

Introduction and Preview

Over the next few months we'll be studying the gospel of John. Each week we will focus on a passage. If you keep up with the reading you'll be in great shape for the in-class discussions!

Initial Impressions

This week you will have an opportunity to develop a feel for the book before we have a more formal introduction. We'll read through in sections and ask questions like these:

1. What is your overall impression of the text?
2. Is the text easy to read?
3. Does the text focus more on action? On dialogue?
4. Does the text contain doctrinal teaching? What kind?
5. Does the text use imagery? It is figurative?
6. Does the text tell a story? Is the story informative? Is it entertaining?
7. Does the text resemble other Bible texts you are familiar with?
8. Does the text contain anything new or unique that you haven't read before?

Next Week

We will have an overview and more formal introduction to the book. The week after that, we'll dive into the first chapter!

Reading: if you have a chance, you can read all or a portion of the gospel of John

Lesson 1: Introducing John's Gospel (Overview)

The purpose of John (20:31)

The Seven "Signs"

1. Water to wine (ch 2)
2. Healing the official's son (ch 4)
3. Healing the invalid (ch 5)
4. Feeding the 5,000 (ch 6)
5. Walking on water (ch 6)
6. Healing man born blind (ch 9)
7. Raising Lazarus (ch 11)

The Seven "I am" statements

1. I am the bread of life (6:35)
2. I am the light of the world (8:12)
3. I am the gate (10:9)
4. I am the good shepherd (10:11)
5. I am the resurrection and the life (11:25)
6. I am the way, the truth, and the life (14:6)
7. I am the vine (15:5)

Study Skill

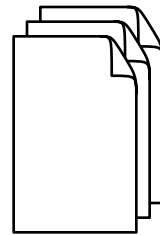
Observation: To understand a passage, you must first *observe* what it says. Read the passage thinking of all the questions you'd like to have answered.

Repetition is a major feature of John's style. Throughout his book, observe the words he considers important enough to repeat.

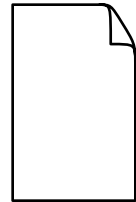
Outline of John

1. Introduction (ch 1)
2. Public ministry (chs 2-12)
3. Private ministry (chs 13-17)
4. Passion (chs 18-19)
5. Resurrection (chs 20-21)

The Four Gospels



Synoptics:
Matthew,
Mark,
Luke



John

Study Skill

Interpreting Terms: To understand terms used, such as Word, light, world, etc., it's useful to research cross-references to other parts of the Old and New Testaments and historical background about Greek or Jewish culture. You can find this by:

1. looking up references to "word" in a concordance
2. looking up "word" in a Bible dictionary or Bible encyclopedia
3. reading the cross-references in your study Bible

Lesson 2: The Word (John 1:1-18)

The Word

Write down everything 1:1-18 says about the Word.

Who or what He is

What He does

Light and Darkness

Lookup: Psalm 36:9; 82:5; 119:105,130; Proverbs 4:19; Isaiah 60:1-2; John 3:19-21; Acts 26:18; Romans 13:12-14; Ephesians 5:8-14

Light

Darkness

Therefore

What does it imply about Jesus to call Him the light? (John 1:4-5,9; 8:12)

Next Week: Testimony (John 1:6-8,19-51)

When John the Baptist began his ministry, he was Israel's first prophet in four hundred years. He was known throughout Palestine, adored by the crowds, grudgingly respected by the religious leaders, and feared by the secular authorities. Even decades after his death, disciples of his could be found in cities as far away as Ephesus (Acts 18:24-25, 19:1-7). He was much more unanimously acclaimed and long remembered by the Jews than Jesus was. Probably for this reason, John the Apostle begins his book of evidence about Jesus with the Baptist's testimony.

Read 1:6-8,19-51, carefully observing what is revealed about John and Jesus. Try to put yourself into the characters' places. Ask yourself how they would have been feeling while the events were going on. This technique may help you involve yourself more personally in the narrative.

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Application: Bible study should not be merely gathering information. Keep your study exciting by making your discoveries about God into opportunities for worship. Take a few moments right now to reflect on what you have observed about Jesus. Praise Him for who He is and what He has done. Ask Him to make the implications of these truths more real to you. Also, ask Him to enable you to act on these implications.

Lesson 3: Testimony (John 1:6-8,19-51)

The Baptist

Read 1:6-8, 19-34. What does the Baptist say about:

_____ Himself _____

_____ Jesus _____

_____ His mission _____

The Disciples

Read 1:35-51. What did they discover about Jesus and how?

_____ Andrew and the other (vv.35-41) _____

_____ Andrew's brother Simon (vv.40-42) _____

_____ Philip (vv.43-45) _____

_____ Nathanael (vv.45-50) _____

The Son of Man

What do you think Jesus is implying about Himself in 1:51?

Understanding

From 1:50-51, does it seem that Jesus is satisfied with their level of understand and belief? Why or why not?

Convinced

What apparently convinced Andrew, Philip and Nathanael that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God?

Next Week: The Ministry Begins (John 2:1-25)

Assignment: On the first five days of His ministry, Jesus began to gather some key disciples from among the Baptist's followers (1:19-51). With them, He has gone to Galilee. What will be the Word's first works as He begins His mission? **Read 2:1-25.**

For Further Study

Jesus' "time" (2:4) is a recurring theme in John's Gospel. Examine each reference, and trace the pattern you find. What is Jesus' "time" or "hour" (7:6,8,30; 8:20; 12:23,27; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1).

Study Skill

Questions: It is a good habit, whenever you have a question, to write it down immediately. These questions are sometimes routine, but they sometimes point you to a truth that God wants to bring alive for you. It pays to review your questions to see if God's Spirit is prompting you through them.

Lesson 4: The Ministry Begins (John 2:1-25)

The Sign

How did Jesus' first sign affect His disciples (2:11)?

The Cleansing

What do Jesus' words and deeds in 2:13-17 tell you:
About His character and priorities

About His mission

The Purpose

Think about the purpose of a sign. What does this one reveal:

About Jesus' character, identity, mission

About His Father's character and values

Jesus' Authority

How was Jesus going to prove His authority to throw the vendors out of the Temple (2:18-22)?

Digging Deeper

What do these two paragraphs tell you about Jesus?

2:18-22

2:23-25

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Next Week: Lesson 5: Born of the Spirit (John 3:1-36)

Next Week: Having come to Jerusalem for the Passover, Jesus has won the undying hatred of the Sadducees, the party of the priests who control the Temple. By driving the merchants out of the Temple, Jesus has publicly denounced the way the Sadducees are treating God and His house. The other party of Jewish leaders, the Pharisees, may well be applauding this jab at men whom the Pharisees think are obsessed with power and temple rites at the expense of the other commandments. Thus, it isn't entirely surprising that a Pharisee would come to see if this small town firebrand's views accord with his own. But the learned leader is in for a surprise. **Read 3:1-36.**

Lesson 5: Born of the Spirit (John 3:1-36)

The Visit

Based on the circumstances in which Nicodemus chose to visit Jesus (3:2), what do you think his purpose was?

The Question

From Jesus' words in 3:3, what question do you think He saw in Nicodemus' heart? (See, e.g., Luke 18:18)

The Answer

In your own words, explain Jesus' answer to Nicodemus.

The Meaning

Why is new birth, not just a right mental belief and a godly lifestyle, necessary for seeing and entering God's Kingdom?

The Love

What does 3:16-18 tell us about . . .

God the Father

Jesus the Son

The Judgement

Describe in your own words the stark alternatives that face each person (3:18-21)

The Hatred

Jesus came because of God's love to save, not to condemn. Why, then, do most people hate Him (3:19-21)?

The Voice

In 1:35-37, the Baptist in effect sent his own disciples to follow Jesus instead. Later he explicitly put himself below Jesus (3:27-30). What does this tell you about John the Baptist?

Next Week: Lesson 6: Living Water (John 4:1-54)

Next Week: Jesus' miracles have made Him instantly popular in Judea. His success has attracted the attention of the Pharisees, who fancy themselves the watchdogs of genuine Judaism. But it is not yet time for Jesus to confront the Jewish leaders, so He abandons baptizing and returns to focus His ministry in Galilee. Yes Jesus is never off duty; a rest stop in Samaria has momentous results. **Read 4:1-54.**

Digging Deeper

What evidence of Jesus' humanity do you find in 4:1-43? What signs of His deity do you find?

Lesson 6: Living Water (John 4:1-54)

Samaritans

How does Jesus apparently feel about Samaritans? (Give evidence from the story.)

Living Water

What does Jesus say about "living water" (v.10,13-14)?

What do you think He means? Why does he call it that?

Women

In what ways does Jesus' attitude toward women seem different from the usual Jewish attitude?

Identity

How does the woman of Sychar identify Jesus in these verses?

v.9

v.11

v.19

v.29

Worship

When Jesus reveals the woman's moral life, she tries to change the subject to "religion" and the differences between Jews and Samaritans. How is Jesus' view of worship different from hers?

Jesus

The woman

Discovery

How does Jesus draw the woman to discover who He is?

Spirit and Truth

What do you think it means to worship "in spirit and in truth"?

Jesus heals the official's son

Belief

What is wrong with the kind of belief that is based only on seeing signs and wonders (4:48)?

Faith

How did Jesus require a deeper faith from the royal official (4:49-53)?

Next: Lesson 7: Opposition Begins (John 5:1-47)

Next Week: So far, the Evangelist has been showing how various people—the Baptist and his disciples, the villagers of Cana, the people of Jerusalem, a Pharisee, the Samaritans—have begun to learn about Jesus' identity and message. But as 2:12-25 made clear, Jesus' radical words and deeds were bound to win Him enemies. In 5:1-12:50 the Evangelist unfolds the increasingly bitter opposition Jesus attracted with His increasingly shocking ministry to Jewish masses. Running the vendors out of the Temple offended the priestly Sadducees. In 5:1-47, read what made the Pharisees, too, furious.

Digging Deeper

When you look at a passage of Scripture, you can take in the big picture (the helicopter view) to see how it fits into the whole of the book, or you can take it apart (the microscope view) and look at the pieces. Both approaches are helpful and necessary to fully grasp the message the author intended to communicate. Practice using both views on chapter 5.

Lesson 7: Opposition Begins (John 5:1-47)

Willingness

Why do you think Jesus asked the invalid if he wanted to get well (5:6)?

Initiative

The invalid doesn't answer Jesus' question. Why does his reply in 5:7 tell you about him and his focus?

Reasons

What reasons are given in chapter 5 for the Jewish leaders' opposition to Jesus?

5:16

5:18

5:43

Witnesses

What witnesses to His identity does Jesus name?

5:33-35

5:36

5:37

5:39

5:46

Equality

In what areas does Jesus claim to be equal with God the Father?

5:17

5:19

5:20

5:21

5:22-23

5:24

5:26

Pharisees

For what faults does Jesus rebuke the Pharisees in 5:39-44? Record as many as you can find.



A model of the pool of Bethesda as it may have appeared in Jesus' time.

The water flowed from a natural spring through the two large pools, making them "living water." Since ancient times, this spring had been thought to have healing properties.



What the scene at the pool of Bethesda may have looked like in John 5:1-9.



The archeological remains of the pool of Bethesda as it appears today.

Since Jesus' time, one Roman road, and at least three churches have been built over the pools, and then destroyed by conquering armies.

Lesson 8: The Bread of Life (John 6:1-71)

Sign

How does this fourth miracle recorded in John 6:1-15 function as a sign?

How does it point toward God (and to what aspect of God's nature does it point)?

What does it reveal about Jesus' mission and character?

What response does it invite?

Faith

In what sense is faith in Jesus a human "work" (6:29)?

In what sense is it different from a work done to earn God's favor?

Bread from Heaven

The people want Jesus to reenact the miracle of the bread from heaven. Write down everything Jesus says about the bread from heaven in 6:32-35, 48-59.

Participation

For the first time, Jesus had His disciples participate in this miracle. Why do you think He did this?

Belief

Belief in Jesus is essential (6:35,47). How is it possible for a person to believe (6:36-40, 43-46)?

Water

What does Jesus reveal about Himself in John 16-21?

Flesh and Blood

What do you think Jesus means by saying that we must eat His flesh and drink His blood (6:53)?

Seeking

As in 3:3, Jesus ignores what the people say (6:25) and instead speaks to the thoughts in their hearts. What is wrong with the reason the people are seeking Jesus (6:26-27)?

Lesson 9: Who is Jesus (John 7:1-52)

Brothers

Jesus' brothers did not believe in Him (v.5), but what does 7:3-4 indicate about their understanding of who Jesus was?

Appearance

How did the Jews' opposition to healing on the Sabbath prove that they were "judging according to appearance" (7:24)?

Speculation

What speculations and opinions are circulating among the various groups in Jerusalem before Jesus arrives for the feast (7:1,12)?

Deciding

The Jews were judging Jesus' identity based on where He was born and raised (7:25-27, 40-43). Was this judging according to appearance? If so, how should the Jews have gone about deciding who Jesus was?

Teaching

Despite their hostility, the Jewish leaders are impressed by Jesus' knowledge of Scripture. According to Jesus, from where did He get His teaching (7:16)?

Thirsty

Read what Jesus promises to those who come to Him (7:37-39). What does it mean for *you* to come to Jesus and drink (7:37)?

How could His hearers verify this (7:17)?

Why do you think this is the only way to know if Jesus' words are true?

Streams

How can you tell when streams of living water are flowing from within you?

Healing

Why did Jesus think that healing was perfectly appropriate on the Sabbath (7:21-24)?

Rejection

What was wrong with the reason in 7:41-42 for rejecting Jesus?

Quiz (John 1:1-7:52)

Answer the following questions by circling T (for true) or F (for false).

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|-----|---|---|---|
| 1. | In the beginning of the gospel of John, Jesus is called the Word. | T | F |
| 2. | The gospel of John states that the Word remains separated from mankind forever. | T | F |
| 3. | In the gospel of John, Jesus' miracles are called signs, which means they point beyond the miracle itself, and to a larger truth. | T | F |
| 4. | Jesus frequently refers to his "time," or his "hour," indicating when He gets out of bed every day. | T | F |
| 5. | Jesus first "sign" was turning water into wine to help celebrate a wedding. | T | F |
| 6. | Jesus told Nicodemus that to enter the kingdom of God, one must eat again. | T | F |
| 7. | For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. | T | F |
| 8. | Eternal life means life that only ends if we sin. | T | F |
| 9. | Jesus claimed to be equal with God. | T | F |
| 10. | The Jewish leaders were smart to disbelieve Jesus. | T | F |
| 11. | The woman at the well became convinced that Jesus was the savior. | T | F |
| 12. | Jesus stated that you must eat a Big Mac in order to obtain eternal life. | T | F |
| 13. | The work of God is this: to believe in the One whom He has sent. | T | F |
| 14. | We must work very hard to obtain our salvation, or else we will perish. | T | F |
| 15. | Jesus explained a number of things that testify about Himself, but the Jewish leaders still did not believe. | T | F |
| 16. | Jesus fed five million people with two fish and five loaves of bread. | T | F |
| 17. | People responded differently to Jesus, ranging from belief to disbelief. | T | F |
| 18. | Jesus encouraged that if anyone is thirsty, they should find a nearby McDonalds. | T | F |

Lesson 10: The Light of the World (John 8:11-9:41)

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Main Points

In a way, 8:12-59 and 9:1-41 are separate episodes, and in a way they are connected. What would you say is the main point being made in each episode?

8:12-59

9:1-41

What themes tie the two episodes together?

Valid

What evidence verifies that Jesus' claims are valid (8:14-18, 28)?

Meaning

What do you think Jesus means when He calls Himself, "the light of the world," (8:12, 9:4-5, 39)?

Sign

How does the sign in 9:1-7 demonstrate this aspect of His mission and identity?

Claims

What does Jesus claim about Himself and His words?

8:12, 9:5

8:19

8:23

8:29

8:31-32

8:51

8:56-58

9:39

Sight

In each of the following verses, what does the former blind man call Jesus, and how does he treat Him?

9:11

9:17

9:33

9:35-38

Light

How do these comments further illustrate the way in which Jesus is the light of the world?

Blindness

After illuminating the man born blind, Jesus says that in the presence of His light, “those who see will become blind” (9:39). How do the Pharisees in chapter 9 illustrate this?

On Display

How do Jesus' opponents in chapter 8 display their blindness?

8:12-15

8:22,25,27

8:33,39,41

8:53

Next Lesson

Next lesson we will cover the other major themes of 7:53-9:41: sin and judgement.

Re-read 7:53-9:41

Review (Lessons 1-10)

The purpose of John (20:31)

The Seven "Signs"

1. _____ (ch 2)
2. _____ (ch 4)
3. _____ (ch 5)
4. _____ (ch 6)
5. _____ (ch 6)
6. _____ (ch 9)
7. _____ (ch 11)

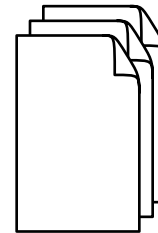
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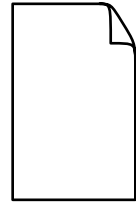
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6. I am the _____ (14:6)
7. I am the _____ (15:5)

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Lessons 1-10

Lesson	Title	Events
1	Overview	
2	The Word (1:1-18)	_____
3	Testimony (1:6-8,19-51)	_____
4	The Ministry Begins (2:1-25)	_____
5	Born of the Spirit (3:1-36)	_____
6	Living Water (4:1-54)	_____
7	Opposition Begins (5:1-47)	_____
8	The Bread of Life (6:1-71)	_____
9	Who is Jesus (7:1-52)	_____
10	The Light of the World (8:11-9:41)	_____

Lesson 11: Sin and Judgement (John 7:53-9:41)

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Accusers

What sins do we know the adulteress's accusers committed (8:3-9)?

Views

What do Jesus' words in this story reveal about His views on sin and judgement?

Impressions

Put yourself in the place of the woman or her accusers. How did you feel while this scene was going on? What impressions of Jesus were you left with?

Wrong

What wrong ideas about sin are voiced or implied in 7:53-9:41?

8:1-6

8:33

9:2

9:13-16, 24

9:34

Truth

What does Jesus say about sin in these verses?

8:24

8:31-36

8:37-45,47

8:46

9:3

9:41

Meaning

Rewrite 8:31-32 in your own words, explaining what Jesus means.

The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-42)

Shepherd

Below, write down the characteristics of the true or good shepherd, and explain what each one tells you about Jesus.

10:2,7

10:3-4,14

10:10

10:11

"I am"

Jesus makes two "I am" statements in chapter 10. What is He claiming about Himself and His identity by calling Himself...

the gate (10:7-9)

the good shepherd (10:11)

Sheep

What happens to the sheep who know and follow the good shepherd (10:3-4,9-10,27-29)?

What is involved for you in enjoying that kind of relationship with Jesus?

Thieves

By contrast, how may thieves and robbers (false shepherds) be recognized (10:1-10)?

Give an example of how a leader (a Pharisee, a priest, a modern pastor or preacher) might do these things.

Others

What goal for His mission is Jesus describing in 10:16?

Hireling

How does a hired hand behaves, and why (10:12-14)?

How might a modern pastor do this?

Authority

Why is 10:18 a crucial truth about Jesus?

The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-42)

Knowledge

In 10:27 Jesus says, "My sheep hear My voice," to which we may expect Him to continue, "and they know me." Instead, Jesus reverses it and states, "I know them." Is this an important distinction? Why?

Point

What is Jesus' point in 10:34-36?

Good Shepherd

What critical truth do we learn about the good shepherd in 10:28-29?

Broken

What does Jesus' answer in 10:35 imply about His view of the Scriptures?

One

Some people still think "one" in 10:30 means "one in will" rather than "one in essence." They say that Jesus was not claiming equal divinity with the Father. How did the Jews interpret Jesus' statement (10:31,33)?

Evidence

As before, what is the evidence that Jesus' audacious claims are true, not blasphemous (10:37-38)?

Next Week: Lazarus Raised! (John 11)

When the Jews asked Jesus if He was the Christ, His answer would have led to a lynching if God had allowed it (10:24,30-31-39). That was in December. Afterward, Jesus crossed the Jordan and ministered in Perea for a couple of months (10:40-42). He knew that the next time He set foot in Jerusalem would be His last. As winter was passing, an urgent message came from close friends less than two miles from Jerusalem (11:18). Read about the effects of that message in John chapter 11.

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Lazarus Raised (John 11:1-57)

Love

Why do you think John stresses Jesus' love for Lazarus and his sisters in this account (11:3,5,36)?

Sign

The raising of Lazarus is the last and greatest of Jesus' signs before His own resurrection. What does it reveal about Jesus' (and the Father's) character, personality, and values (see especially 11:14-15,25-26,33-35,40-42)?

Delay

Despite His love for Lazarus, why doesn't Jesus go immediately when He learns of the sickness (11:4-6,14-15,25-26,41-42)?

What does it reveal about Jesus' identity (see especially 11:25-27,41-44)?

Response

Jesus' disciples warn Him that going to Bethany, less than two miles from Jerusalem, is highly dangerous (11:8). What is the point Jesus makes in response (11:9-10)?

What does Jesus' response tell you about His character and priorities (11:9-11)?

How is this relevant to your circumstances? _____

Leaders

Observe how the Jewish leaders reacted to the news of the stupendous miracle in Bethany (11:45-48). What was wrong with their values and their approach to the facts?

Caiaphas

What do you think Caiaphas meant in 11:50?

What deeper meaning does John discern in Caiaphas' words (11:51-52)?

The Hour Has Come (John 12:1-50)

Mary

How do you interpret Mary's feelings and reasons for what she does in 12:3?

Greeks

John never does tell us whether the Greeks got to see Jesus. He only records Jesus' response. What did the coming of the Gentiles prompt Jesus to talk about (12:23-28)?

Priorities

What attitudes about Himself, His mission, and His friends' priorities does Jesus express in 12:7-8?

Signal

Why do you think their coming signaled to Jesus that the hour of His glory had arrived (12:23)?

Donkey

When the Galileans tried to proclaim Jesus King, He refused (6:15). But at this Passover, He chose to ride into Jerusalem on a royal donkey amid public acclaim. Why do you think He accepted the acclaim this time?

Glory

The "hour" was the moment for both Jesus and the Father to be glorified (12:23,27-28). What events were going to glorify the Father and the Son (12:24,30-33)?

Triumphal

What impresses you most about the scene in 12:12-19? (For instance, what details strike you as most significant or personally relevant? Why is the scene important? What do you think John wants to teach or reinforce to his readers? How does the scene make you feel?)

Why

Why did these events, which appeared to be defeat and humiliation, actually glorify the Father and the Son?

Dying

What kind of dying do you need to go through in order to bear fruit (12:24)?

Life

Jesus says that what is true for Him is true for His servant. In what ways do you show that you love your life wrongly (12:25)?

What do you think Jesus is referring to by hating your life in this world? In what ways do you show this?

Where is Jesus? Where do you need to be in order to be where He is (12:26)?

Light

Recall the meaning of light from earlier in this Gospel (1:9, 3:19-21, 8:12). What is Jesus saying in 12:35-36?

Unbelief

According to 12:37-41, why did almost none of the Jews believe in Jesus, despite His signs that pointed to His identity and mission?

Belief

Many prominent people did privately believe that Jesus was the Christ. What priorities kept them from confessing their faith publicly (12:42-43)?

Belief

What does Jesus say in His final appeal (12:44-50) about . . .

. . . His identity and relationship to the Father? _____

. . . His mission? _____

. . . those who reject Him and His words? _____

Love and Betrayal (John 13:1-38)

Attitude

How would you describe Jesus' attitude in 13:1-5?

Lessons

The foot washing has several lessons for the disciples. What lessons or meanings does Jesus state in...

13:8-10

Knowing

How is the statement, "the Father had put all things under his power" (13:3) consistent with the fact that Jesus is about to be arrested, tortured, and executed?

13:12-17

Objection

Why do you think Peter objects to what Jesus is doing (13:6-8)?

Irony

What is ironic about Peter's conviction that he will lay down his life for his Master (13:37-38; compare 10:11,15; 18:8-18, 25-27)?

Overruled

Why does Jesus insist that Peter needs Jesus to wash his feet, although he doesn't need a full bath (13:8-10)? What point is Jesus making?

New

Knowing what Judas and Peter are about to do, Jesus gives His "new commandment." Compare John 13:34 to Leviticus 19:18. What is new about 13:34?

Veiled

Why did Jesus predict the betrayal to His disciples, but in a veiled manner (10:18; 13:3,19)?

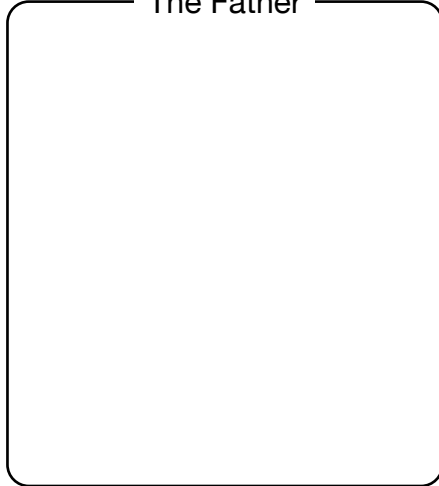
Why

Why is this command so crucial for Christians to keep (13:35)?

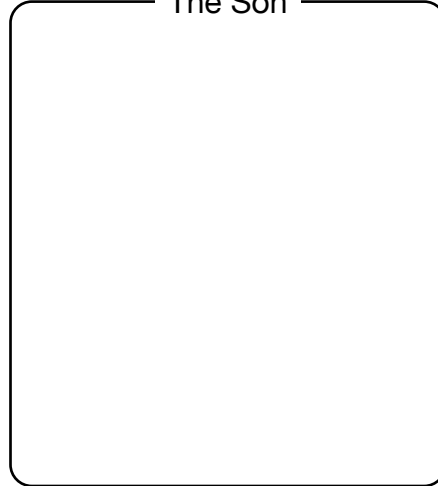
Parting Words (John 14:1-16:33)

Read John 14:1 – 16:33. Write down everything Jesus says about the following topics:

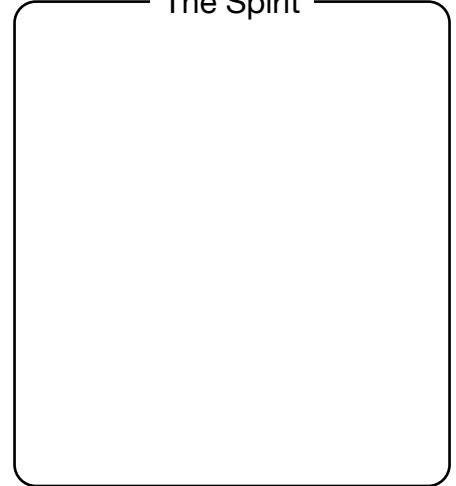
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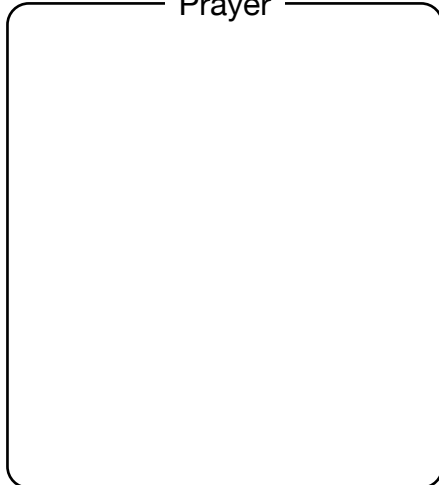
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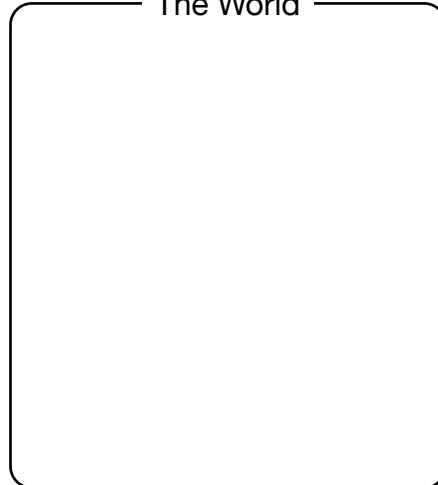
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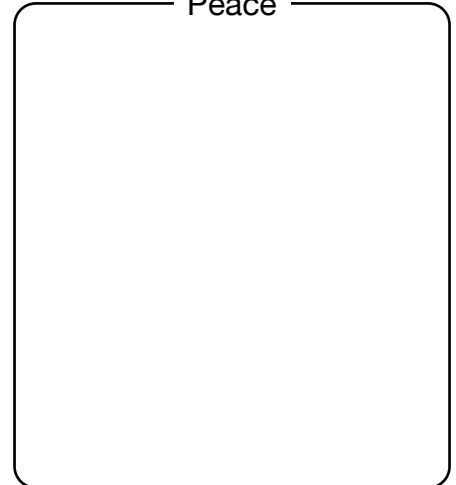
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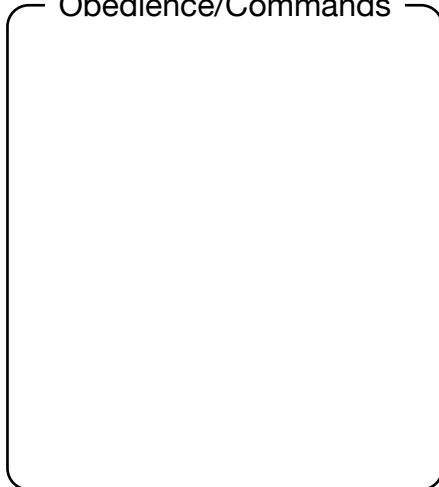
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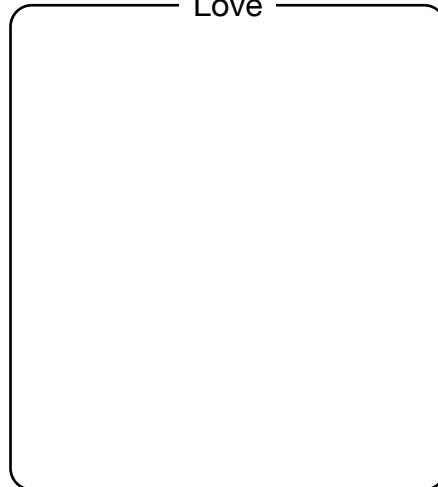
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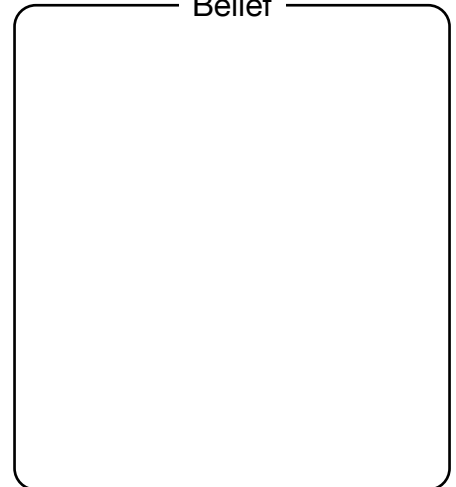
Obedience/Commands



Love



Belief



Parting Words (John 14:1-16:33)

Going

The foot washing has several lessons for the disciples. What lessons or meanings does Jesus state in...

14:2-3

14:12

14:13-14

16:5-6

Philip

What does Philip's question in 14:8 tell you about him?

Purpose

What is God's purpose for you (John 15:2,5-8,16)?

Greater

What do you think are the "greater things" the disciples will do (14:12)?

Possible

How is it possible for you to accomplish this purpose (15:1-9)?

I Am

What does it mean to say that Jesus is...
the way (14:16)?

the truth (14:16)?

the life (14:16)?

Abide

How can a person "remain" or "abide" in Jesus?

Pruning

Describe one experience you have had of being pruned or cleaned by the Father (15:1-3).

The Lord's Prayer (John 17)

Groups

Who is Jesus praying for in John 17:1-5?	Who is He praying for in John 17:6-19?	Who is He praying for in John 17:20-26?
What does He say is true of Him?	What does He say is true of them?	What does He say is true of them?
What does He ask the Father to do for Him?	What does He ask the Father to do for them?	What does He ask the Father to do for them?

Selfish

Is Jesus' request in 17:1-5 selfish? Why or why not?

Knowing

In 17:3,25-16, what does Jesus say about intimately knowing the Father and the Son?

Given

According to chapter 17 . . .

What has the Father given the Son?

What has the Son given His disciples?

Intimate

What can you do to come to know the Father more intimately?

Unity

Why is unity among believers, the Father, and the Son crucial (17:21-23)?

Quiz (John 8-17)

Answer the following questions by circling T (for true) or F (for false).

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| 1 | In John chapter eight, the Jewish leaders bring a woman caught in adultery before Jesus, because they were only trying to help her. | T | F |
| 2 | When Jesus talked with the woman caught in adultery, He explained that because she had sinned, God no longer loved her. | T | F |
| 3 | Jesus claimed to be the light of the world, and whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of a flashlight. | T | F |
| 4 | When Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," they responded with simple faith. | T | F |
| 5 | The Jews told Jesus, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone," because they had never been enslaved to anyone. | T | F |
| 6 | When Jesus' disciples asked him about a man who was blind from birth, Jesus explained that his blindness was because of his sin. | T | F |
| 7 | After Jesus gave sight to the man who was blind from birth, the Jewish leaders fell down at the feet of Jesus, and worshiped him. | T | F |
| 8 | Jesus explained that as the good shepherd, the only one who could get to His sheep would be a robber. | T | F |
| 9 | Jesus explained that the only one who has authority to take His life would be the Roman governing officials. | T | F |
| 10 | When Lazarus of Bethany got sick, Jesus tried, but was unable to get to him in time to help. | T | F |
| 11 | When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, very few of those present believed in Him. | T | F |
| 12 | When Mary of Bethany took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, Judas was more concerned about the poor, so he reprimanded her. | T | F |
| 13 | When the Greeks came asking to see Jesus, He responded that His time had not yet come. | T | F |
| 14 | After Jesus revealed that His hour had come, he reassured His disciples that His soul had not become troubled, but that the Father would save Him from this hour. | T | F |
| 15 | Jesus washed the disciples' feet only because they were dirty. | T | F |
| 16 | Jesus told Peter that he would deny Him unless Peter followed Jesus immediately. | T | F |
| 17 | Jesus reassured and comforted His disciples, explaining that once He was gone, the world would love them. | T | F |
| 18 | Jesus promised the disciples that if they were good, He would send them the Holy Spirit. | T | F |
| 19 | Jesus prayed for His eleven remaining disciples, asking that God would take them out of the world. | T | F |
| 20 | Jesus did not pray only for His eleven remaining disciples, but also for those who believe on Him through their word. | T | F |

Convicted! (John 18:1-19:16)

INSTRUCTIONS: For the people listed in the verses below answer the following questions:

1. What does it seem they are thinking?
2. What does it seem they are trying to do?

Garden of Gethsemane

Disciples - John 18:1

Judas - John 18:2,5

Roman Cohort - John 18:2

Peter - John 18:10

Jesus - John 18:1-11

Aftermath

Disciples - Mark 14:50

Young man - Mark 14:51-52

Trial before Annas

Annas - John 18:19

Jesus - John 18:20,21,23

Officer - John 18:22

Slave Girl - John 18:17

Peter - John 18:17

Trial before Caiaphas

Sanhedrin - Mark 14:55

Witnesses - Mark 14:56-59

Caiaphas - Mark 14:60,61,63

Jesus - Mark 14:62

Temple Soldiers - Luke 22:63-65

Peter - John 18:25,27

Trial before Sanhedrin

Sanhedrin - Luke 22:67,70,71

Jesus - Luke 22:67-70

Trial before Pilate

Sanhedrin group - John 18:28,30,31,

Pilate - John 18:29,31,33,35,37,38

Jesus - John 18:34,36,37

Trial before Herod

Herod - Luke 23:8,9,11,12

Chief Priests and Scribes - Luke 23:10

Jesus - Luke 23:9

Trial before Pilate Again

Herod - Luke 23:8,9,11,12

Chief Priests and Scribes - Luke 23:10

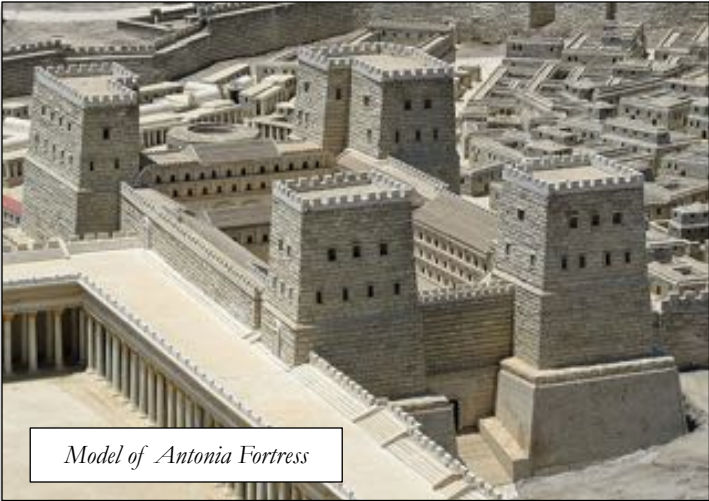
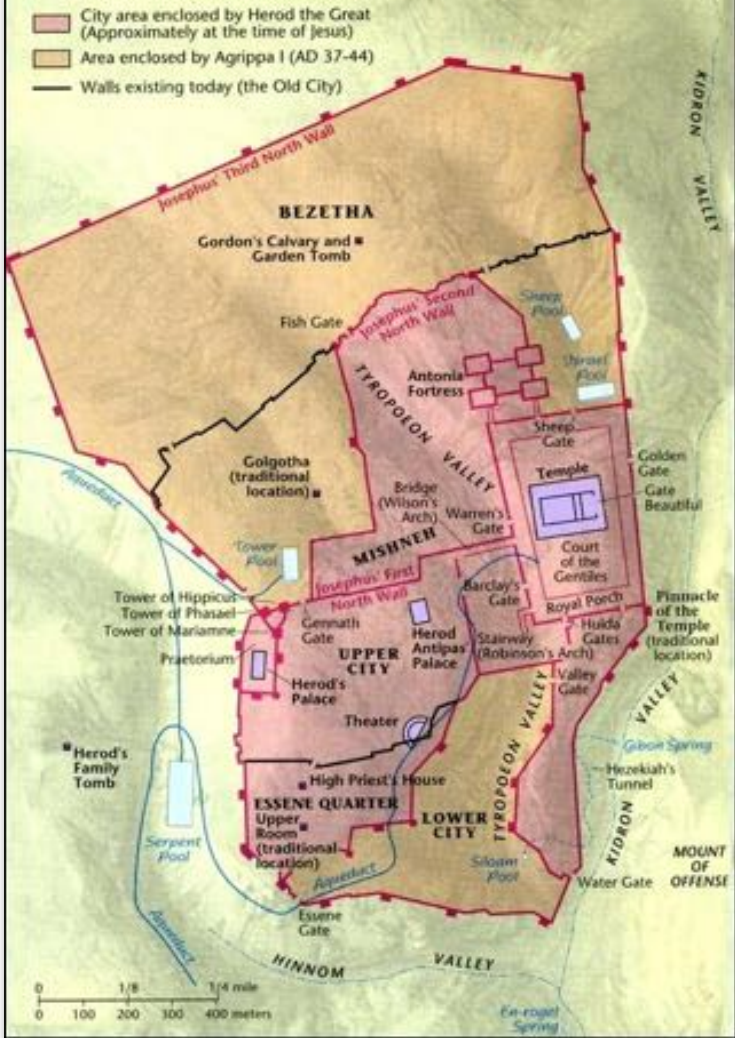
Jesus - Luke 23:9

Condemnation

Pilate - John 19:12,13,14,15,16

Jesus - John 19:16

New Testament Jerusalem



Model of Antonia Fortress



Model of Caiaphas' House



Model of Herod's Palace



Caiaphas' House Today

Herod's Palace Today



Courtyard of Tower of David Museum

Crucified (John 19:17-42)

Significance

John has carefully chosen what he says about Jesus' crucifixion. The account is brief. Much of what we read here is unique to this Gospel, and John omits much of what the Synoptics tell us. Hence, it is reasonable to assume that everything John records is significant. How is it significant that...

...Pilate worded the charge against Jesus as he did and posted it in all three of the major languages of Palestine (19:19-22)?

...the soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothes (19:23-24)?

...Jesus gave His mother into John's care (19:25-27)?

...Jesus said He was thirsty (John 19:28; compare Psalm 22:15, 69:21)?

...Jesus said, "It is finished" (John 19:30; compare John 1:29; Hebrews 9:11-15, 24-28; 10:11-14)?

...Jesus' legs were not broken, but His side was pierced (John 19:31-37)?

Personal

How is it personally important to you that...
 ...Jesus was convicted of being the King of the Jews?

...Jesus said, "It is finished" when He died?

Fulfillment

Why is it important that Jesus' death fulfilled so many Old Testament prophecies?

Risky

What were Joseph and Nicodemus risking by asking for Jesus' body and burying it?

Glorify

Jesus said that His crucifixion would glorify Him and the Father (12:23, 17:1). How did such an awful experience glorify Them?

Omitted

John says nothing about how horrible scourging and crucifixion were. Why do you think he so understates Jesus' sufferings? Why doesn't he emphasize the physical agony?

Resurrected (John 20)

Evidence

What evidence of Jesus' resurrection is recorded in 10:1-21:14)?

Resurrection Body

What do these passages suggest about the resurrected Jesus, especially about His body?

20:14, 21:4

20:19,26

20:20,27

Understand

The disciples still did not understand that the Scriptures predicted the Resurrection even after they observed evidence that began to convince them that a resurrection had occurred (20:9). Why is this significant?

Name

Why do you think Mary recognized Jesus when He said her name (20:16)? (See 10:3-4.)

Mary

Put yourself in Mary's place in 20:10-18, and read the passage meditatively a few times. How would she feel...
...alone at the empty tomb (20:10-15)?

...when Jesus says her name (20:16)?

God

What is significant about the way Jesus refers to God in 20:17?

Sent

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (20:21). What does this comparison tell you about the mission Jesus has given to His followers?

Realize

What did Thomas realize when he saw Jesus (20:28)? Explain in your own words.

Learn

What can we learn from Thomas' experience (20:24-29)?

Authority

Think about the authority Jesus gives His disciples in 20:23. What do you think He is authorizing them to do?

How is this relevant to you?

See

Three verbs for “to see” occur especially frequently in chapter 20. Why do you suppose John emphasizes seeing in this chapter? (What does seeing have to do with the point of the chapter?)

Epilogue (John 21)

Seashore

What do you think is the central point John means to make by including this episode (21:1-25)?

Questions

In the presence of Peter's colleagues, Jesus three times asked Peter if he loved Him. Why do you think He did this?

Recognize

Jesus' appearance seems to have been somewhat changed (21:4,12). How did the disciples come to recognize Him on this occasion? (21:6-7)?

Commission

Explain in your own words the three-fold commission Jesus gave Peter in response to his three-fold declaration of love.

What do you think is the significance of this?

Love

Why was love for Jesus an essential requirement for this job?

Learn

What did the disciples learn about Jesus from this appearance (21:12-13)? (Compare Luke 24:41-43.)

Following

Explain in your own words the related essential qualification for Peter's job (21:19,22).