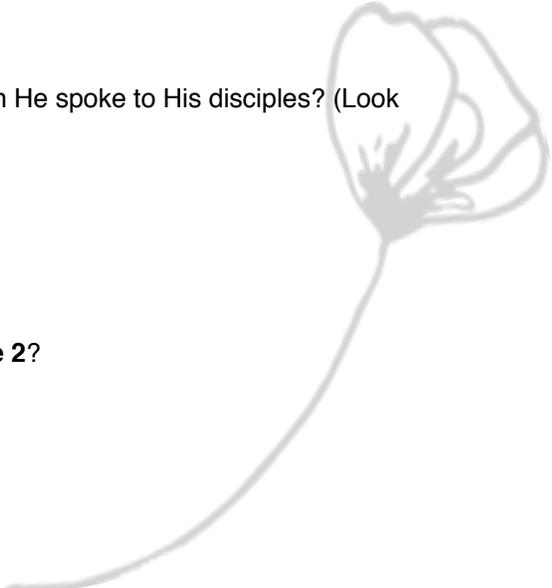
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Read John 16:1-33 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
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DAY TWO: PERSECUTION IS COMING

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 16:1-4 today.

1. In **verse 1**, what were "these things" that Jesus referenced when He spoke to His disciples? (Look back to **John 15:18-25**)
 2. What prediction did Jesus make regarding His disciples in **verse 2**?
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3. In **verses 1-4**, what two reasons does Jesus give for telling them this?

4. How might you have felt as one of the disciples listening to Jesus' words?

5. Times of persecution have always been times of proclamation and witness for the church. What is "our" responsibility when we are attacked by unsaved people according to **1 Peter 3:14-16**?

6. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the proclamation according to **Mark 13:11**?

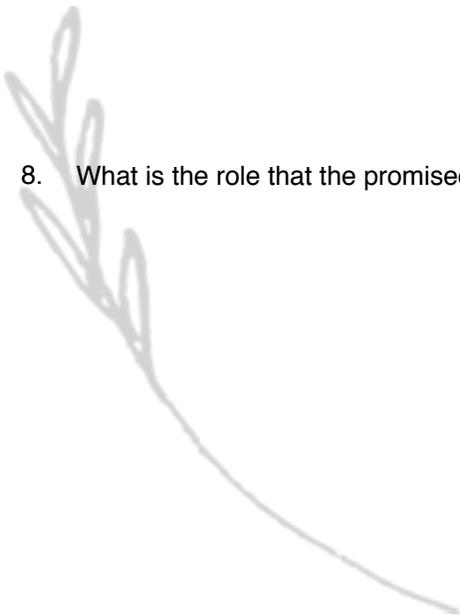
DAY THREE: THE ADVOCATE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 16:5-15 today.

7. Why did Jesus have to go away according to **verse 7**?

8. What is the role that the promised Spirit will play in relation to Jesus and His followers? (**vs. 13-15**)



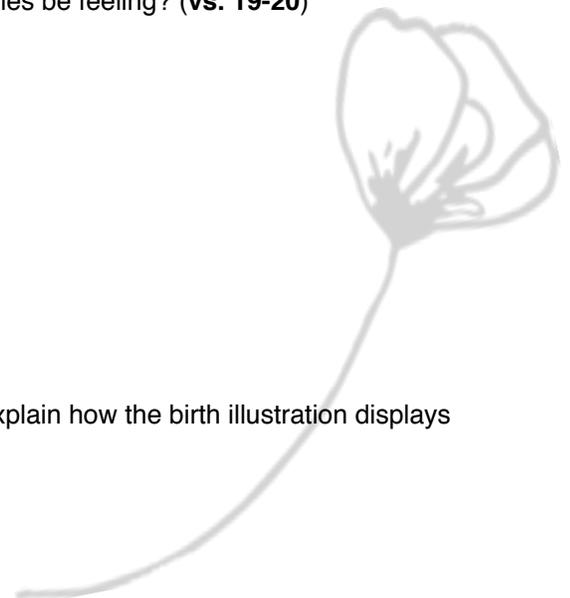
9. What else will the Holy Spirit expose? (**vs. 8-11**)
10. How is the judgment regarding the “prince of this world” a type of good news to you? (**vs. 11**)
11. Jesus says in **verse 7** that it is to our advantage that we have the Holy Spirit with us rather than the physical Jesus. Why is this a benefit to us?
12. How will you let the Holy Spirit guide you this week?

DAY FOUR: JOY COMES

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 16:16-24 today.

13. Why would the “world” be rejoicing soon? How would the disciples be feeling? (**vs. 19-20**)
14. What did Jesus teach about joy and sorrow? (**vs. 20-22**)
15. Jesus’ illustration of the woman giving birth makes this clear. Explain how the birth illustration displays this concept.



16. Can you think of other Bible stories where God transformed someone's sorrow into joy? Briefly describe your examples.

17. What characterizes the relationship we can have with the Father because of Jesus? (**vs. 23-24**)

18. Do you have a testimony of the Father trading in one of your sorrows for joy? What did you learn through the process and how was God glorified?

DAY FIVE: THE OVERCOMER

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 16:25-33 today

19. What do **verses 25-28** reveal about Jesus' purpose on earth in regards to the Father? How should this affect the purpose of "doing" a Bible Study?

20. What did Jesus' plain speech finally reveal to the disciples? (**vs. 29-30**)

21. What new challenge did Jesus prophesy would happen to the disciples? (**vs. 32**)

22. What promise does Jesus make in **verse 33**? How can you cooperate with God to experience His joy more abundantly during difficult circumstances?

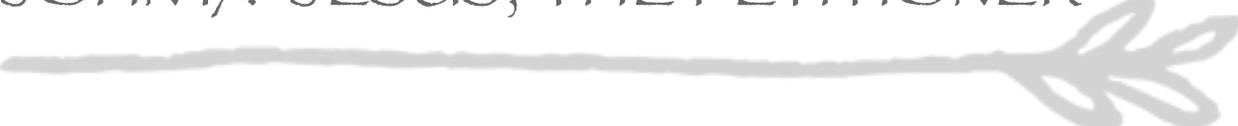
23. What does it mean for you to have His peace in this world?

24. How have you experienced the connection between joy, prayer, and overcoming the world in your own life?

25. As you review John Chapter 16, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



JOHN 17: JESUS, THE PETITIONER



“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message...”
-John 17:20 (NIV)

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DAY TWO: JESUS PRAYS TO THE FATHER

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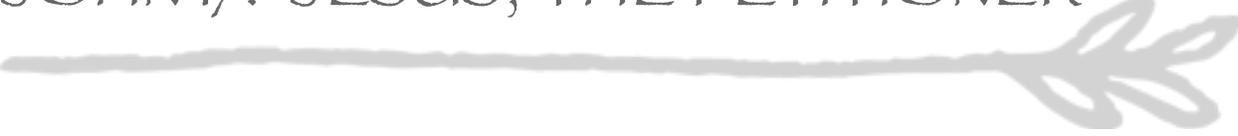
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1. Go through Jesus' prayer in **verses 1-5** and circle the things that Jesus prays about for His disciples and all believers.

1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. (John 17:1-5)

How do the things you circled compare with the things He prays for Himself?

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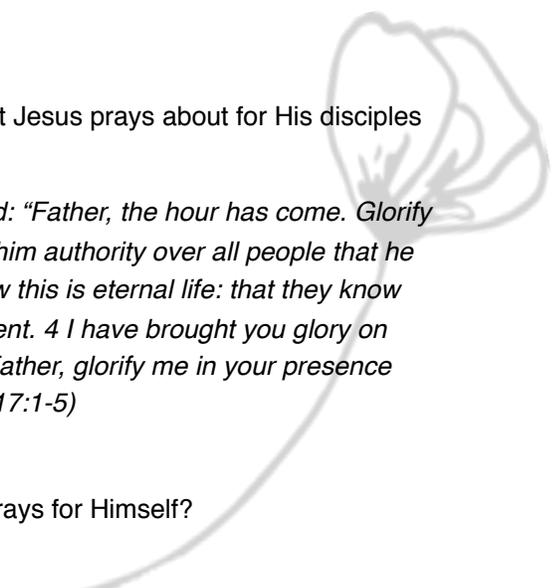
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DAY THREE: PRAYER OF HIS OWN

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 17:6-11 today.

7. In **John 1:18** and also in **John 17:6**, the word of God says that Jesus revealed the Father to us. Jesus made seven “I Am” statements in John. These names of God reveal the very nature of God. Let’s review these “I Am” statements and record what they reveal about the Father’s nature.

“I Am ***the bread of life***” (Chpt. 6:35) -

“I Am ***the light of the world***” (Chpt. 8:12) -

“I Am ***the gate***” (Chpt. 10:7,9) -

“I Am ***the good shepherd***” (Chpt. 10:11,14) -

“I Am ***the resurrection and the life***” (Chpt. 11:25) -

“I Am ***the way, the truth, and the life***” (Chpt. 14:6) -

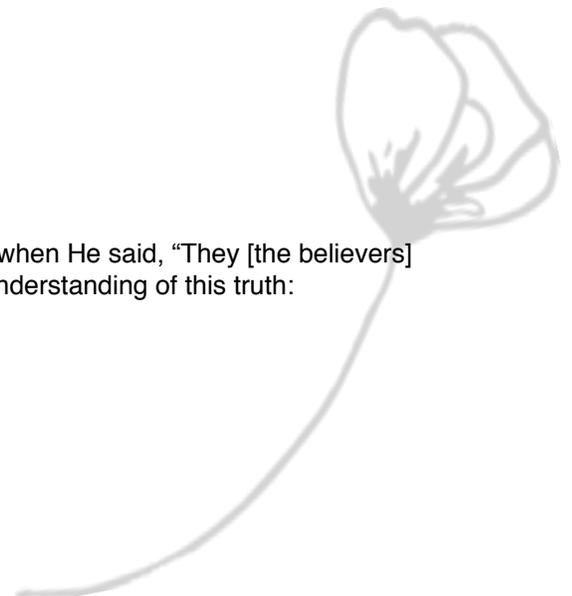
“I Am ***the vine***” (Chpt. 15:1,5)-

8. What had the disciples been taught by Jesus? (**vs. 6-8**)

9. Jesus references one of the great theological truths in **verse 6** when He said, “They [the believers] were always yours.” What do the following verses add to the understanding of this truth:

Ephesians 1:4-5

Ephesians 1:11



Romans 8:29

10. Even though God has chosen those who will believe in Him, what is the desire of God's heart according to **1 Timothy 2:4**?

11. What is the only thing we have to do to have assurance of our salvation according to **Romans 10:9**? Describe the peace that this brings to you.

DAY FOUR: PRAYER OF PROTECTION

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 17:12-19 today.

12. Why did the world hate Jesus' disciples? (**vs. 14**)

13. Jesus asks the Father to "protect them" from the world's hatred in **verse 15**. By what power are believers protected? (**vs. 12**)

14. What does **Ephesians 6:10-12** tell us about the battle we face as believers?

15. Ephesians 6 goes on to tell us to be sure to put on the full armor of God. What does **Ephesians 6:18** say is one of the believer's weapons and how are we to use it?

16. Jesus asks the Father to sanctify the believer in **John 17:17**. Sanctify means "to set apart for sacred use." How did Jesus say the disciples had to be sanctified? How can you restate this in your own words?

17. Jesus was "set apart" for us and we are "set apart" for Him. What is the purpose of sanctification according to **verse 18**?

18. What are we to do when we are sent out into the world according to **Matthew 28:18-20**?

DAY FIVE: PRAYER FOR UNITY

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 17:20-26 today

19. Who did Jesus pray for next? (**vs. 20**)

20. What was the content of His prayer for them? (**vs. 21**)



21. Think about this as you read **verses 22-23**. How does unity among believers spread the gospel?

22. What two things does Jesus pray would be revealed by the believers' unity? (**vs. 23**)

23. If Jesus and the Father are one and that union is to be reflected in believers, what does it say when there is a lack of unity among believers?

24. What role does prayer play in your daily life? How can the prayer of Jesus in John 17 help focus your prayer time?

25. As you review John Chapter 17, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



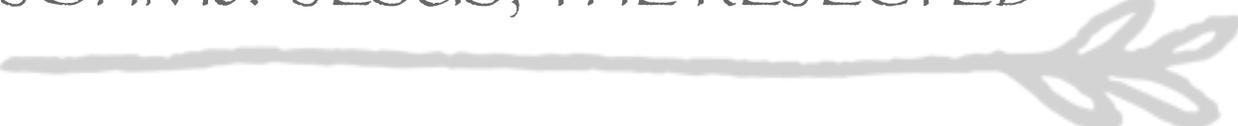
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JOHN 18: JESUS, THE REJECTED



Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." -*John 18:36 (NIV)*

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

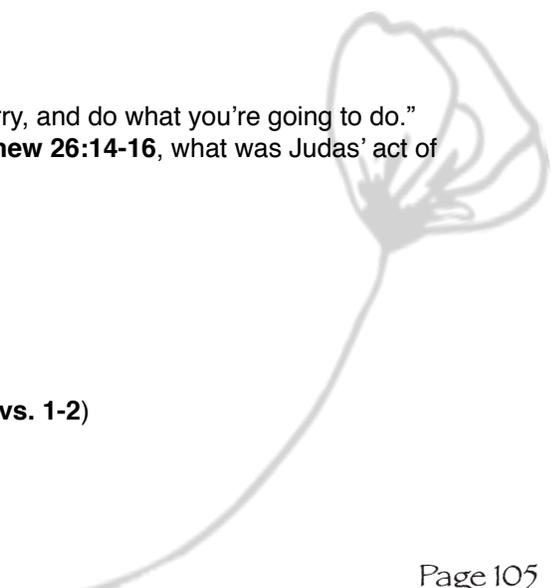
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DAY TWO: THE GARDEN

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 18:1-11 today.

1. Back in John 13 while in the Upper Room Jesus told Judas, "Hurry, and do what you're going to do." In **18:1**, Judas is referred to as "the betrayer." According to **Matthew 26:14-16**, what was Judas' act of betrayal to earn him that title?
 2. How did Judas know where Jesus and the disciples would be? (**vs. 1-2**)
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3. Whom did Judas guide into the garden? (**vs. 3**)

4. What were the men carrying and how does it reflect what they thought would happen when they got to the place Jesus was? (**vs. 3**)

5. How did Jesus identify Himself and what was the guards' response to Him? (**vs. 5-6**) Look back to **John 8:58** for more insight.

6. How did Peter react to what was happening? (**vs. 10**)

7. What additional information about this event is given in **Luke 22:47-53**? What is revealed to you about the character of Jesus?

DAY THREE: THE ACCUSATION

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 18:12-14 and 19-24 today.

8. To whom was Jesus brought and how was He taken there? (**vs. 12-13**)

9. What information regarding Caiaphas did John remind us about in **verse 14**? (See **John 11:49-52**)

10. Jewish law protected the accused from testifying against themselves like our 5th Amendment does for us today. What was the intent of the high priest's questioning in **verse 19** and how did Jesus respond? (**vs. 20-21**)

11. What was the result of Jesus standing up for His legal rights? (**vs. 22**) What does **1 Peter 2:22-23** say about Jesus?

12. Another prisoner, Paul, stood before the Sanhedrin in **Acts 23:2-3**. What do we learn about the Jewish legal system from this passage?

13. Realizing that Jesus was demanding a fair trial, what did His opponents have to do? (**vs. 23-24**)

DAY FOUR: PETER'S DENIAL

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 18:15-18 and 25-27 today.

14. Go back to **John 13:38** and record what was foretold about Peter.

15. As you read today's passages about Peter, describe the contrast between what we read of him in **verse 10**. What factors do you think contributed to the change?

16. What exactly had Peter denied? (**vs. 17, 25-27**)



17. **Luke 22:59-62** adds additional information about Peter's denial. What is significant about the recording found in Luke's gospel?

18. How does the story of Peter both encourage you and humble you?

19. The crowing of the rooster symbolized the dawning of a new day. What does **Psalm 30:5** and **Lamentations 3:22-23** say about the morning?

DAY FIVE: THE TRIAL BEGINS

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 18:28-40 today.

20. Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas according to **verse 24**, however John did not record the rest of the religious trials. The Sanhedrin met during the night and made a decision. What did they decide according to **Matt. 26:65-66** and what was the charge against Jesus?

21. From Caiaphas, where was Jesus taken? (**vs. 28**)

22. How was the Jewish officials' reasons for entering the place hypocritical? (**vs. 28**)

23. What did the Jewish leaders accuse Jesus of before Pilate? (**vs. 33-34**)
24. Why would this be problematic for Pilate if Jesus proclaimed Himself a king?
25. Where did Jesus say He was the king of? (**vs. 36**)
26. How had Jesus previously answered Pilate's question in **vs. 38**? What did Jesus proclaim in **John 14:6**?
27. How does Barabbas' freedom at Christ's expense illustrate the good news of the gospel? (**vs. 38-40**)
28. As you review John Chapter 18, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?

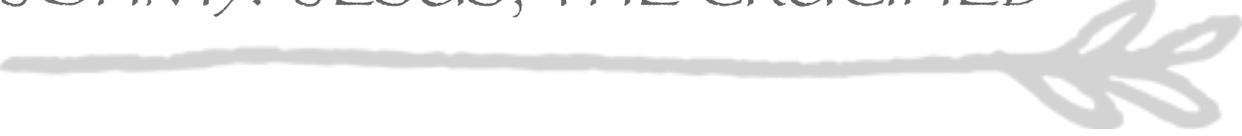


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JOHN 19: JESUS, THE CRUCIFIED



When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. -John 19:30 (NIV)

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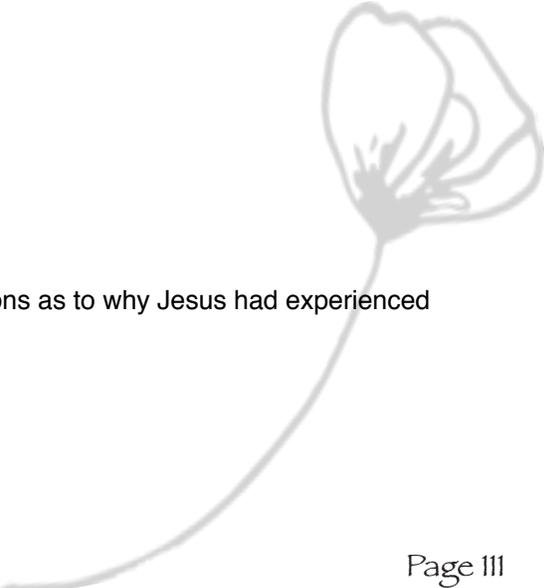
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Read John 19:1-42 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
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DAY TWO: THE SENTENCE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 19:1-16 today.

1. What was done to Jesus according to **verses 1-3**?
 2. Read **Luke 23:13-16** and record the information that gives reasons as to why Jesus had experienced what He had.
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3. The crown of thorns is an interesting symbol that has significance. What does **Genesis 3:17-19** say about thorns/thistles? How is this important in the story of Jesus' death?

4. What did the Jewish leaders accuse Jesus of? (**vs. 7, 12**) What was Pilate's verdict? (**vs. 6**)

5. Jesus made it clear who was actually holding the power in this situation. (**vs. 11**) Who had the power and what additional information is found in **Proverbs 21:1**?

6. According to **verse 14**, this happened on the day of preparation for Passover. In light of Passover, how does the Jewish leaders' reaction to Jesus (**vs. 15**) reveal the state of their spiritual condition? Explain the irony of this situation?

7. What can you learn from Jesus' behavior before Pilate that might help you when you are forced to deal with the hostile world?

DAY THREE: THE CROSS AWAITS

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 19:17-27 today.

8. What happened to Jesus in **verses 17-18** and how was **Isaiah 53:12** fulfilled?

9. What do you find significant about the inscription above the cross being in 3 languages ? (**vs. 19-20**)

10. Read **Psalm 22:18** and record how it was fulfilled in John 19.

11. In **verse 25** it tells us that Mary was at the foot of the cross. Who else was with her? How was **Luke 2:35**, a prophecy from Jesus' childhood, finally fulfilled in Mary's life?

12. Describe the love Jesus had for his mother based on the events John recorded. (**vs. 25-27**)

13. Why do you think Jesus entrusted His mother to John before He died? (see **John 13:1**)

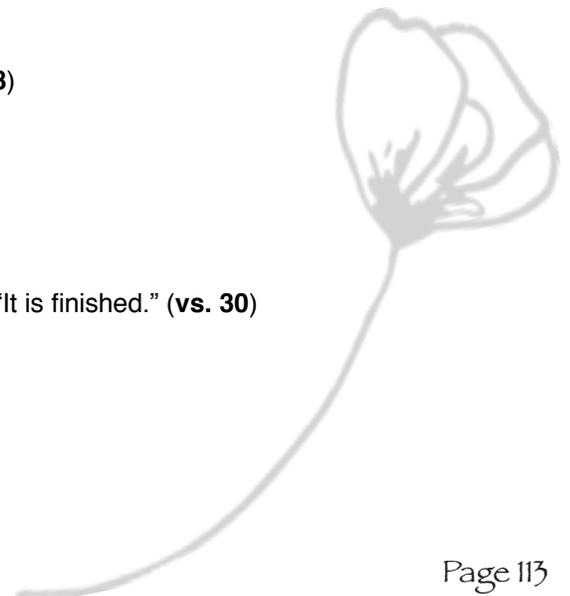
DAY FOUR: DEATH CAME

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 19:28-37 today.

14. What did Jesus know during his last moments on earth? (**vs. 28**)

15. Explain in your own words what is meant by Jesus' statement, "It is finished." (**vs. 30**)



16. What did the soldiers discover about Jesus when they came to Him? (**vs. 31-33**)
17. The crucifixion occurred during Passover. Remind yourself of the significance of the passover blood by reading **Exodus 12:12-13**. How does Jesus' blood rescue those who believe in Him? (**1 Peter 1:18-19**)
18. What sacrifices have other people made for you in your lifetime that are significant? How do they compare to the sacrifice of Jesus?
19. What do you learn about Jesus from His words and actions on the cross?
20. Read **Colossians 1:19-20** and **Colossians 2:13-15** and record the powerful implications Christ's death had for YOU.

DAY FIVE: THE BURIAL

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 19:38-42 today.

21. Who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus? (**vs. 38**) What else do you learn about him from **Matthew 27:57** and **Mark 15:43**?

22. Who was with him according to **verse 39**? Think back to what we learned about him early in our study and write down what you remember. (**John 3:1-21**)

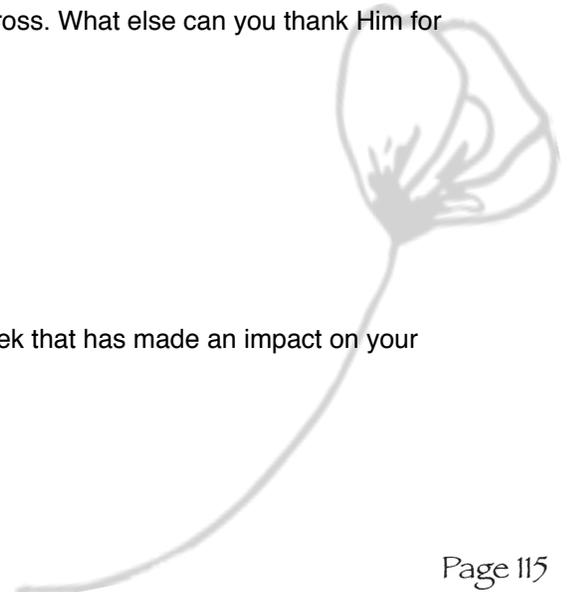
23. How was Jesus' body prepared for burial and where was it placed? (**vs. 40-41**)

24. Try to imagine if you were one of the disciples at this moment in time. What would you be thinking and feeling? Write down some of your thoughts.

25. In regards to question 24, how would being reminded of **John 14:1** and **16:33** be an encouragement to you?

26. Spend some time thanking Jesus for His saving grace on the cross. What else can you thank Him for today?

27. As you review John Chapter 19, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



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JOHN 20: JESUS, THE CRUCIFIED

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. -John 20: 31(NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

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Read John 20:1-31 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
(Read it several times using different translations and/or listen to an audio version if possible.)

DAY TWO: DAWN OF A NEW DAY

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 20:1-10 today.

1. What do you know about the scene according to **verse 1**?

2. What do we know about Mary Magdalene from **Luke 8:1-3**? What do you think her emotional state was after the crucifixion? And now at the tomb?

10. What was Mary's response when Jesus said her name? (**vs. 16**) Imagine what she might have been feeling.

11. What promise did we learn in **John 10:3-4** about the shepherd's voice? How does Mary's story outside the tomb exemplify this promise?

12. What mission did Jesus send Mary on? (**vs. 17-18**)

13. It would have been selfish and disobedient if Mary had clung to Jesus and kept Him to herself. Are there ways you recognize that you may be keeping Jesus to yourself? Mary was simply asked by Jesus to share her testimony to the "brothers." Where can your testimony be shared?

DAY FOUR: BEHIND LOCKED DOORS

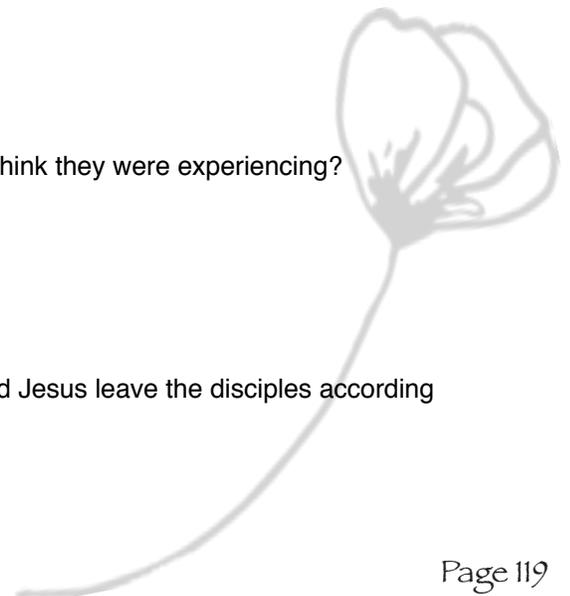
Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 20:19-23 today.

14. Why did the disciples have the doors locked? (**vs. 19**) What would they have been afraid might happen?

15. How would you describe the mood of the room? What do you think they were experiencing?

16. How did Jesus greet His disciples? (**vs. 19, 21, 26**) What gift did Jesus leave the disciples according to **John 14:27**?



17. Describe a time when you have felt the peace of God when things were discouraging and seemed overwhelming.

18. Describe what happened in **verses 21-22** and its significance.

19. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life?

DAY FIVE: DOUBTING THOMAS

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 20:24-31 today.

20. What was Thomas' reaction to the disciple's news? (**vs. 25**)

21. How reasonable do you think it was for Thomas to want to personally see evidence that Jesus was alive? Why?

22. How did Jesus restore Thomas' faith? (**vs. 26-27**) What was Thomas' response? (**vs. 28**)

23. In what areas in your life do you need to let Jesus transform your fear and doubt into faith?

24. What is promised to those who come to faith without seeing? (**vs. 29**)

25. How does **1 Peter 1:8-9** encourage you?

26. What did John leave out of his gospel? (**vs. 30**)

27. Why did John write this book? (**vs. 31**)

28. On what evidence do you rely for your own belief in or about Jesus Christ?

28. As you review John Chapter 20, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



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JOHN 21: JESUS, THE GREAT COMMISSIONER



*When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."
-John 21: 15(NIV)*

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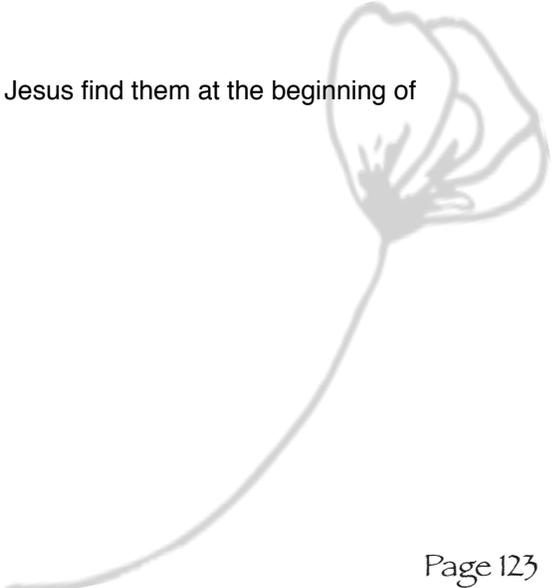
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DAY TWO: A GOOD DAY FISHING

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 21:1-14 today.

1. Where do we find the disciples according to **verse 1**? Where did Jesus find them at the beginning of His ministry in **Matthew 4:18-20**?
 2. Who was there and what were they doing? (**vs. 2-3**)
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3. Why do you think they could not recognize Jesus? (**vs. 4**)

4. Describe the miracle that took place. What were the different reactions to it that occurred? (**vs. 6-9**)

5. How did Jesus display servanthood in this passage? (**vs. 9-13**)

6. Where do we find the Lord according to **verse 9**? Describe a previous time that Peter had been by something similar in **John 18:18**.

7. We see that the Lord let Peter dry off, get warm, satisfy his hunger, and enjoy fellowship. How can caring for a person's physical needs prepare the way for ministering to them spiritually?

DAY THREE: FEEDING SHEEP

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 21:15-17 today.

8. What did Jesus mean when He asked Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" Why do you think Jesus repeated the question two more times? What do we learn about love here?

9. Look back over **John 13:37-38, 18:15-18, and 18:25-27**. How do you think Peter was feeling in light of what happened prior?

10. What did Jesus ask Peter to do three times?

11. Who are Jesus' sheep? (**John 10:14-15**)

12. How does the command to "feed my sheep" differ from Jesus' earlier command to become "fishers of men"?

13. As one of the "sheep" Jesus referred to, how and where are you currently being fed?

14. According to **Hebrews 13:17, 20-21** what is the responsibility of the flock? Who is the ultimate leader of both the flock (sheep) and shepherds (pastors)?

DAY FOUR: PETER'S FUTURE

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 21:18-23 today.

15. What did Jesus predict about Peter's future? (**vs. 18-19**)

16. What did Peter want to know about John? (**vs. 20-21**)

17. What did Jesus say to Peter about his concern of John? (**vs. 19, 22**)



18. How does Paul describe what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the following verses?

Romans 12:1-2

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Philippians 1:20-21

19. In what ways can you be a disciple of Jesus this week?

20. How did Jesus' prediction of Peter's future and His words about John demonstrate His divine nature?

DAY FIVE: YOUR TESTIMONY

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 21:24-25 today.

21. What did John say about his testimony in writing this book? (**vs. 24**)

22. How reliable is his testimony according to **verse 24**?

23. As you think back about the Gospel of John, who are some of the other people who gave a testimony? Briefly describe a few from memory.

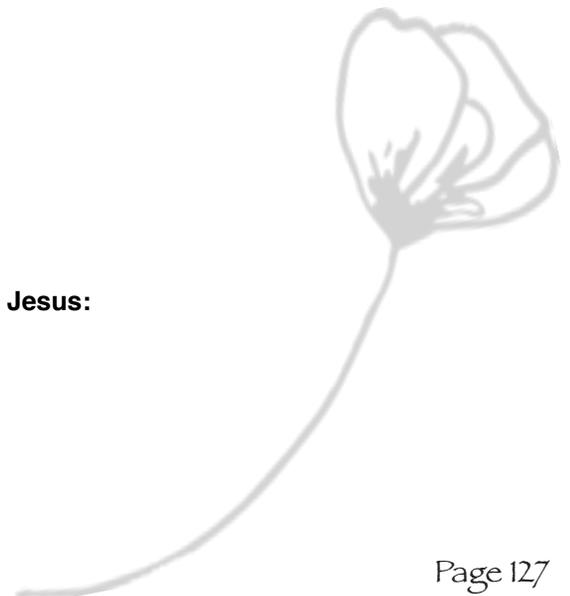
24. Jesus commissioned Peter to feed His sheep in this chapter. According to **Matthew 18:19-20**, what did Jesus say our responsibility is as a disciple?

24. What is your own testimony about Jesus? How would you testify about Jesus to others?

Describe the “old you” before you knew Jesus:

Describe the events that brought you into relationship with Jesus:

Describe the “new you” now having a relationship with Jesus:



How can your specific testimony be an encouragement to others:

28. As you review John Chapter 21, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



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