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BIBLE STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME to this one-month study on the Book of John, for both group and individual learning. Herein are all the important facts about the book—its background, purpose, the most beloved scriptures—and a daily study to help you navigate with ease and enjoyment.

WHY THIS STUDY IS SO IMPORTANT TO A GROWING FAITH

The Book of John is often recommended as the first book of the Bible Christians should read. Many scholars believe that one can never read the Book of John too many times, emphasizing the importance of revisiting its foundational teachings throughout one's life.

In the New Testament, there are multiple individuals named John. To clarify, John was among the three disciples who had the closest relationship with Jesus. Before Jesus began His ministry, John was a follower of John the Baptist, who then joined Jesus' ministry as a disciple. The writings attributed to John and Matthew are two of the Gospels we possess from individuals who had a personal acquaintance with Jesus. Luke and Mark's Gospels, on the other hand, were authored by individuals who were acquainted with the apostles but were not direct followers of Jesus.

John was the only disciple to be present at both the trial and crucifixion. He was also the first of the 11 remaining disciples to see the Risen Lord. And finally, he is the only apostle who did not die a violent death, living into his 90s, and contributing three epistles plus the Revelation of John to the New Testament. John's witness is likely the most complete of any of the disciples, and his word is utterly trustworthy. The Book of John is therefore recommended more than any other book as the most foundational of all Bible books.

WHY IS THE BOOK OF JOHN UNIQUE?

The Gospel of John stands apart from the other three, which are known as "Synoptic" Gospels, meaning they resemble each other in their unfolding of Christ's life. The Synoptics are known for almost equal inclusion of Jesus' teaching and His miracles. They feature parables, whereas John's Gospel does not. John chooses not to emphasize miracles or Jesus' parable teachings. Most of John's book covers Jesus' relationship with the religious leadership and members. It provides a very hopeful backdrop for Christians of today who experience bullying, lying, gaslighting, gossip, secretive behavior, and manipulation tactics, much like Christ Himself.

John doesn't begin his Gospel until after Jesus' first miracle. Among its many jewels, it is famous for containing the seven "I AM Statements" of Christ. It contains some incredible details that other books do not, such as Mary Magdalene being the first person to see the Risen Lord.

HOW THIS STUDY WORKS

Each of the chapters in John will encompass one day's study, with only a handful of days that require two chapters of reading. You will have six days of study, with one day off in each of the four weeks, for a total of 24 days of study. You can arrange so that the sixth day of study, a comprehensive look at the past five days, can be split up with you doing the part corresponding to each day on that particular day. This way, you can complete six days of study in five.

You will visit one or two chapters each day following an Introductory Day 1.

Despite all its comprehensive materials, the study is neither difficult nor terribly time-consuming. A day's work can be done in half an hour, but it can take up to an hour, depending on how much time you'd like to give to the subjective questions about that day's chapter or chapters. The study is designed to be highly individualized, good for small groups and cell groups, but also fine for an individual just looking to improve their knowledge base.

WHAT'S TO BE DONE EACH DAY?

Our Table of Contents, beginning on the next page, shows the breakdown of chapters that will be covered in the course. Each day of the month-long study is clearly marked so that you'll always know where to pick up.

Each day you will complete the following mini-segments:

- Peruse all the important **CHAPTER FACTS** at the top of that day's page, including what miracles, stories, and classic Bible tales are included in that day's reading.
- Complete the **CHAPTER STUDY**, by reading either one or two chapters of John as indicated.
- Read that day's **LEARNING NOTES** while working with the text.
- Answer questions about the text. Each day you will have one **APPLICATION QUESTION** plus two **CROSS REFERENCES** with questions, often one in the Old and one in the New Testaments. These require more thought, and will either help you understand the reading better or help you apply it to your personal journey with Christ. You may answers these questions on the lined page template we provide on page 7.
- Study a **WEEK-IN-REVIEW** question for the day. You can actually approach the Week-in-Review Page as that 6th workday each week. Or, at the end of your studies each day, you can go to the Week-in-Review page and look at the question devoted to that day's material. Some people find it breezier to answer the question while the material is fresh; others like some days to pass to make sure they still remember.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT DATES:

Each chapter comes with an approximate year when events in the reading took place. Most scholars do not believe Jesus was born precisely in the year 0 AD. Schools of thought exist for His being born in 7 AD, 5 AD, or 3 AD. For various reasons laid out in earlier studies, we are holding to the idea of Christ having been born in 7 AD. Therefore, the dates you will see during His ministry are not the expected 31, 32, and 33 AD; they are 24, 25, and 26 AD.

With just a little time each day for a month, you will have a wonderful opportunity to know well the Book of John. By the end of the month, you will have a much better idea of where to find important miracles, parables, and teachings of Jesus in this famous Gospel.

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JOHN

WEEK 1

WEEK 1, DAY 1:

All About JOHN, Introduction

BASIC BOOK FACTS

Order in New Testament:

4

Number of Chapters:

21

Type:

History / Gospel

Written:

90-95 AD

About this Period:

7 BC to 26 AD

By:

The Apostle John

NOTES

While most Christians feel the Gospel of John is the first Bible book new Christians should read, even the most mature Christians enjoy returning to its passages. No matter where you are in your journey with Christ, this study is sure to be helpful! For today, simply study this material and answer questions in the Week in Review, Introductory Day 1 Quiz. The following information will provide insight into the background of this book, its historical context, the author's intentions, and its core messages.

JOHN FAQ

- 1. What was John's main focus?** John's Gospel was written some 30 years after the other three. This gave John some time, perhaps, to reflect on what might still be missing, so that future generations might have a completed picture of Christ's life. He focused on the Deity of Christ. The chapters largely contain conversations Jesus had, arguments that ensued, and His responses to those who persecuted Him (similarly to how we are persecuted by secularists today). The miracles reported are few and far between, almost as if John didn't want anything to eclipse the voice of the Lord and what Christ said about Himself.
- 2. Are we sure John's Gospel was written so late?** There had been some occasional confusion, as the other Apostles wrote during the reign of Emperor Nero (54-68 AD), and John wrote during the reign of Emperor Domitian (81-96 AD). Both these men were brutal and quite antagonistic towards Christians. Nero initiated spectacles at the Colosseum, such as the practice of feeding Christians to lions and using them as human torches during his garden gatherings. Domitian was no less imaginative, and according to Church lore he tried to boil the Apostle John in oil; however, John came out unharmed. John was the only Apostle who wasn't martyred and was given the gift of old age. However,

he spent a considerable amount of time in prison for speaking of Christ. In contrast, John's brother James was the first apostle to be martyred in Jerusalem (see Acts 12:1-3). Hence, John is thought to have written his Gospel, his three Epistles, and the Revelation toward the end of his life, in the 90s.

3. **What is the Apostle John particularly known for?** John was the youngest of the disciples and, may in fact, have still been a teenager when serving as a disciple of John the Baptist. Nonetheless, John's faith was extraordinary, so much so that Jesus took him and only two other apostles into a room when He raised a girl from the dead (Mark 5:35-43). John was a witness to the Transfiguration, where he, his brother James and Simon Peter, were the only ones present with Jesus to see Elijah and Moses. He was only one of two disciples to have the courage to attend Jesus' trial (where Peter denied Him three times—John 18:15-18), and he was the only disciple to attend the Crucifixion. On the day of the Resurrection he was the first disciple to reach the tomb of the Risen Lord.
4. **Where did John originate from, and what was his family background?** John was a fisherman and the son of a fisherman named Zebedee. The family was probably considered "middle class," as Zebedee owned the business and likely had a fleet of boats. Jesus was quite fond of John and his older brother James, often inviting them with him to places that required great faith or intending them to serve as inspiration to others. Jesus affectionately called the feisty brothers "Sons of Thunder."
5. **Where did John go after Pentecost?** John served the fledgling church in Jerusalem for many years. He then moved to Ephesus to serve there. One legend tells of John taken to Rome during a persecution under Nero (54-68 AD), where he was thrown into a vat of boiling oil but emerged unharmed. Later John was exiled to the island of Patmos where he wrote the Revelation.
6. **What special stories are only found in John's Gospel?** The Gospel of John does not account for Jesus' childhood, but rather begins its narration with Jesus meeting with John the Baptist. Other accounts singular to this Gospel include:
 - Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well
 - Defending the woman caught in adultery
 - Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead
 - Peter's second miraculous catch of fish
7. **What messages are singular to the Book of John?** John was determined to show Jesus as God (a part of the Holy Trinity). His well-known introduction leaves no doubt about this, as does his specific inclusion of Christ's I AM statements. Mark and Luke, distinct from each other in style, both focused on showing that Jesus' life was a testament unto itself through many miracles and classic teachings. Matthew was written to show the Jews, in a scholarly way, that Christ was indeed the Messiah. Hence John is distinct in his fixation on Christ's deity. John 3 contains the concept of being born again or born of the spirit.
8. **Which details of the Death, Resurrection and Ascension are singular to John?** Here are three important details found only in John:
 - Christ telling John from the Cross to take care of His mother
 - Mary Magdalene being the first person to see the Risen Lord
 - The story of doubting Thomas
9. **What Gospel stories are surprising in that John did not mention them?** Some stories are specific to each Gospel, but the most notable ones untouched by John include:

- The Birth of Christ
- The Ascension

10. What are the most popular verses in John? The Gospel of John is quite special in that the three most popular verses in the entire Bible are found there! According to a search engine that keeps track of Bible verse activity, the most popular verses in John are these:

- John 3:16—"God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Popularity rank: #1 (the most popular verse in the whole Bible)
- John 1:1—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Popularity rank: #2 (second most popular verse in the entire Bible)
- John 14:6—"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" Popularity rank: #3 (third most popular verse in the entire Bible)

(Matthew 28:19, the Great Commission, holds popularity place #4, and the other two Gospels are not included in the Top Ten of Verses.)



DAY 1 IN REVIEW

The quiz is to help reinforce the factual material given on Day 1.

- 01 The Apostle John's family was in this trade: _____
- 02 John's brother by this name was the first of the Apostles to be martyred:

- 03 John was thrown into a vat of boiling oil but remained unharmed during the reign of this demonic tyrant: _____
- 04 One special story singular to John's Gospel has to do with Jesus raising this beloved friend from the dead: _____
- 05 The story about this skeptical disciple is found only in John's Gospel:

- 06 It can be a bit surprising that neither of these events in Christ's life are mentioned in the Gospel of John: _____ and

- 07 What verse from John is the second most popular among today's believers?



WEEK 1, DAY 2:

John 1:1-18-Who Is Jesus?

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

None

Approximate Year:

Around 24 AD

Miracles Recorded:

Jehovah made flesh

Written:

90-95 AD

Classic Bible Stories:

None

NOTES

The initial passage of a book considered essential for Christians can be quite demanding. Therefore, we have dedicated a full lesson on examining half the chapter. By delving deeply into the material and utilizing the cross references provided in the Digging Deeper section, the concepts will become clearer.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 1:1-18

Many Christians read through this passage and say they understand its meaning to be that Christ and God are parallel, which is indeed accurate. Upon closer examination, 'the Word' refers to the spoken word of God, drawing from various Old Testament references (refer to the Cross Reference section below).

God frequently instructed His prophets to record His messages, ensuring that His words served as a testimony to countless people, not just those who heard them directly. This underscores the universal significance of His teachers, which are life-giving transformational, protective, preservative, and more. They likely are the only words that stand alone untouched by bias or constraints.

As to avoid any confusion in names, be aware that the "John" referred to in verse 6 is John the Baptist and not the author himself.

Christ is the manifestation of all God's truths and calling Him the Word manifests His importance before all of creation.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 This unusual name was given for Jesus in verse 1: _____
- 02 True/False: Everything was made through Jesus. (v. 3)
- 03 In Jesus was this, which was also the light of all mankind. (v. 4) _____
- 04 John came as a witness to testify about the _____ so that through him all might _____. (v. 7)
- 05 In verse 10, Jesus was not recognized by these people: _____
- 06 Jesus was full of _____ and _____. (v. 14)
- 07 The law was given through this person: _____ (v. 17)
- 08 In verse 18, John states Jesus is the one and only _____ of the Father. (v. 18)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What does it mean to you that Jesus is referred to as 'the Word' in John 1:1-18? How does this description shape your view of who Jesus is? You may want to refer to the cross reference verses below.



Cross References: Look up as many of these as you would like: In the Old Testament God's word is

- **creative** (Psalm 33:6)
- **helpful** (Micah 2:7)
- **holy** (Jer 23:9)
- **complete** (Jer 26:2)
- **flawless/pure** (2 Sam 22:31; Psalm 12:6; 18:30; Prov 30:5)
- **sufficient** (Deut 8:3; Isa 50:4; Jer 15:16)
- **reliable** (Isa 31:2; 45:23; Jer 44:28; 1 Sam 3:19; Psalm 33:4; Isa 55:11)
- **understandable** (Deut 4:10)
- **powerful** (Hosea 6:5)
- **protective** (Psalm 68:11-12; 147:15-18)
- **indestructible** (Jer 23:29)
- **eternal** (Psalm 119:89; Isa 40:8)
- **life-giving** (Deut 32:46-47)
- **wise** (Psalm 119:130)
- **trustworthy** (2 Sam 7:28; 1 Kings 17:16)



WEEK 1, DAY 3:

John 1:19-51-John's Disciples Become Jesus' Disciples

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Jordan River, then Bethany (a town on the banks of the Jordan)

Approximate Year:

Around 24 AD

Miracles Recorded:

John saw a dove descend upon Jesus, testifying that Christ was God's Chosen One.

Classic Bible Stories:

Jesus is baptized

NOTES

We need to read attentively today for two reasons. Firstly, there are two individuals named John mentioned: John the Apostle, who authored the account, and John the Baptist, who is simply referred to as "John" by the author. Secondly, John the Apostle, in a display of humility, abstains from mentioning himself by name in this book. Therefore, when encountering "John" in the text authored by John the Apostle, it pertains to John the Baptist, not the author himself. Conversely, when encountering phrases like "one of the disciples" or "the one Jesus loved," it is the author, John the Apostle, referring to himself.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 1

John the Baptist and Jesus finally meet with a sense of anticipation. Some might wonder why John the Baptist wouldn't recognize Jesus, given that they were cousins (see Luke 1:36-45). It is possible that they hadn't met before, as Mary lived in Nazareth, in Galilee, and Elizabeth lived further south, in the hill country of Judea. The only recorded meeting of the mothers is before their children were born.

The anticipation starts when the Son of God meets one of the most prominent prophets in God's history. Certain individuals in the region, moved by the Spirit, earnestly sought the Messiah, and thus naturally gravitated towards John the Baptist, then Jesus Himself.

Let's take a moment to understand all the names mentioned in these verses. The John referred to in verses 29-36 is John the Baptist. Verse 35 mentions two disciples of John the Baptist: these are the author, John, as well as Andrew, the younger brother of Simon Peter. Verse 43 mentions a Philip and a Nathaniel. They, too, became followers of Jesus and were

CHAPTER STUDY CONTINUED

part of the group searching for him.

What does Jesus' last comment to Nathaniel actually mean in verse 51? Jesus may have been referring to the famous Old Testament story of Jacob's Ladder, one that these men were familiar with Jacob's Ladder (Genesis 28). This was just one of recorded instances since the Fall of Man where the heavens were seen "open." However, Nathaniel is not recorded as having been at the Transfiguration, so this is not a reference to that marvelous event. Some think that it is a reference to Christ's Second Coming, which will be seen by all.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 True/False: John the Baptist told the religious leadership he was not the Messiah. (v. 19)
- 02 True/False: John the Baptist told them he was not the Prophet Elijah. (v. 21)
- 03 When John finally confirmed his identity, he did so by quoting Isaiah 40:3, which says, "I am the voice of one calling in the _____." (v. 23)
- 04 John made a comparison between himself and the Messiah, saying he was not worthy to do this to Him: _____ (v. 27)
- 05 John the Baptist had been baptizing near this town on the Jordan River: _____ (v. 28)
- 06 John saw the Spirit come down from heaven in the form of this animal: _____ (v. 32)
- 07 When Jesus saw John and Andrew following Him, He asked them this: _____ (v. 38)
- 08 According to verse 39, John and Andrew spent time with Jesus until _____.
- 09 Philip told Nathaniel, "We have found him the one _____ wrote about in the Law." (v. 45)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In today's passage, we witness John the Baptist's humility and recognition of Jesus' role and significance. How does John's attitude toward Jesus challenge our own perceptions of greatness and humility in serving God today? How might John's example influence our interactions with others as we seek to point them toward Christ?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Read Matthew 4:18-22. How does today's reading from John 1, with the understanding that it happened first, help the disciples' calling make sense?

More from the Old Testament: In Exodus 33:20, God tells Moses that no one can see His face because no one can see Him and live. How does Jesus' meeting with these fishermen in John 1 show the shift in our relationship to God, thanks to



WEEK 1, DAY 4:

John 2-Jesus' First Miracle & Clearing the Temple

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Cana in Galilee, then Jerusalem

Approximate Year:

24 AD

Miracles Recorded:

Jesus changing water into wine

Classic Bible Stories:

Jesus clears the temple for the first time

NOTES

In today's reading, we will observe a well-known miracle and hear a familiar story about Jesus. In the miracle, Jesus transforms water into wine at the request of His mother.

This is the first miracle recorded in all the Gospels. Following this, Jesus expresses His disapproval of the commerce conducted in the Temple, as He recognized the disrespect towards His Father. Let's explore what more we can learn from these timeless stories.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 2

In John 2:4, Jesus addresses His mother as "woman." In the cultural context, this term isn't disrespectful; it was a term of endearment. Jesus respected and loved His mother, to the point of performing a miracle on her behalf, which illustrates the importance of honoring our parents.

Jesus was deeply committed to purifying the temple, showing more than just love for His Father. Money changers operated there to convert Roman coins into half-shekels, the required currency for Jewish temple offerings. This service, though convenient, was a lucrative business for the money changers.

Providing animals for sacrifice was also convenient for Passover celebrants, saving them from the expense and difficulty of transporting animals with them on their journey. However, this too was a profitable venture. Both groups exploited the poor, leading Jesus to feel righteous anger.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 On the _____ day a wedding took place. (v. 1)
- 02 How many stone water jars were there? (v. 6) _____
- 03 True/False: The miracle at the wedding was not the first time Jesus revealed His glory. (v. 11)
- 04 Jesus told the Jews who questioned Him that He would raise the temple in _____ days. (v. 19)
- 05 The temple that Jesus spoke of was His _____. (v. 21)
- 06 True/False: Many people believed in Jesus when they saw the signs and miracles He was performing. (v. 23)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In John 2:13-22, we read about Jesus cleansing the temple. What does this event teach us about Jesus' attitude towards religious practices and institutions? How does it challenge our understanding of worship and reverence? Reflecting on this passage, what adjustments might we need to make in our own lives or in our churches to align more closely with Jesus' teachings?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Matthew 23:13-36. In this passage, Jesus expresses deep anger and condemnation towards the religious leaders of his time. What do you think were the main reasons behind His anger? How can we apply Jesus' warnings to the scribes and Pharisees to our own lives and religious practices today?

More from the Old Testament: Proverbs 14:31. How does this verse challenge our attitudes and actions towards the poor and needy in our communities today?



WEEK 1, DAY 5:

John 3–The Most Popular Chapter in the Bible!

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):
Jerusalem

Approximate Year:
24 AD

Miracles Recorded:
None

Classic Bible Stories:
Jesus explains being born again to Nicodemus

NOTES

The Book of John features three of the most cherished Bible verses, two of which are found in this chapter. Today, we will investigate significant questions regarding the concept of being born again.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 3

Many Christians are familiar with the beginning of chapter three, where Jesus tells Nicodemus that to be spiritual, one must be born again. They also know Nicodemus' literal interpretation and his response about the impossibility of returning to one's mother's womb. However, a less discussed question posed by Jesus appears in verse 10: "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"

Was Jesus suggesting that the concept of spiritual rebirth was recognized or followed in the Old Testament? This idea originates from the prophets who spoke of similar experiences. Due to this, Jesus expressed disappointment that Nicodemus disregarded these scriptures. References to the Old Testament passages of spiritual awakening and rebirth are listed below.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 What was the name of the Pharisee who came to Jesus at night? (v. 1) _____.
- 02 Jesus told Nicodemus that no one could see the Kingdom of God unless they are this:(v. 3)

- 03 No one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of _____ and the
_____. (v. 5)
- 04 Just like when Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, the Son of man must be
_____ (v. 14)
- 05 Whoever believes in Jesus will not perish but will have this: (v. 16) _____.
- 06 Whoever believes in Jesus is not _____. (v. 18)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Read one the most beloved scriptures in the Bible today, in John 3:16. Reflecting on this verse, how does the concept of God's love and the gift of Jesus impact your understanding of salvation? How does it influence the way you view your relationship with God and your interactions with others?



Cross References:

More from the Old Testament Prophets--Ezekiel 11:19. Read the verse and then reflect on any challenges you face in allowing God to transform your heart. What obstacles hinder your spiritual awakening or growth? How can you actively surrender these barriers to God, trusting in His promise to give you a new spirit and a softened heart?

And More from the Old Testament Prophets--Jeremiah 31:33. How does the promise of God to write His law on the hearts and minds of His people reflect His desire for a deeper, personal relationship with them? Reflect on your own life: In what ways have you experienced God's law being written on your heart? How does this transformation impact the way you relate to God and live out your faith on a daily basis?



WEEK 1 IN REVIEW

Use these Week-In-Review questions for personal growth, group discussion, or both. There are no right or wrong answers; just opportunities to further flesh out the passages of this week and share those insights if possible.

Day 2

The Notes mention that God's words, as found in the Holy Scriptures, may be the only ones we ever see that aren't spoken or read with prejudice and limited understanding. Pick any verse in Isaiah or Jeremiah (where God is speaking and not the prophets themselves). Write it below and write what it helps you know about the nature of God.

Day 3

In this reading, Nathaniel is shocked and overjoyed when Jesus recognized his character immediately in verses 47-49. Imagine yourself in Nathaniel's position. If Jesus were seeing you from far off, what do you think He would recognize about you?

Day 4

In the notes we learned about two profitable businesses being run out of the Temple. Reflecting on the account of Jesus throwing out the money changers and those selling sacrifices in the temple, what principles can we draw regarding the appropriateness of churches selling goods or engaging in commercial activities within their premises?



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Day 5

Reflecting on the concept of being “born again” as a continuous journey rather than a singular event, how does this perspective influence the way we review our lives spiritually? How can we integrate the idea of periodic self-reflection and renewal into our spiritual practice, and what role does it play in our ongoing journey towards the kingdom of God?



Fill-in-the-Blank Answers

FROM DAY 1

1. Fishing
2. James
3. Nero
4. Lazarus
5. Doubting Thomas
6. Christ's birth and the Ascension
7. John 1:1

FROM DAY 2

1. The Word
2. True
3. Life
4. Light, believe
5. All the people of the world
6. Grace, truth
7. Moses
8. Son/Begotten Son

FROM DAY 3

1. True
2. True
3. Wilderness
4. To untie the Messiah's sandals/unloose His shoe latchet
5. Bethany or Bethabara
6. Dove
7. What do you want?/What seek ye?
8. Four in the afternoon/the tenth hour
9. Moses

FROM DAY 4

1. Third
2. Six
3. False, it was the first time
4. Three
5. Body
6. True

FROM DAY 5

1. Nicodemus
2. Born again
3. Water, Spirit
4. Lifted up
5. Eternal life or Everlasting life
6. Condemned



JOHN

WEEK 2

WEEK 2, DAY 1:

John 4-5-The Samaritan Woman & Two Further Miracles

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Sychar in Samaria, Cana and Capernaum in Galilee, the pool at Bethesda near Jerusalem

Approximate Year:

25 AD

Miracles Recorded:

Jesus reading the Samaritan woman's mind, healing at the pool of Bethesda, Jesus heals from a distance

Classic Bible Stories:

Jesus and the Samaritan woman

NOTES

In these chapters, Jesus demonstrates both His authority and compassion by performing miracles and teaching important lessons. He meets a Samaritan woman at a well, offers her living water, and heals her life. He also heals an official's son and a paralyzed man, showing His power and care. These chapters remind us that Jesus can bring healing and change to our lives.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 4-5

The miracles performed by Jesus were significant because they provided evidence of His identity. They indicated that God had given Christ Himself the authority to perform these miracles. In verse 4:18, Jesus mentioned miracles as one of the ways people would come to believe in Him. All Jesus' miracles served this purpose, although some also had additional significance (see also verse 5:36).

The closed-mindedness of the scribes and Pharisees is echoed today by many who choose not to believe, which can be surprising to devout believers. Instead of rejoicing at the man healed, they became overly focused on laws of the Sabbath, displaying a lack of empathy. Verse 18 tells us they wanted to kill Jesus, not only because He was breaking the Sabbath, but also for claiming God as His own Father. The religious leadership failed to see this miracle as a sign of the actual Messiah.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 What town did Jesus decide to pass through? (4:5) _____
- 02 Who was the well named after? (4:6) _____
- 03 Jesus said that if she were to ask Him, He would give her this: (4:10) _____

- 04 What was the pool called in Aramaic? (5:2) _____
- 05 How long had the man been an invalid? (5:5) _____
- 06 The day that all this took place was the _____. (5:9)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In John 4-5, we witness Jesus engaging with individuals from vastly different backgrounds—the Samaritan woman at the well and the man at the pool of Bethesda. Both encounters reveal profound truths about Jesus' character and mission. Reflecting on these passages, how does Jesus' approach to each person challenge our own preconceptions and biases? How can we apply His example in our interactions with others, especially those who may be marginalized or misunderstood in society today?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Matthew 23:13. What can we learn from this verse about the attitudes and behaviors that hinder spiritual growth and block others from experiencing the Kingdom of Heaven? How can we ensure that we do not fall into similar traps of hypocrisy and exclusivity in our own lives, especially our Christian communities?

More from the Old Testament: Isaiah 9:14-15 contains a judgment against Israel. Reflecting on this verse, how does it depict the severity of God's judgment? What might this passage teach us about the consequences of disobedience and the importance of remaining faithful to God's commands in our own lives?



WEEK 2, DAY 2:

John 6–More Miracles and Jesus First I Am Statement

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Sea of Galilee, Capernaum in Galilee

Approximate Year:

24 AD

Miracles Recorded:

Jesus feeds the 5,000, Jesus walks on water

Classic Bible Stories:

I AM the bread of life; Many disciples desert Jesus

NOTES

This chapter introduces the first of Jesus' I AM statements, "I am the bread of life." We'll be looking at its full meaning as well as why many disciples ended up deserting Him at this juncture, leaving only the Twelve.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 6

After feeding 5,000 people with five small barley loaves and two small fish, the disciples collected 12 baskets of crumbs. Verse 15 notes a little-known fact: some people were attempting to forcefully crown Jesus as king, but He managed to evade them.

The group of people whom He had previously fed found Him in Capernaum. Addressing them, He made the first of His famous "I AM statements," saying, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger." Since these listeners had been among those He had fed the day before, they were open to the idea of Jesus satisfying spiritual hunger as well. However, trouble arose when He declared that no one could come to Him unless they were drawn by the Father, leaving those who still doubted feeling unsettled.

In the final segment, verses 60-70, approximately 60 out of His 72 disciples departed due to the statement about eating flesh and drinking blood. Many Christians can empathize with Simon Peter in this situation, as there are moments in our lives when aspects of faith may appear perplexing or illogical. His well-known frustration mirrors some experiences common to many Christians today.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 Who did Jesus ask about buying food? (v. 5) _____
- 02 True/False: Jesus asked about where to buy bread in order to prove or test him. (v. 5-6)
- 03 How many loaves and fishes did the boy have? (v. 9) _____
- 04 About how many men were there in the crowd? (v. 10) _____
- 05 How many baskets of leftovers were there? (v. 13) _____
- 06 The work of God is to _____ in the one He sent. (v. 29)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In these verses, Jesus delivers a profound discourse of being the bread of life, emphasizing the need to eat His flesh and drink His blood. This statement perplexed and challenged many of His followers, causing many to turn away. Why do you think this teaching was so challenging for them, and what does their reaction reveal about the nature of true discipleship and faith in Christ?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Matthew 14:22-33. This passage contains a lengthier version of the story about Jesus walking on water. What details were added to this version that added to your understanding of the story? What profound connections are you able to make about your own spiritual journey?

More from the Old Testament: Job 9:8-9. In these verses, Job reflects on the power and majesty of God. How does recognizing Jesus' power over the elements, particularly in the context of walking on water, deepen your understanding of His divinity? How does this impact your faith and trust in Him during life's storms?



WEEK 2, DAY 3:

John 7-8-Jesus at a Feast and the Women Caught in Adultery

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Galilee, Jerusalem (where Jesus went secretly), Mount of Olives, Jerusalem (with Jesus teaching out in the open)

Approximate Year:

26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None

Classic Bible Stories:

I AM statements

NOTES

These two chapters explore Jesus' true identity and why people found it difficult to recognize Him. Some Christians might think they already know who Jesus is, so they don't spend much energy here. However, the real value lies in comparing these insights to contemporary situations. Look beyond words exchanged and observe behaviors like arrogance, insults, and a disregard for salvation. You may find some similarities to your own life.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 7-8

Chapter 7:12-13 highlights how some people desired to believe but they were afraid of retribution from church leadership. This might parallel situations with certain political figures who employ intimidating tactics, resulting in contemporary citizens refraining from speaking the truth.

Beginning from verse 7:19, there is much hostility toward Jesus and the use of derogatory language. Notice the frequent labeling of Jesus as "demon-possessed." In 8:48, this insult is reiterated, with the added insult of being called a Samaritan (a term implying heresy), then repeated again in verse 52. Jesus responds by accusing them of falsehood. Reflecting on the nature of religious debates today, Jesus' replies serve as a model for our own conduct in such discussions.

In verse 7:24, the instruction to "Stop judging by mere appearances" was a response to many of the religious leaders. They were trained and knowledgeable about prophecy. However, they erred in certain matters, such as assuming Jesus hailed from Galilee rather than Bethlehem, leading them astray due to premature conclusions (e.g., assuming someone born in Bethlehem would remain there). Despite their confidence in being correct, they were mistaken. In chapter 8, Jesus informed them, "Where I go, you cannot come," prompting the Jews to inquire if He intended self-harm.

We must rely on the Holy Spirit to help us with metaphors so that they are understood correctly. It is important to guard ourselves against overconfidence—and arrogance. In verse 8:57, Jesus' words are once again misunderstood due to literal interpretation. Given the prevalence of deception in our time (2 Timothy 4:3-4), we must approach teachings that align with our beliefs with skepticism until we're certain we're not merely indulging our own preferences.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 At what feast did all this take place? (7:2) _____
- 02 The world hates Jesus because He testifies that its works are this: (7:7) _____
- 03 Whoever believes in Jesus will have rivers of _____ flowing from within them. (7:38)
- 04 Which of the Pharisees stood up for Jesus? (7:50) _____
- 05 Jesus is the _____ of the world. (8:12)
- 06 True/False: A true disciple is someone who obeys Jesus. (8:31)
- 07 Everyone who sins is a _____ to sin. (8:34)
- 08 What did Abraham do at the thought of Jesus' day? (8:56) _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Revisit verses 8:32 and 8:36. How do these verses connect the concept of truth with freedom, particularly in the context of Jesus' teachings? Reflect on what "truth" means in the context of your own life. How does knowing and embracing the truth set you free from spiritual, emotional, or mental bondage? How does Jesus' role as the Son of God emphasize the transformative power of truth and freedom in our lives?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: 2 Timothy 3:1-5. This passage is quoted most often about postmodern attitudes. How do you see these traits manifesting in modern society? In what ways do you think these attitudes and behaviors challenge or contradict the teachings of Christianity? Moreover, how can believers navigate and respond to these challenges effectively without compromising their faith?

More from the Old Testament: Psalm 139:23-24. In these verses, the psalmist invites God to examine his innermost being, seeking to uncover any traces of deception or falsehood within him. Reflecting on this passage, how does the pursuit of honesty and transparency contribute to a deeper and more authentic relationship with God? What steps can we take to align our hearts with God's truth and root out any deceitful tendencies within us?



WEEK 2, DAY 4:

John 9—A Man Born Blind; Jesus on His Identity

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):
Jerusalem

Approximate Year:
25 AD

Miracles Recorded:
Blind man is healed

Classic Bible Stories:
Jesus heals a man born blind

NOTES

This chapter is captivating, humorous, uplifting, and miraculous. Jesus heals a man blind from birth, and the Pharisees scold the man harshly. Despite the challenges we face today, it's worth recognizing that even Jesus encountered attempts by arrogant religious leaders to deceive Him. A remarkable aspect of this story is Jesus' ability to brush off their criticism and continue forward. Let's consider how we can also cultivate the ability to forgive and move on.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 9

The disciples posed a question to Jesus that is unlikely to be asked in contemporary times: "Did this man sin, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Fortunately, we have moved away from such judgmental attitudes. However, we now face different forms of judgment that require reflection.

The Pharisees were wrong to criticize Christ for healing on the Sabbath, akin to condemning emergency medical professionals offering critical care on a Sunday. Yet, in modern society, many people and businesses disregard the Sabbath entirely. Although the Pharisees took the Law to the extreme, we shouldn't discount how we can respect the Sabbath in our present time.

Verse 25 is amusing to certain experienced Christians, as it depicts someone perceived as foolish by the public, outsmarting the religious authorities.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 What was the name of the pool that Jesus sends the blind man to? (v. 7) _____.
- 02 What does Siloam mean? (v. 7) _____.
- 03 What day did Jesus heal the blind man on? (v. 14) _____.
- 04 Who did the man say healed him when he was questioned? (v. 17) _____.
- 05 True/ False: The man's parents were afraid of the leaders. (v. 22)
- 06 True/ False: The blind man did not believe in Jesus. (v. 38)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Reflecting on the story of the man born blind, consider how Jesus used physical healing to convey spiritual truths. How does this narrative challenge our understanding of adversity and suffering? Additionally, what does this passage teach us about the nature of spiritual blindness and the transformative power of encountering Jesus?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Proverbs 18:21. How does this verse highlight the significance of our words and the impact they have on our lives? Reflect on a time when you witnessed the power of words, either for good or for harm, in your own life or the lives of others. How can we apply the wisdom of this verse in our daily interactions and relationships?

More from the Old Testament: 1 Kings 18:21-27. Here we witness Elijah's dramatic confrontation with the priest of Baal. Consider Elijah's boldness in verse 24 as he stands alone against hundreds of prophets of Baal. How does his unwavering conviction in the power of God's word empower him to confront opposition? Reflect on a time when you felt compelled to stand for your beliefs despite facing opposition or doubt. How did your faith in God's promises strengthen your resolve?



WEEK 2, DAY 5:

John 10–The Good Shepherd and The Door

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):
Jerusalem

Approximate Year:
25 AD

Miracles Recorded:
None

Classic Bible Stories:
I AM the Door, I AM the Good Shepherd

NOTES

In this chapter, Jesus presents two more one of His “I Am” Statement, calling himself the Good Shepherd. Illustrating His care and protection for His followers, Jesus teaches how He loves His followers and sacrifices for them. This statement is just as relevant for us as followers today and is a reminder to trust Jesus as our guide and protector.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 10

In this chapter, you’ll observe why the Book of John differs from the other three Gospels, known as the Synoptic Gospels. John emphasizes Jesus’ miracles extensively, but his main focus is on portraying Jesus as divine and the reaction this provoked among the people. The divinity of Jesus Christ is a fundamental belief for Christian believers, so it can be surprising to witness how even the most experienced and refined religious leaders failed to recognize Jesus in His divine role, even though His coming had been prophesied for thousands of years.

Verse 3 presents a comforting concept for many Christians: the ability to recognize, listen to, and follow the voice of Christ.

This chapter contains two of the seven I AM statements of Christ. Verse 7 contains the statement, “I am the gate/door.” Verse 11 contains another: “I am the good shepherd.”

A final point is that the religious leaders did understand that Jesus was proclaiming divinity (see verses 33 and 34). In verse 34, Christ is quoting from Psalm 82:6-7 (“I said, ‘You are “gods”; you are all sons of the most high.”’) However, the Pharisees failed to fully grasp Jesus’ true divine nature. Jesus’ quotation of scripture was an appropriate response to the Pharisees’ charge of blasphemy because it demonstrated the concept of divine beings was not foreign in Jewish theology, challenging their understanding of blasphemy.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 The thief comes only to _____, _____ and _____. (v. 10)
- 02 Jesus came to give us this: (v. 10) _____
- 03 According to verse 11, Jesus is the good _____.
- 04 In verse 30, Jesus says that He and the Father are this: _____
- 05 What did the Pharisees say Jesus was guilty of? (v. 33) _____
- 06 In verse 37, Jesus tells them to not believe Him unless He does this: _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Look again at verses 27 and 28. How can we discern God's voice amidst the noise of the world, and what are some practical steps we can take to cultivate a listening heart tuned to God's voice in our daily lives?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Revelation 3:20. Reflecting on this verse, what significance does the image of Jesus standing at the door and knocking hold for believers today? How does it speak to the nature of our relationship with Him? Additionally, what might hinder us from hearing His voice or opening the door, and how can we overcome these obstacles in our spiritual journey?

More from the Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:3. Reflecting on this verse, what does it reveal about God's willingness to communicate with His people? In what ways do you personally experience God's answers and revelations in your life? Share a specific instance where you received a specific answer.



WEEK 2 IN REVIEW:

Use these Week-In-Review questions for personal growth, discussion, or both. There are no right or wrong answers; just opportunities to further flesh out the passages of this week and share those insights if possible.

Day 1

The Samaritan woman was triply marginalized. She was (1) a Samaritan, whom the Jews took as heretics, (2) female, and (3) living in adultery after multiple divorces. What does Jesus' conversation with her teach us about judgment?

Day 2

So many of Jesus' early disciples deserted Him when they couldn't understand the meaning of His words. Think of a time when you were confused by the meaning of a Bible passage or doctrine. What helped you to see things through until you were able to find greater understanding?

Day 3

These Pharisees called Jesus, the Son of God, demon-possessed. If we are in Christ, we will suffer persecution, according to 2 Timothy 3:12. What is the worst persecution you have suffered as a Christian? How did you respond?



WEEK 2 IN REVIEW:

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Day 4

Throughout the readings from this week, we find John emphasizing the great and terrible fact that the most highly esteemed religious leaders among the Jews did not recognize their own Messiah. Which verses, in particular, support this theme?

Day 5

The New Testament cross reference from this day takes us to Revelation 3:20. Our culture has largely moved away from the concept of repenting. Some people think we do it once at salvation and then never again. We should acknowledge and seek forgiveness for our sins as they arise in our lives. Which sins are still troubling you? Take a moment to write a prayer of repentance, asking for God's guidance and forgiveness.



Fill-in-the-Blank Answers

FROM DAY 1

1. Samaria
2. Jacob
3. Living water
4. Bethesda
5. 38 years
6. Sabbath

FROM DAY 4

1. The Pool of Siloam
2. Sent
3. The Sabbath
4. A prophet
5. True
6. False

FROM DAY 2

1. Philip
2. True
3. Five loaves and two fish
4. 5,000
5. 12
6. Believe

FROM DAY 5

1. Steal, kill, destroy
2. Life
3. Shepherd
4. One
5. Blasphemy
6. The works of the Father

FROM DAY 3

1. Feast of Tabernacles
2. Evil
3. Living water
4. Nicodemus
5. Light
6. True, to hold or continue in Jesus' word means obedience
7. Slave/Servant
8. Rejoiced



JOHN

WEEK 3

WEEK 3, DAY 1:

John 11-Jesus Raises Lazarus after Four Days Dead

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Bethany (less than two miles from Jerusalem)

Approximate Year:

26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

Raising of Lazarus

Classic Bible Stories:

Caiaphas prophecies

NOTES

In this chapter, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, showing His power over life and death. We also witness Jesus weeping, highlighting His deep compassion. This chapter reminds us of the hope and promise of eternal life through Jesus, encouraging us to trust in His power and love.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 11

Even though Jesus never brought any of our relatives back from death to rejoin us, we can still find relevance in the story of Lazarus. It has to do with patience and timing. Sometimes it seems like God is taking longer than we hoped to answer our prayers, which can be frustrating. However, Jesus provided insight into why He delayed, which many tend to overlook.

In verse 15, Jesus expressed satisfaction in not being there, providing insight into the necessity of building our faith and belief. Often when we are waiting on God, we can ease our own impatience by thinking of the reasons He may be tarrying. While it may not be clear, just the idea that He is working on our behalf can often bring us peace.

Jesus announces His fourth great I AM statement: I Am the Resurrection and the Life (verse 25). Many feel this is the most beautiful statement and full of good news. If you struggle to recall all of Jesus' "I AM" statements, make sure to remember this particular one. It may prove valuable when you least expect it.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 From what town was Lazarus? (v. 1) _____
- 02 True/False: Lazarus was Mary's and Martha's brother. (v. 1-2)
- 03 How many days did Jesus remain where He was? (v. 6) _____
- 04 When Jesus got there, how many days had Lazarus been in the tomb? (v. 17)

- 05 Jesus tells Martha that He is the _____ and the _____. (v. 25)
- 06 Who said that it was better for one man to die for the people? (v. 49) _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Martha and Mary expressed their faith in Jesus, even though Lazarus had died. How does their response to Jesus' arrival (verses 20-27) reflect their understanding of His power and authority? How can their example inspire us in moments of despair or loss?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Mark 16:20. Consider the significance of divine confirmation in our own lives today. How does this verse inspire us to trust in God's presence and power as we do His work? Think of an example from your own experiences or observations where you've seen God's confirmation in the work of spreading the gospel.

More from the Old Testament: Joshua 10:1-15. How can this story inspire us in facing our own battles or challenges? Reflect on a time when you faced a seemingly insurmountable obstacle. How did you respond, and what lessons can you draw from Joshua's example?



WEEK 3, DAY 2:

John 12–Unless a Seed Falls, Palm Sunday

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Bethany, Jerusalem

Approximate Year:

27 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None

Classic Bible Stories:

Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday

NOTES

To better understand and appreciate Jesus, it's beneficial to consider the various challenges He faced. In this chapter, He encounters a woman who loves Him but lacks understanding about Him, a disciple who speaks deceptively and harbors falsehoods, a large group of followers gathering at His home, and religious leaders plotting against Him. Despite these pressures, He remains remarkably composed.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 12

In this chapter, Jesus provides a statement about poverty (see verse 8). Some Christians have interpreted this to mean that because poverty will persist, our efforts to alleviate it are futile. Therefore, we should cease trying. However, we need to be cautious with thoughts like these, especially during challenging times. Jesus warns us that following Him requires effort, and if we fail to realize this, it's likely we are being deceived (Mark 13:12-13).

In his Gospel, John is the sole disciple to reference the Gentiles seeking to meet Jesus. Given the limited interaction between Jews and Gentiles at the time, verse 20 indicates Jesus' widespread popularity among people.

Jesus performed miracles for the sake of belief (see verse 37). To further our understanding, we must read through to the explanation in verse 40, where we understand why many people may struggle to perceive the truth, experiencing a form of spiritual blindness.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 Which disciple complained about the perfume? (v. 4) _____
- 02 True/False: The Chief Priests wanted to kill Lazarus. (v. 10)
- 03 Anyone who _____ their life will lose it. (v. 25)
- 04 Anyone who _____ their life here will keep it. (v. 25)
- 05 True/False: God will honor those who serve Jesus. (v. 26)
- 06 Jesus did not come to judge, but to do this: (v. 47) _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Reflecting on verses 24-26 and this metaphor of the grain of wheat, what does Jesus teach us about the essence of discipleship, sacrifice, and eternal life? How does His teaching challenge our conventional understanding of success and fulfillment?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Luke 6:30. How does this command affect our understanding of generosity and our attitudes toward possessions? How might applying this principle impact our daily interactions and relationships with others?

More from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 15:11. Here we have an Old Testament version of “the poor you will always have with you.” Why do you think God emphasizes the perpetual presence of poverty? How does this understanding impact our attitudes and actions towards helping the poor and needy today? What practical steps are you doing or can you do to assist the poor in your community?



WEEK 3, DAY 3:

John 13—A Foot Washing, A Demonic Possession, the Upper Room

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Jerusalem, the Upper Room

Approximate Year:

27 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None

Classic Bible Stories:

Jesus washes the disciples' feet; Satan enters Judas Iscariot

NOTES

This pivotal chapter highlights Jesus' deep love and humility for His disciples. Beginning with Jesus washing the disciples' feet, He demonstrates leadership and setting an example of humility. Jesus also predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. Take time to consider how of humility and love can transform our own lives and relationships as you read further.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 13

Verses 9-11 depict Jesus confronting His prophecy of the future involving Judas and Simon Peter. Considering Peter's mistake for moment, is it any less serious (see John 18:15-27)? The motivations of these men hold much of the answer. It is likely Judas betrayed Jesus because He didn't match his expectation of a powerful political leader. Judas desired power and influence or nothing at all. Peter didn't always grasp the full understanding of Jesus, but he was humble enough to recognize that his life lacked meaning without Him.

Regarding foot-washing, the act can seem unfamiliar to us in modern society, where we shower regularly, own numerous pairs of shoes, change our socks frequently, and seldom walk long distances. However, it's important to grasp the significance of what Jesus was doing—performing a necessary and humble task for individuals who wore dusty, muddy sandals daily and perhaps hadn't bathed in weeks.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 This meal took place just before which festival? (v. 1) _____
- 02 Who did the devil tempt to betray Jesus? (v. 2) _____
- 03 Who objected when Jesus tried to wash his feet? (v. 8) _____
- 04 Who did Jesus give the bread to? (v. 26) _____
- 05 What was Jesus' new command? (v. 34) _____
- 06 Who did Jesus say would deny Him? (v. 38) _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In this chapter, Jesus washes the disciples' feet as an example of humility and service. Reflect on a time when you were called to serve others in a way that required humility. How did you respond to this call? What did you learn from the experience about the nature of true servant leadership, as demonstrated by Jesus? If you can't think of an example, consider what steps can you take to serve others in humility, even in situations where it might be uncomfortable or go unnoticed by others.



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: 1 Timothy 3:16. In this verse, Paul writes about the mystery of godliness, emphasizing key aspects of Christ's life and ministry. Reflecting on these aspects mentioned, how do they collectively reveal the depth of Christ's identity and mission? How does pondering on these aspects influence your personal relationship with Christ and your understanding of His role in your life today?

More from the Old Testament: Isaiah 55:8-9. In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God's higher ways and thoughts? How can meditating on these verses help you surrender control and trust in His wisdom?



WEEK 3, DAY 4:

John 14: Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit and Assures His Return

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Upper Room

Approximate Year:

26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None

Classic Bible Stories:

Jesus comforts His disciples

NOTES

In this chapter Jesus is comforting His disciples before His departure. He promises to prepare a place for them in Heaven. He explains that He is “the way, the truth, and the life” and assures them that the Holy Spirit will be with them. Jesus’ promise of peace and the Holy Spirit also serves as a reminder that we are not alone and have divine guidance available to us.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 14

Let’s discuss an aspect of Jesus that’s worth noting. He doesn’t frequently display intense anger like He did when cleansing the Temple. However, He consistently corrects people’s thoughts or worldviews when He speaks. In this chapter, Philip wonders why the disciples can’t directly see God the Father (as they perceive Him through Christ), and Jude the Less questions why Jesus won’t reveal Himself to the world, perhaps expecting a significant political impact, which isn’t the focus of Jesus’ mission. These interactions may prompt us to consider what questions we might ask Him and what feedback we might expect from Him regarding ourselves.

Verse 15 contains profound wisdom but has also led to challenges. Some individuals find solace in this verse because they haven’t experienced strong emotional connections to God and Jesus. Their spiritual journey has been more intellectual than emotional. It’s difficult to inspire others to embrace the love of Christ if one lacks it personally. We are meant to have fervor for our Savior, and any sense of spiritual apathy should be transient.

The significance of the promise of the Holy Spirit cannot be understated. It’s crucial to carefully examine each specific promise linked to the Holy Spirit and every descriptive term Jesus employs to characterize Him.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 In verse 6, Jesus tells the disciples that He is the _____, the _____ and the _____.
- 02 True/False: if we know Jesus, we know God as well. (v. 7)
- 03 Anyone who has seen Jesus has seen the _____. (v. 9)
- 04 What Spirit can the world not receive? (v. 17) _____
- 05 Because He lives, we will also _____. (v. 19)
- 06 True/False: Obedience to Jesus equates to love for Him. (v. 23)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In verses 16-17, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit as a helper. How does the Holy Spirit's presence impact the lives of believers, according to this passage? How can we practically rely on the Holy Spirit in our daily lives, as Jesus instructed His disciples?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Romans 8:26. Reflecting on this verse, how does the Holy Spirit's role in our prayer life provide comfort and assurance, especially during times of uncertainty or when we struggle to articulate our needs? Think of an experience when you felt the Holy Spirit interceding for you in prayer, even when you couldn't find the words to express your heart's desires. What happened?

More from the Old Testament: Isaiah 11:2. Reflecting on this verse, how do these attributes of the Spirit, (such as wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the Lord) manifest in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ? How can we strive to embody these qualities in our own lives as followers of Christ today?



WEEK 3, DAY 5:

John 15: Jesus Is Giving Final Messages Before His Arrest

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Road to the Garden of Gethsemane

Approximate Year:

26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None

Classic Bible Stories:

I AM the Vine

NOTES

In recent chapters, many of the classic Bible stories have been brief. Instead, the past chapters mainly revolve around the words of Christ spoken during the Last Supper in the Upper Room or, as we infer from this chapter, in the Garden of Gethsemane, or while on their way to the place where Christ would be arrested. John directs our focus towards Christ's words as evidence of His divine nature. Let's be attentive to where and why this emphasis is placed.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 15

Please bear in mind as you read this chapter that Jesus waited until Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him, had departed. These are significant words reserved for genuine disciples. Consider for a moment the status of your own discipleship. If truly a genuine disciple, do not allow this passage to pass by without comprehending it.

Jesus initially discusses God's pruning process and advises His disciples to "abide in Him." We may not be able to continually abide in God throughout our daily activities, as we have other tasks, such as work and social obligations. Therefore, this statement isn't solely about our concentration but also about our faith. In the Cross Reference section, we'll observe how another scripture from the New Testament sheds light on faith.

During challenging times like these, it may seem like we've lost the joy that Christ mentions in verse 11. However, Christ has ensured that His followers can still find joy, even in the toughest moments. He explains in verses 18-25 that we can experience joy even when facing hatred from others.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 In verse 1, Jesus says that He is the true _____.
- 02 God is the _____. (v. 1)
- 03 No branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain or abide in the _____. (v. 4)
- 04 Jesus is the vine, and we are the _____. (v. 5)
- 05 Jesus said that we can ask whatever we wish if we do this: (v. 7) _____
- 06 If we keep His commands, we shall remain/abide in His _____. (v. 10)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In this chapter, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to describe the relationship between Himself and His followers. How does abiding in Christ affect our spiritual growth and relationship with God? How do the principles of pruning and bearing fruit apply to seasons of challenge or difficulty in our faith journey?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Hebrews 11:6. How does this verse challenge your understanding of faith? Reflect on a time when your faith was tested, and discuss how believing in God's existence and His promises influenced your response to that situation.

More from the Old Testament: 1 Samuel 17:46. How does David's unwavering faith in God's deliverance contrast with the reactions of Saul and the Israelite army prior to this moment? What can we learn from David's confidence in God's power when facing seemingly insurmountable challenges in our own lives?



WEEK 3 IN REVIEW:

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Day 1

Jesus' I AM statement in chapter 11 is in verse 25-26: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." Think of times and ways this special verse has touched your life.

Day 2

In John 12:20-26, some Greeks approach Philip, expressing their desire to see Jesus. How does Jesus respond to this request, and what does His response reveal about His mission and the nature of discipleship? How can we apply Jesus' teachings in this passage to our own lives as modern-day followers of Christ?

Day 3

In John 13, Jesus states, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (see verse 35). What significance do you find in Jesus linking the disciples' identity to their love for one another? How does this statement challenge our perception of what it means to be recognized as followers of Christ in today's world? Reflect on practical ways we can demonstrate this love to others as a distinctive mark of our discipleship.



WEEK 3 IN REVIEW:

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Day 4

In John 14, Jesus emphasizes the connection between love and obedience. Reflecting on this passage, how does love transform obedience from a mere following of rules into something deeper and more profound? Consider your personal experiences or insights on how obedience to Christ's commands has transformed your relationship with Him and impacted your journey of faith.

Day 5

Read John 15:18-25. How does Jesus prepare His disciples for the hostility and rejection they might face because of their faith? How does this passage speak to the reality of persecution for believers and the reasons behind it? Additionally, how does Jesus' assertion about being hated without reason resonate with your own experiences or observations in the world today?



Fill-in-the-Blank Answers

FROM DAY 1

1. Bethany
2. True
3. Two
4. Four
5. Resurrection, Life
6. Caiaphas

FROM DAY 4

1. Way, Truth, Life
2. True
3. Father
4. The Spirit of Truth
5. Live
6. True

FROM DAY 2

1. Judas Iscariot
2. True
3. Loves/Loveth
4. Hates/Hateth
5. True
6. Save the world

FROM DAY 5

1. Vine
2. Gardener/Husbandman
3. Vine
4. Branches
5. Remain/Abide in Him
6. Love

FROM DAY 3

1. The Passover
2. Judas Iscariot
3. Peter
4. Judas Iscariot
5. Love one another
6. Peter



JOHN

WEEK 4

WEEK 4, DAY 1:

John 16-The Work of the Holy Spirit, Overcoming the World

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Route to the Garden of Gethsemane

Approximate Year:

26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None

Classic Bible Stories:

None

NOTES

Jesus continues speaking here as he has been for the past three chapters. John's gospel emphasizes Jesus' words, while occasionally including a well-known miracle or story. Jesus' words are ever so important, as today's reading continues to show.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 16

One key issue in Christianity becomes evident here. It emerges prominently in verse 1, where Jesus cautions His disciples that they won't hold prestigious positions in their community. Instead, they'll face expulsion from synagogues, experience unpopularity, endure grief while others rejoice, and encounter even greater challenges, though Jesus doesn't elaborate on them since they wouldn't be able to bear it.

The significant issue at hand is that without the concept of resurrection, this becomes the most unfavorable situation in human history. There are no assurances of a fulfilling earthly existence for those who genuinely adhere to Christ. Our sole assurances in this life entail peace, love, and spiritual empowerment, which are challenging to articulate. Everything else is reserved for the afterlife. Living a Christian life necessitates the presence of the Holy Spirit, which explains why the disciples struggled until the day of Pentecost.

In verse 33, Jesus concludes with a well-known quote: "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace." This peace remains constant even amidst persecution, hardship, and sorrow. Many Christians affirm that this enduring peace is a valuable gift. Furthermore, abundant rewards await them in the future.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 Jesus warned the disciples that a time was coming when people will kill them and think they are doing a _____ to God. (v. 2)
- 02 Jesus said that when the Spirit comes, He will convict or reprove the world of _____, _____, and _____. (v. 8)
- 03 The Spirit of truth will guide you into all _____. (v. 13)
- 04 According to verse 14, the Spirit will _____ Jesus.
- 05 In verse 20, Jesus tells the disciples that they will mourn while the world does this:

- 06 True/False: God loves the disciples because they love Jesus. (v. 27)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In John 16:33, Jesus leaves some parting words to His disciples about peace. How does understanding that Jesus has overcome the world bring comfort and strength to you in facing life's challenges? In what ways can we encourage one another with the message of Jesus' triumph over the world, especially in community and fellowship settings?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Philippians 4:7. How do you interpret the phrase 'the peace of God, which transcends all understanding' in your own life? Have you ever encountered a situation where this peace was evident despite the circumstances being chaotic or difficult? How did experiencing this peace impact your relationship with God and your approach to challenges?

More from the Old Testament: Isaiah 55:12-13. This is an Old Testament expression of joy that exists both in this difficult world and the one to come. In what ways do the vivid images of nature reflect the spiritual transformation promised by God? How can we apply the symbolism of joyful mountains, singing hills, and clapping trees to our own lives as we seek God's renewal and restoration?



WEEK 4, DAY 2:

John 17–Jesus’ Words as He Prays

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Route to the Garden of Gethsemane

Approximate Year:

26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None

Classic Bible Stories:

The Lord’s Prayer

NOTES

In this chapter, John incorporates the Lord’s Prayer as a model for structuring our communication with God. Take a close look at Jesus’ words, thoughts, and tone, and reflect on how you can apply them in your own prayers to God.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 17

In the opening verses, Jesus repeatedly mentions the word “glorify” and its root “glory” five times. Understanding this term is crucial for comprehending the passage. “Glorifying” God involves (1) acknowledging His gifts to the best of our ability and (2) responding appropriately. When Jesus asks God to glorify Him so that He can glorify God, it signifies how the Trinity functions with the aligned purpose to reveal God’s power and nature.

In verse 9, Jesus states that He is praying specifically for His followers, not for the world. It’s important to remember that Christians exist worldwide and are part of our family. We should pray for those in perilous regions like Syria, Somalia, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, and China.

In verse 20, there’s an important revelation: Jesus prays not only for His twelve disciples but for all who believe in Him. His prayer is for unity among believers. Later, we’ll explore the significance of this unity in the Application Question.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 True/False: Jesus has authority over all people. (v. 2)
- 02 To know God and Jesus Christ is this: (v. 3) _____
- 03 True/False: Some of what the Father has belongs to the Son. (v. 10)
- 04 Jesus asks God to protect His disciples by the power of His _____. (v. 11)
- 05 True/False: This prayer is only for the twelve. (v. 20)
- 06 True/False: Jesus will continue to declare or make the Father known to those who believe. (v. 26)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In John 17:20-21, Jesus prays for unity among believers. How does this passage challenge us to rethink our attitudes towards fellow Christians, regardless of denominational differences or cultural backgrounds? How can we practically strive for the unity that Jesus desires among His followers in our daily lives and within our communities?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Luke 10:22. What does Jesus' statement reveal about the nature of His relationship with the Father? How does this statement deepen your understanding of the Trinity and the unique role of Jesus in revealing God to humanity? Additionally, how does this verse challenge us to seek a deeper revelation of God through our relationship with Jesus?

More from the Old Testament: Isaiah 45:21. How does the concept of God's foreknowledge and sovereignty challenge our understanding of time and human agency? How does acknowledging God as the sole source of prophecy and salvation impact our trust and reliance on Him in our daily lives? How might this understanding shape our approach to decision-making and seeking guidance in various circumstances?



WEEK 4, DAY 3:

John 18–The Arrest, the Trials

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Garden of Gethsemane, Annas' Courtyard & House, High Priest Caiaphas' House, Pilate's palace

Approximate Year:

26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None

Classic Bible Stories:

The arrest of Jesus, Peter's denials, Barabbas' release

NOTES

In today's reading, we witness the arrest and trials of Jesus. The events unfold rapidly, featuring familiar and iconic scenes. The culmination is the astonishing decision by religious leaders to release Barabbas over their own Messiah.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 18

Describing the moment when Jesus identified Himself and the soldiers fell down can seem like one of those enigmatic Bible passages. Similarly, the disciples abruptly leaving their work upon Jesus' call to "Follow me" evokes a sense of wonder. A contemporary portrayal of this scene can be found in the film *Passion of the Christ*, where the director effectively captures the chaotic atmosphere surrounding the soldiers, rendering the moment believable.

It's crucial to remember what Jesus said in verse 36: "My kingdom is not of this world." As Christians, we belong to His kingdom, and our primary allegiance lies there. Any Christian prioritizing a worldly country over this heavenly kingdom is engaging in idolatry.

The demand for Barabbas reveals a troubling truth: people can prefer thieves over virtue, willing to jeopardize their own salvation rather than relinquishing their dishonest and thieving ways.

John, shy of mentioning himself in his story, manages to join the trial by knowing the priest (see verse 15).

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 When Jesus said, “_____,” all the guards fell back. (v. 6)
- 02 Who drew the sword and cut off the servant’s ear? (v. 10) _____
- 03 What was the servant’s name? (v. 10) _____
- 04 Who did the soldiers take Jesus to first? (v. 13) _____
- 05 Who was the High Priest that year? (v. 13) _____
- 06 How many times did Peter deny Jesus? _____ (v. 17, 25-27)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Peter’s denial of Jesus is a poignant moment in this chapter. How does Peter’s denial serve as a warning for us today? Reflect on times when you may have denied or failed to stand up for your faith, and consider how you can grow in courage and conviction.



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Matthew 26. This is Matthew’s version of events. Matthew’s purpose in writing was to prove in a scholarly way to Jewish believers that Jesus is Lord, while John was more focused on proving Jesus’ deity to one and all. How do the two passages differ in terms of emphasis or detail?

More from the Old Testament: Psalm 22:1-5. Here we find one of many Old Testament prophecies concerning the death of Jesus. Reflecting on your own life experiences, can you recall a time when you felt abandoned or overwhelmed by circumstances beyond your control? How did you respond to those feelings, and how did your faith in God sustain you through those challenges? In what ways does David’s example in Psalm 22 encourage you to trust in God’s sovereignty even in the midst of difficult circumstances?



WEEK 4, DAY 4:

John 19 - Jesus Sheds His Blood, Is Crucified

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

Palace of Pilate, Golgotha (Place of the Skull), garden of the tomb

Approximate Year:

Passover 26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

None (in this account)

Classic Bible Stories:

The scourging of Jesus, Dividing Jesus' clothes, John asked to take care of Jesus' mother, Burying Jesus in the unsoiled tomb

NOTES

Today's reading begins with the flogging of Jesus, where His blood was shed. It may be difficult to comprehend someone striking God, but the evidence is here. Even after this, Jesus still underwent the crucifixion on our behalf. When we feel the urge to retaliate against those who have hurt us, we should recall this chapter.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 19

Pilate found himself in a difficult situation. He ordered Jesus to be severely flogged, believing it might appease the crowd and prevent them from executing Him. Despite this, the crowd still demanded His blood. Pilate made the final decision, however, to give in to these demands.

In verse 10, Jesus responds to Pilate's question, stating, "You would have no authority over me if it were not given to you from above." This may surprise some Christians. He explains that the one who handed Him over (Herod) bears greater responsibility for sin. This notion of sins having varying degrees of gravity might seem contrary to certain teachings of Christ, such as in the Sermon on the Mount, where He equates harboring hatred in one's heart with committing murder.

The sign placed over Jesus by Pilate read, "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS" as stated in verse 19. This unintentionally carried a prophetic message, similar to Caiaphas' words in John 11:50, where he stated, "It is better for one man to die than for the whole nation to perish."

In verses 25 to 27, it is implied that only John, among the disciples, attended the crucifixion. Judas had taken his own life, and the other ten were afraid of being arrested and suffering the same fate as Jesus. Alongside John were several women, including Jesus' mother, Mary Magdalene, and at least two others. Despite having siblings, as mentioned in Mark 3:32 and 6:3, Jesus entrusted His mother to John, indicating His siblings' continued disbelief. However, at least two of His brothers (James and Jude) later came to believe, as evidenced by their New Testament epistles.

Three prophecies that were fulfilled during the crucifixion are found in Psalm 34:20, Psalm 22:18, and Zechariah 12:10.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 Jesus said that the one who delivered or handed Him over was guilty of a _____ sin. (v. 11)
- 02 From verse 19, what did the notice or title say? _____.
- 03 What was the last thing Jesus said before dying? (v. 30) _____
- 04 True/False: They crucified Jesus the day after the Sabbath. (v. 31)
- 05 What came pouring out of Jesus' side? (v. 34) _____
- 06 Who accompanied Joseph of Arimathea? (v. 39) _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Reflecting on John 19, explore the significance of Jesus' words on the cross, "It is finished" (verse 30). How does this statement encapsulate the culmination of Jesus' earthly mission and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies? How does understanding the depth of these words deepen our understanding of redemption and salvation?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Matthew 27:38-56. Consider the significance of Jesus' cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (verse 46) and its implications for our understanding of Jesus' humanity and the depth of His sacrifice. How does this cry resonate with your own experiences of feeling abandoned or forsaken, and what comfort or challenge does it offer in times of struggle or doubt?

More from the Old Testament: Isaiah 53. Here, the prophet Isaiah foretells the suffering and sacrificial death of the Messiah, painting a vivid picture of His redemptive work. Reflecting on this passage, what aspects of Isaiah's description resonate with you personally? How does the suffering and sacrifice of the Messiah, as depicted in Isaiah 53, deepen your understanding of God's love and redemption in your own life?



WEEK 4, DAY 5:

John 20 & 21-The Post-Crucifixion Miracles

CHAPTER FACTS

Setting(s):

The tomb of Jesus, behind closed doors in Jerusalem, by the Sea of Galilee

Approximate Year:

26 AD

Miracles Recorded:

The appearances of the Risen Lord, the second miraculous catch of fish

Classic Bible Stories:

Mary Magdalene is the first to see the Risen Lord; Doubting Thomas, the second miraculous catch of fish

NOTES

The post-crucifixion chapters have been combined as they are like a ride on a smooth sliding board, almost reading like one story. Watch the details here like you did at the beginning, when Jesus was first meeting His disciples. These details speak comprehensively as to what happened.

CHAPTER STUDY: READ JOHN 20-21

Given the widespread familiarity with the story of Resurrection Sunday, it may seem surprising that the disciples initially failed to grasp the concept of Jesus' resurrection. However, their understanding was clouded by cultural expectations. They anticipated a Messiah who would liberate Jerusalem from Roman rule, wield earthly power, and have many followers. They were unaware that Jesus would rise from the grave and ascend to His true kingdom, where believers would share in a far superior and enduring existence compared to earthly luxuries like Herod's palace.

Mary Magdalene is indeed the first person to witness the risen Lord. Many women today regard her as the 13th disciple. Despite not being formally called like the men, she was frequently present during Christ's ministry.

The tale of doubting Thomas provides valuable insight. It demonstrates that it's natural to seek evidence of God's remarkable actions, but there's a better approach. Faith is something we develop.

Two significant passages in this Gospel are 20:30-31 and 21:25. John intentionally emphasizes dialogues over miracles to affirm Jesus' divine nature. However, he acknowledges the importance of attesting to the miracles, which is why he includes these two cherished verses.

TEXT QUESTIONS

- 01 Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on the _____ day of the week. (20:1)
- 02 True/False: Peter was the first to reach the tomb. (20:1-2)
- 03 How many angels did Mary see in the tomb? (20:12) _____
- 04 Mary thought Jesus was the _____. (20:15)
- 05 How many fish did the disciples catch in all? (21:11) _____
- 06 This was the _____ time that Jesus appeared to His disciples. (21:14)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In John 20:30-31, John highlights the purpose behind recording specific signs and miracles performed by Jesus. Reflecting on your own faith journey, what significance do signs and miracles hold in confirming your belief in Jesus as the Messiah? How do these verses challenge us to look beyond mere historical accounts and see them as invitations to deeper faith and life transformation?



Cross References:

More from the New Testament: Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-12. How does the transformation of the disciples from fearful and uncertain individuals in Acts 1 to empowered and bold witnesses in Acts 2 demonstrate the significance of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers today?

More from the Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:27. How does the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit empower believers to live a life in accordance with God's will? What are some practical ways we can cooperate with the Holy Spirit to allow His guidance and transformation to shape our thoughts, actions, and decisions on a daily basis?



WEEK 4 IN REVIEW:

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Day 1

Reflecting on Jesus' statement in John 16:13 that His kingdom is not of this world, believers are still called to live and interact in this world. How do we navigate this tension between being in the world but not of it?

Day 2

In John 17, Jesus prays for His disciples' protection from the evil one. How does this prayer demonstrate Jesus' care and concern for His followers, and what does it teach us about the spiritual battles we face today? How can we rely on Jesus' prayer for protection in our own lives?

Day 3

From chapter 18, in what ways do you see yourself in the character of Barabbas? How does his unexpected release serve as a powerful reminder of God's grace and forgiveness in your own life?



WEEK 4 IN REVIEW:

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Day 4

Consider the interaction between Jesus and Pilate. What does Pilate's exchange with Jesus reveal about the nature of power and authority? How does Jesus' response challenge conventional understandings of authority and kingship? How can we apply the lessons from this interaction to our own lives in how we perceive and wield power?

Day 5

In John 21:15-17, Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" What significance might this repetition have, and how might it relate to Peter's denial of Jesus earlier?



PART 2: Locating Important Scriptures

The parts of the Book of John most Christians find memorable include Christ's I AM statements. Below are the scripture verses. Look up each I AM statement up and write it down. Try to memorize where in John's Gospel each one is.

1. 6:35 _____

2. 8:12 _____

3. 10:7 _____

4. 10:11 _____

5. 11:25 _____

6. 14:6 _____

7. 15:1 _____



Fill-in-the-Blank Answers

FROM DAY 1

1. Service
2. Sin, righteousness and judgment
3. Truth
4. Glorify
5. Rejoice
6. False

FROM DAY 2

1. True
2. Eternal life/Life eternal
3. False, it is ALL
4. Name
5. False, it is also for those that believe through their message
6. True

FROM DAY 3

1. I am He
2. Simon Peter
3. Malchus
4. Annas
5. Caiaphas
6. Three

FROM DAY 4

1. Greater
2. JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS
3. "It is finished"
4. False, it was the day before the Sabbath
5. Blood and water
6. Nicodemus

FROM DAY 5

1. First
2. False, Mary was first
3. Two
4. Gardener
5. 153
6. Third