

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. . . And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:1-2, 14

“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.” - John 20:30-31

Jesus is God. He was before the foundations of the earth, before time began. At the appointed time, Jesus left His place in heaven, stepped out of the presence of the Father, clothed Himself with flesh, and came to this earth as a man. He was fully God, yet fully man. He performed signs and miracles in the presence of many, and the people were amazed. He claimed that He was God, and the people were angry. He predicted that He would die, be buried for three days, and then rise from the dead, and the people were confused. He appeared to many after His resurrection, and the people were astonished.

John would like to introduce you to this Jesus. Inspired by God he pens these words so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the promised Messiah, Deliverer, Savior. He pens these words so that you may believe that He is the Son of God, God in the flesh. He pens these words so that you may have life in His name.

Come with us as we see Jesus - the I AM. Discover the truths of the great “I AM” statements of Jesus and see how they can impact your life. Walk with John and the other disciples, sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn about the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.

Let’s be amazed at what God has done through His Son for us!

DAY ONE

1. Over the next two weeks, you will be setting the context of the book of John by completing an overview of the book. When studying one of Paul's letters, you would be reading over the book quite a few times in the first week looking at various components of the book. Since John is 21 chapters long, you will not be asked to do that. But what you need to do on this first day of study is to get somewhere quiet where you won't be distracted and read through the entire book at one sitting. As you do this, I want you to look for one thing. What is the purpose of John writing this gospel account. He will state that very clearly to you. Once you understand his purpose in writing this book, it will help you to understand the message that he is communicating to his readers.

2. Write out John's purpose with the chapter and verse reference.

DAY TWO

Read through the first 5 chapters of John using your Observation worksheets (OWS). These sheets will become your worksheets through your entire study of John. You will be able to mark the key words, make lists, and record questions right on these pages. As you read, note the theme of each chapter. What is the main event covered or the main idea that John is conveying? Record these chapter titles on your "At a Glance Chart" located on page 85 of your Observation Worksheets. Try to keep these themes short, and if you can use words directly from Scripture, that would be beneficial to you so that you can begin to hide God's Word in your heart.

DAY THREE

Read through the next four chapters (6-9) in John and follow the directions above.

DAY FOUR

Read through the chapters 1-5 once again. This time you are going to be looking for some specific information from each chapter. Write that information in the chart at the end of this lesson. This is what you will be looking for.

- a. **Witnesses** - those who testify concerning Jesus
- b. **Ministry To** - the group of people to whom Jesus is ministering
- c. **Signs and Miracles** - those which Jesus performed (in brief)
- d. **Portrayal of Jesus** - what pictures or descriptions does Jesus use to describe Himself to His listeners. This will be really easy to see in some chapters, a little more challenging in others.
- e. **Sequence of events** - religious events or other happenings that will help establish a timeline
- f. **Geological Locations** - locations where they are or where they are going. This will help you to see where different events occur.

DAY FIVE

Following the same instructions as yesterday, complete the observations above in chapters 6-9.

John
Lesson 1 - Overview

	Witnesses	Ministry To	Signs & Miracles	Portrayals of Jesus	Sequence of Events	Geographic Locations
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

John
Lesson 1 - Overview

	Witnesses	Ministry To	Signs & Miracles	Portrayals of Jesus	Sequence of Events	Geographic Locations
6						
7						
8						
9						

John

Lesson 1 - Overview

DAY ONE

We will continue from last week and this lesson will seem eerily familiar. Remember that you are setting the context of the book of John by completing an overview of the book. So once again on this first day of study, get somewhere quiet where you won't be distracted and read through the entire book at one sitting. This time as you read, remember the purpose of the writing and watch for how John accomplishes that in his gospel.

DAY TWO

Read through chapters 10-15 of John using your Observation worksheets. As you read, note the theme of each chapter. What is the main event covered or the main idea that John is conveying? Record these chapter titles on your "At a Glance Chart" located on page 85 of your Observation Worksheets. Try to keep these themes short, and if you can use words directly from Scripture, that would be beneficial to you so that you can begin to hide God's Word in your heart.

DAY THREE

Read through chapters 16-21 in John and follow the directions above.

DAY FOUR

Read through the chapters 10-15 once again. This time you are going to be looking for some specific information from each chapter. Write that information in the chart at the end of this lesson. This is what you will be looking for.

- a. **Witnesses** - those who testify concerning Jesus
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- f. **Geological Locations** - locations where they are or where they are going. This will help you to see where different events occur.

DAY FIVE

Following the same instructions as yesterday, complete the observations above in chapters 16-21.

John
Lesson 2 - Overview

	Witnesses	Ministry To	Signs & Miracles	Portrayals of Jesus	Sequence of Events	Geographic Locations
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						

John
Lesson 2 - Overview

	Witnesses	Ministry To	Signs & Miracles	Portrayals of Jesus	Sequence of Events	Geographic Locations
16						
17						
18						
19						
20						
21						

You have spent two weeks now working through your observations of John. You should have read through the entire book three times. You have followed the main events in those twenty-one chapters. You have seen the miracles. You have observed the Christ, the Son of God, as reported by John. You have been introduced to the One that gives life through His name. Do you believe?

Remember that is John's purpose. He wants you to intimately know the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you can have life in His name. If you have been blessed by reading over the book three times over the last two weeks, just image the blessings that lie ahead as we grab the magnifying glass and look even closer.

Great blessings abound when we are willing to take the time to observe what God's word says, as we see His truths laid out before us. Too many times we are in a hurry and feel like reading God's Word is something that we have to do, instead of realizing the joy that we can experience when we come into an intimate relationship with Christ. You are about to step into the realm of becoming intimately familiar with God's Son over these next many weeks. Don't do this work because you feel you have to! Do it because of the privilege you have to be able to! Enjoy God's blessings in your life as you experience His manifold grace encapsulated in the gift He sent to this world in the form of the Word becoming flesh.

DAY ONE

Some people believe that Jesus is not who He claimed to be. That He, knowing the Scripture, put Himself in certain situations in order to fulfill prophecy. One of the things that a person cannot control is His birth place and genealogy. Until Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD, every Jew could trace his genealogy.

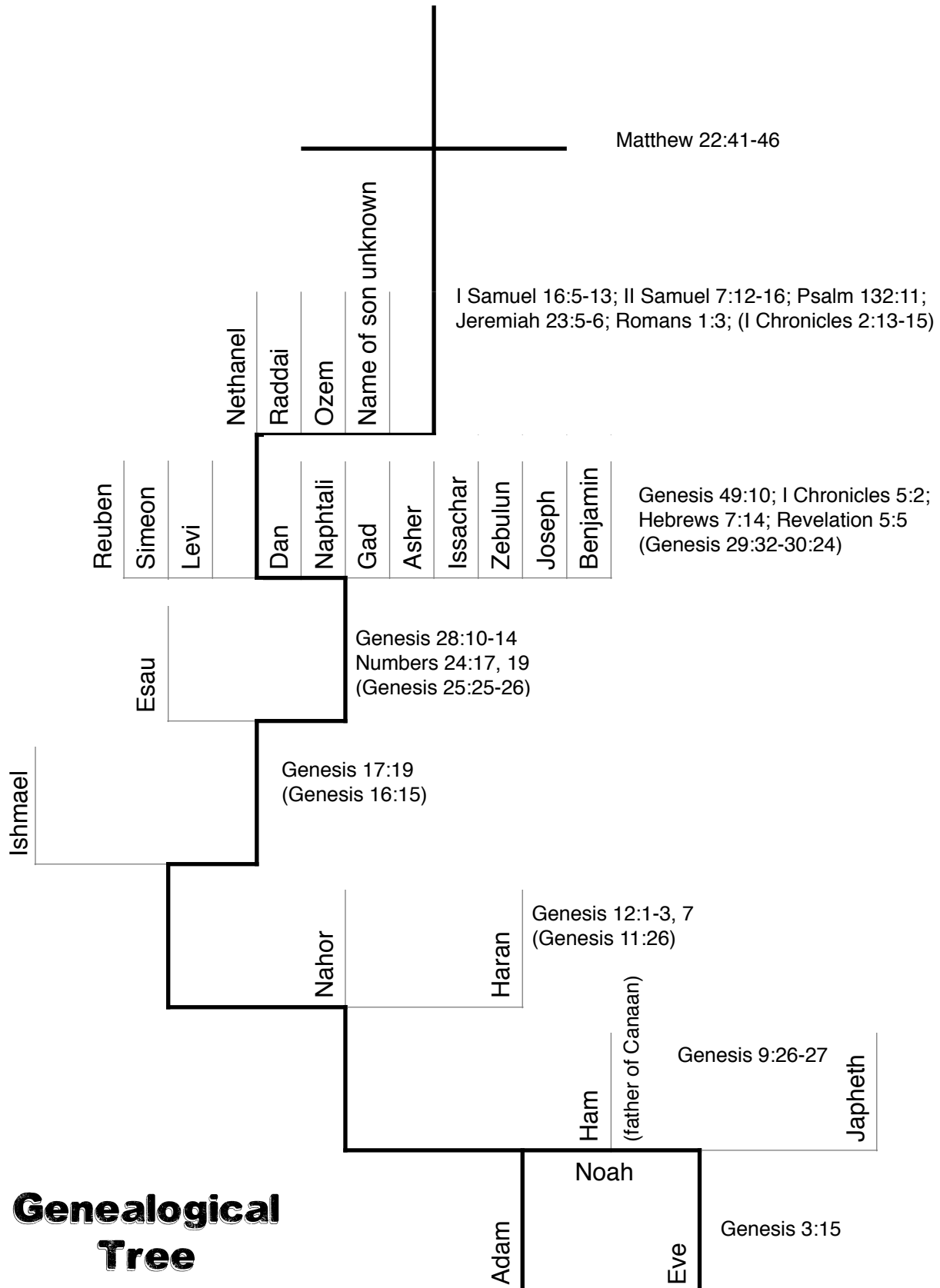
I Chronicles 9:1 states that, "all Israel was enrolled by their genealogies." An Israelite's title to their land was grounded in his genealogy. So what was Christ's genealogy. Was He who He claimed to be? Did He fulfill all the prophecies of the Messiah, including those of His line and His birthplace?

Read the Scriptures in the chart on the next two pages and fill in what you learn about the Messiah and His genealogy. Use the Genealogical Tree chart on page 14 to follow along with the line of Christ. Fill in the names on the dark line.

John
Lesson 3 - Chapter 1

Scripture	The Messiah - His Genealogy
Genesis 3:15	The woman's seed refers to Christ.
Genesis 9:26-27 Genesis 11:10-27	God tells us which of Noah's sons was to continue the bloodline.
Genesis 12:1-3, 7; 15:1-6; 17:1-8; 22:16-18 Galatians 3:16	From Shem, God chose one man.
Genesis 17:19 Romans 9:7	Two sons of Abraham had two sons.
Genesis 28:10-14 Numbers 24:17, 19	Isaac had two sons - Esau became the father of the Edomites.
Genesis 49:10 I Chronicles 5:2 Hebrews 7:14 Revelation 5:5	Jacob had 12 sons.

Scripture	The Messiah - His Genealogy
Isaiah 11:1-2	
I Sam 16:5-13 II Samuel 7:8-16 Psalms 132:11 Jeremiah 23:5-6 Romans 1:3	
Isaiah 7:13-14 Matthew 1:18, 20-23	If Messiah had to be born of a virgin - the virgin would have to be a direct descent of David.
Micah 5:2	Scripture told where the virgin would give birth - where Messiah would be born. There were possibly three different towns called Bethlehem so note the specific location.
Matthew 22:41-46	



DAY TWO-FIVE

Over the next couple of days, you are going to be working on an observation worksheet of John chapter 1. On the next several pages there are steps to follow as you delve into a chapter, observing the passage. This takes time and it requires reading the passage over and over again. You will be looking for various things each time you read through.

I want to encourage you at this point that a good thorough observation leads to accurate interpretation and life changing application. This is not to be taken lightly. This is the backbone of good study. So take your time and work through the steps one step at a time. Don't get discouraged and loose heart because that is Satan's way of keeping you from getting to know your Lord Jesus Christ.

As you read through John 1 each time, keep yourself engaged with the text by asking the 5 "W"'s and an "H" questions. When you complete your observations of chapter 1, answer these questions about chapter 1.

When does chapter 1 occur?

Who is speaking and how do you know?

To **whom** is he speaking?

Why is the Gospel being written?

What are the main events that are recorded in this chapter?

Where is this taking place?

How is Jesus portrayed?

These are the steps to working through a chapter overview. Remember that you have four days to complete this. Take your time and allow the Spirit to speak truth to your heart as you work through these steps.

- a. **PRAYER** - Always remember that prayer is the basis of your study! Lift this time to the Lord in prayer!
- b. **CONTEXT** - We have spent two weeks looking at the context of this book. Make sure that you keep that context in mind as you study each chapter. Let context rule!
- c. **5W's AND H** - Learn to ask the 5 W's and H questions of the text. Who, what, where, when, why, and how. These are the basic questions to every study. Who is speaking and to whom? Why is he writing? What is happening in their lives? When was this taking place? What are the main points the author makes? You are not going to find answers to every question, but the answers to some of the questions may lead you to other questions to ask. Asking questions of the text keeps your mind focused and engaged in what you are reading!
- d. **KEY WORDS** - As you read through the chapter, you want to look for key, repeated words. These words are going to be important to the thoughts that the author is trying to convey. Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit and any pronouns or synonyms that are used for the mention of the Godhead are always key. Make sure you mark those. I use a purple triangle for God, a red cross for Jesus, and a purple dove for the Holy Spirit. Time references are also key words to most portions of Scripture. Time references can be words like *after, then, when, until, everlasting, beginning, end, feasts*, etc. They are used to show the timing of events or a sequence of events. I use a blue clock to mark my time references. Watch for words that are mentioned three or more times and mark them with a different color and symbol.
- e. **LISTS** - Now you might ask yourself, what do I do with all these key words. You are going to make lists. This is the most important step to this exercise because now is the time to question the text about these important topics. Use a separate paper, the margin of your worksheets, or your computer and begin listing what you learn about each key word. In John 1, you can start you list about Jesus like this

Jesus

1. 1:1 - *He is the Word*
2. 1:1 - *He was in the beginning*
3. 1:1 - *He was with God, and He was God*

- f. **CONTRASTS, COMPARISONS, TERMS OF CONCLUSION** - As you continue to read through the chapter, look for terms of contrasts, comparisons, and terms of conclusions. Since these don't necessarily stand out clearly to most people, let me give you a little help finding them.
- i. **CONTRASTS** - this holds one thing up and then shows you the other side. Look for words like . . .
1. but, nevertheless, however
 2. Also things like light/dark, day/night, wicked/righteous
 3. Mark this in a distinctive way. I circle these words in a big red circle and then draw an arrow to the two things that are being contrasted. You may want to write these contrasts in the margins of your observation worksheets.
- ii. **COMPARISONS** - this is just like something else. These are things that are similar or alike. Look for words like . . .
1. like, as, just as
 2. I use a lightning bolt in the side margin of my observation worksheets and I put the one comparison on one side and what it is like on the other.
- iii. **TERMS OF CONCLUSION** - these indicate that the author is summarizing what he has said, drawing a conclusion to his thoughts, or the result of an action is being discussed. Look for words such as . . .
1. therefore, for, so that, for this reason
 2. I put these words in a green box and list the conclusions in the margin of my worksheets.
- g. **MAJOR TEACHINGS** - looking for major characters, doctrines, events, actions. This will mostly be covered with key words and your key word lists. But now look at your chapter and see if there is something that you may have missed. Make a list of what you learned about the characters, doctrines, events, or actions. Don't forget to record chapter and verse on your list.
- h. **CHAPTER THEME** - After studying this chapter, are you happy with your chapter theme or would you like to change it? If you can use words from a specific verse, that would be very helpful and go a long way in memorizing Scripture.

- i. **PARAGRAPH THEMES** - Sometimes your chapter is made up of more than one paragraph. This is indicated by a line that is drawn between verses. If there are several paragraphs, then you want to give each one a theme (again using Scripture if possible). What you are looking for is how the author uses that particular paragraph to develop the chapter theme which develops the book theme. Remember that these are all parts of a whole. They work together to accomplish the author's purpose in writing the book.

These are the steps to a thorough observation of the chapter. Aren't you glad that this wasn't expected of you when you were reading the whole book? It would have been too overwhelming at that point. Now we can dig in, in this much depth, because we have taken the time to complete a good overview, and now we are dealing with a smaller piece of Scripture.

Again, I encourage you to work through this procedure one step at a time and spread it over the days you are given.

Relationships. How important are they to you? How important should they be? We live in a world of broken and distorted relationships. We were designed to have fellowship with God and with His people, but things have gone terribly wrong in this sin-filled world.

How important were relationships to Jesus? His life and ministry revolved around people and His relationships with them. To some, He was Teacher. To some, He was the Light. To some, He was a stumbling stone. To some, He was a threat. By watching how Jesus responded to the people around Him, we can begin to see what should be important to us as well.

DAY ONE

1. Last week, on pages 16-18, I outlined the steps necessary to complete a thorough overview. Now apply those steps as you overview John chapter 2.
2. There is a map on page 23 of this lesson. Follow the progression of Jesus by indicating the places He went by using numbers. Use a #1 next to Bethany , a #2 next to Bethsaida, and so on.

DAY TWO

There are many ways to approach the study of a book. The way that we are going to handle the book of John, is to focus on how John put the book together in order to accomplish his purpose. Remember, he is writing these things “. . . so that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you might have life in His name.” - John 20:31

We want to look at how Jesus interacts with the people around Him. What does He say that allows us to know Him and His heart for mankind?

1. Read through both John chapters 1 and 2. Look at the different people that Jesus had relationships with in these chapters.
2. On the next page, list each person and anything you learn about the interaction between them and Jesus.

People Who Encountered Jesus

DAY THREE-FIVE

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. . . And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:1-2, 14

We need to take the time to stop and meditate on these words. From the foundation of the earth, from before there was time and space, the Word was and the Word was with God. Then, at a moment in time, Jesus came to this earth, emptying Himself and taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men. (Philippians 2:7)

Why did Jesus do it? How did He do it? Was the way He appeared on this earth haphazard or meticulously planned in order to prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing you would have life in His name?

You are going to take time over the next couple of days to watch the events in chronological order as we see Jesus' preexistence confirmed, events that led to His birth, and His early childhood. Read the Scriptures in order and record what you learn in each one of the categories on the chart on page 22. Take your time and really think about what you are reading. Remember you have three days in which to complete this assignment. Be sure to set aside time to meditate on what you learn about Jesus from these passages.

	Preexistence	Birth Announcement & Birth	Early Childhood
John 1:1-8			
Luke 1:5-80			
Matt 1:8-25			
Luke 2:1-39			
Matt 2:1-23			
Luke 2:40-52			



John

Lesson 4 - Chapter 2

3. What comparisons did you see in this chapter? Comparisons are things that are likened to one another in some way.

DAY THREE

As you go into this lesson, remember that you have three days to complete it. Give these passages and these questions time for thought and meditation. There are some life changing truths to be gleaned in this wonderful book. Let John introduce you to this Jesus so that you can believe!

This chapter begins with Jesus' encounter with a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. Let's follow the story.

1. Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus? What did he know? What had he (and other's) seen?

2. According to John 20:30-31, what was the purpose of the signs that Jesus performed?

3. In John 2:23 John tells us, “. . . many believed in His name, beholding His signs . . . “ We are going to explore the meaning of the word signs and believed. Let’s start with the word “believed” - pisteuo.
 - a. It is used 100 times in the Gospel of John and only 11 times in Matthew, 15 times in Mark, and 9 times in Luke. Obviously, John’s emphasis is that his readers believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. How were they going to be persuaded? By the signs that Jesus performed which we will see tomorrow.
 - b. When John comes from chapter 2 into chapter 3 and we come to the encounter between Nicodemus and Jesus. We see that Nicodemus acknowledged that because of the signs that Jesus did, He had to be from God. He wasn’t persuaded completely to put his trust in Jesus, but he was certainly drawn and seeking answers.
 - c. Read through the teaching that Jesus offered Nicodemus. What were the main points? What was holding Nicodemus back? What holds people back from believing this teaching today? Give this much time, thought and prayer.

5) John 4:48

6) John 4:54

7) John 6:2

8) John 6:14

9) John 6:26

10) John 6:30

11) John 7:31

12) John 9:16

13) John 10:41

14) John 11:47

15) John 12:18

16) John 12:37

17) John 20:30

DAY FIVE

1. This last day of study, you are going to go on a sign hunt. Skim through the book of John and find the chapters where the signs or miracles are listed. Depending on what commentator you read, there are seven or eight signs (miracles) that John recorded in this book. List the chapter and verses of each miracle and then give a brief description on each. Note how these miracles displayed His power and over what things He has power.

“Born again.” This is a phrase that has been around for many years. People will say that you need to be born again, but what exactly does that mean? This phrase became popular in the 1970’s when Chuck Colson wrote a book entitled *Born Again*. If someone came up to you today and asked you to explain what that means, what would you tell them?

Do you have to be born again? What happens to you when you are born again? How long does it last? Is it a forever thing? If you were born again, can you be unborn? How do you know whether you are born again? What will happen to me if I am not born again?

Can you answer those questions for someone who is seeking answers or are you now going to avoid people at Walmart because you don’t want them to ask you questions like that? Have no fear. If we draw our sword of the Spirit (the Word of God) there are answers. This week we are going to sharpen our sword, so we don’t need to shrink away when people ask us those questions.

Let’s dig in and start our journey.

DAY ONE

1. What does it mean to be born again? Read through John 3. Record everything Jesus teaches about this subject as He instructs Nicodemus with truth.

2. As Jesus instructs Nicodemus, a pharisee, he refers to an incident that occurred as the people were wandering the in the wilderness for 40 years. This should be a portion of Scripture which Nicodemus knew very well. He speaks about the serpent being lifted up. This event happens in Numbers 21:1-9. Read all the information about what transpired in this passage.

3. How do you think that the illustration of the snake being lifted up corresponds to Jesus teaching in John chapter 3?

4. Let's go back to John 3:16-21. I want you to record everything you learn about the following topics from these verses.

a. God

b. those who don't believe

c. those who do believe

5. In John 3:22-36, John refers back to John the Baptist and what he was teaching. Is there something that John the Baptist had said that helps us to understand the teaching about being “born again” which has been conveyed through this whole chapter?

DAY THREE

1. Read through Numbers 21:1-9 and John 3. As you read, I want you to think through all that you have learned about Jesus’ teaching on being born again.
2. There are some cross references to John 3 that use the term “born again,” “new birth,” or being “born of the Spirit.” Read through each verse and explain what is being taught.

a) John 1:12-13

b) Galatians 4:23-29

c) I Peter 1:23

d) I John 2:29

e) I John 3:9

f) I John 4:7

g) I John 5:4

h) I John 5:18

3. Take time to think through these verses and meditate on them. Tomorrow we will pull them all together.

DAY FOUR

1. You have read through Numbers 21:1-9; John 3; and cross references about being born again. You were asked questions in the introduction of Lesson 6. Now it is time to take all the pieces of the puzzle and put them together. Before you start, look at what you wrote yesterday with the cross references, and if necessary, read John 3 and the Number's passage one more time. You will also want to look over all the references to "light."
2. Equipped with all that you have studied, I want you to carefully think through each of these questions and answer them as if someone's eternity is at stake. Remember, if we keep our swords sharpened and ready, God can and will use us in battle. He promises to give us the words, so our responsibility is to get His Word in us! Thoroughly explain to someone what it means to be born again, answering all the questions below. There is space to do this on page 40.

What does it mean to be born again?

What has to take place in a person to be born again?

How can a person know if they have been born again?

What happens to someone who is not born again?

What It Means To Be Born Again

DAY FIVE

Today we are going to do something a little different. I am going to give you three possible assignments. You choose which one you want to do. If you want to do them all, that's great, but I also know your time may be limited so choose the one that will be most beneficial to you.

- #1 - **For the scholastic** - Use a commentary and read what they have to say about John 3. Record any additional insights you glean.

- #2 - **For the evangelistic** - Think of an unsaved family member or friend. In your mind, sit down across the table from that person and explain to them how to be born again and what that means as they live out their life. Write out your conversation

- #3 - **For the artistic** - You have been given some stunning imagery of the light, the serpent being lifted up, being born again, and Christ's sacrifice. Draw a picture that will draw all these ideas together to explain the teaching of John 3. I would love to see it when you are done!

In Mark 1:17, Jesus said to His disciples, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” How do we become fishers of men? Whose example do we follow? These men lived and walked with Jesus and beheld Him every day. They followed Him and learned from the Master Fisherman.

We have a wealth of information at our fingertips. We have the Holy Scriptures that show the life Jesus lived. We can see His compassion for the people. We can feel His love as He reaches out to touch those who society deems unclean. We can hear His voice as we read His word. We too can follow the Master Fisherman. A couple of weeks ago we looked at the relationships between Jesus and others. We want to look at the way Jesus talks to Nicodemus, the woman at the well, and the nobleman whose son is near death. What does He say? How do they respond? What can we learn from these encounters that we can apply to our lives?

DAY ONE AND TWO

Spend these next two days taking the time to do a thorough observation of chapter four. If you are still not sure of the steps, you can refer back to pages 16-18. Don't skimp on this step. Remember, only by thorough observation will you be able to make accurate interpretations which will in turn lead to life-changing applications!

DAY THREE - FIVE

So let us now go fishing. What did Jesus mean by making us fishers of men? What exactly are we supposed to do? Does the same approach work for everyone? Where do I find these “fish?” How do I even begin?

John 2:25 leaves us with the statement that Jesus . . . “knew what was in man.” Well, of course He does, He's God. We can't know what is in man. Or can we? Who lives within us? Does not the Holy Spirit dwell in us, enabling us to speak His Word? Doesn't Luke 12:12 promise that . . . “the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say?” And doesn't John 14:26 teach us that . . . “the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach

you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”? Then when we are opened to be used by the Lord, that He will give us the words.

After we were informed that Jesus knew what was in man, we are now given three separate accounts of people that Jesus encountered. What I want you to do is to look at each of these encounters. Read them over several times. Pray over them as you read each one. Pull them apart until you know them inside and out. I have given you several pages with specific information to look for. Write down what you learn from each experience.

At the end of this lesson, come back to this page and try to put into words what God has shown you this week.

Nicodemus

Contact: How Initiated

Type of Person:

Attitude of Person:

Jesus' Method or Approach:

Content - What Jesus Was Teaching Them:

Response or Result:

Similarities or Differences with Other Encounters:

Conclusions:

Personal Application:

Samaritan Woman

Contact: How Initiated

Type of Person:

Attitude of Person:

Jesus' Method or Approach:

Content - What Jesus Was Teaching Them:

Response or Result:

Similarities or Differences with Other Encounters:

Conclusions:

Personal Application:

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Jesus' Method or Approach:

Content - What Jesus Was Teaching Them:

Response or Result:

Similarities or Differences with Other Encounters:

Conclusions:

Personal Application:

John says that he writes these things so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you can have life in His name. We are only a couple of chapters into John, and already the people are looking for ways to kill Jesus. Why? What has He said or done that has the people so stirred up?

On pages 54-56, there are some charts that can help you see Jesus' ministry laid out before you. These pages are entitled "The Earthly Life of Christ" and are taken from *Jensen's Bible Study Charts* by Irving L. Jensen. It may be good to refer to these sheets before you begin this week's study, and they may be helpful on DAY THREE AND DAY FOUR. Remember that John isn't giving you a lot of details, just enough to be a witness that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

As we saw through chapters 3-4, Jesus cares for people. He loves people, and He came to this world to willingly hang on that cross so that we can have life in His name. We see the compassion He has on the people around Him. Last week we looked at how He gently, lovingly, and patiently reached out to Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, and the royal official and his son. They didn't need to go do something to find His favor; they just needed to accept who He was and His amazing love for them. They needed to believe that He was the One that was going to be lifted up in order that those who looked to Him for their salvation would be saved.

As we head into chapter five this week, We see Jesus once again reaching out to someone to whom the world had turned their back. He speaks life not only to his body but to his spirit. John 5:14 says Jesus went and found this man that He had healed physically, but that wasn't enough. Jesus was after his soul. "You have become well; do not sin anymore . . ." The message is to repent and discontinue in the life of sin you have been living in. Jesus was and is more concerned about the spiritual well-being of man than the physical.

How concerned are we about the spiritual well-being of the people around us? When is the last time we went and searched out someone to give them the profound words of, "Do not sin anymore?" There is much to be learned from the teachings in this wonderful chapter. Dig in and feast on the truths of God's Word.

DAY ONE AND TWO

1. You are going to complete a chapter study/observation worksheet on chapter five. Make sure you spend ample time on this over the next two days. remember that your thorough observations are the basis for you interpretation and applications. Give yourself plenty of time for meditation and prayer as you complete this assignment.
2. As Jesus ministers to the crowds, He is bringing truth and healing to the people. Even though He is speaking truth, watch how the crowd begins to respond. Why do you think this is happening? Is there anything that you see going on in the world around us today that may be similar to this reaction?

DAY THREE AND FOUR

1. You have completed your observation on John 5. Were you able to see the attitude that began to grow in the people? If so, answer these questions.
 - a. What is this attitude?
 - b. Who is it that is demonstrating this attitude?
 - c. What did Jesus do that precipitated this reaction?
 - d. Did Jesus try to calm it, or did He say or do something that aggravated it even more?
 - e. How did Jesus handle the crowd around Him?

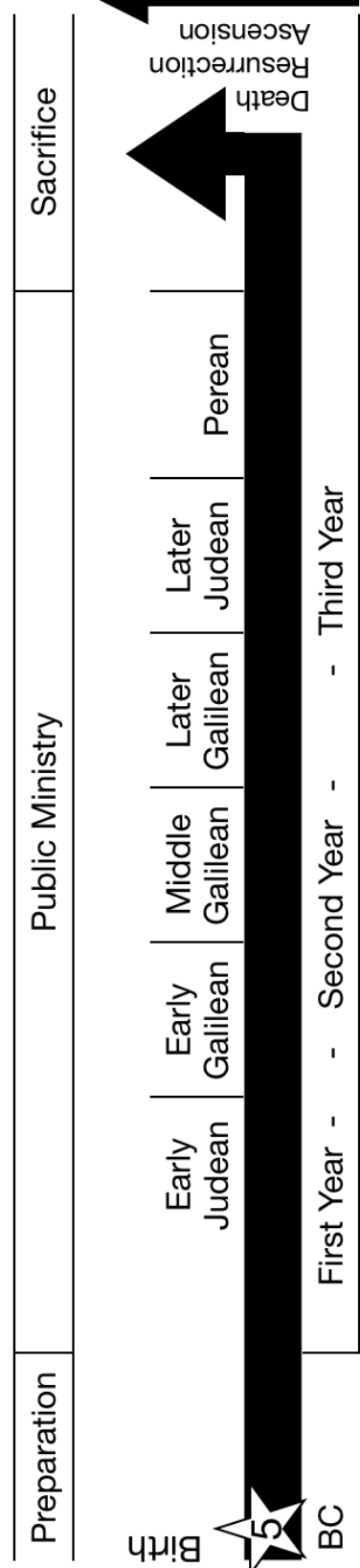
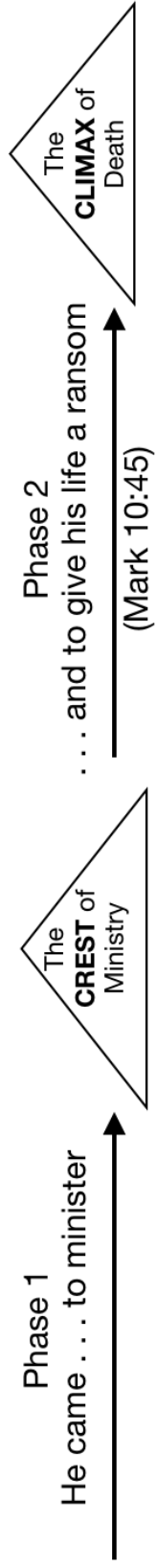
5. Does what Jesus is claiming, stand up to the test for authenticity? Would it stand up as reliable evidence in their court of law? Why or why not?

DAY FIVE

1. This chapter teaches so much about the relationship between the Father and the Son. It is important to see this. There is a chart on page 53 to write down all that you observe in this relationship. Why is this important? Matthew 5:9; Luke 20:36; Romans 8:14, 19; Galatians 3:26; 4:6 all call believers in the Lord Jesus Christ sons of God. If we are truly sons, would not our relationship be similar to our heavenly Father as was Jesus' relationship with the Father?
2. After filling out the chart on page 53, come back here and record what you can learn about your relationship with your heavenly Father.

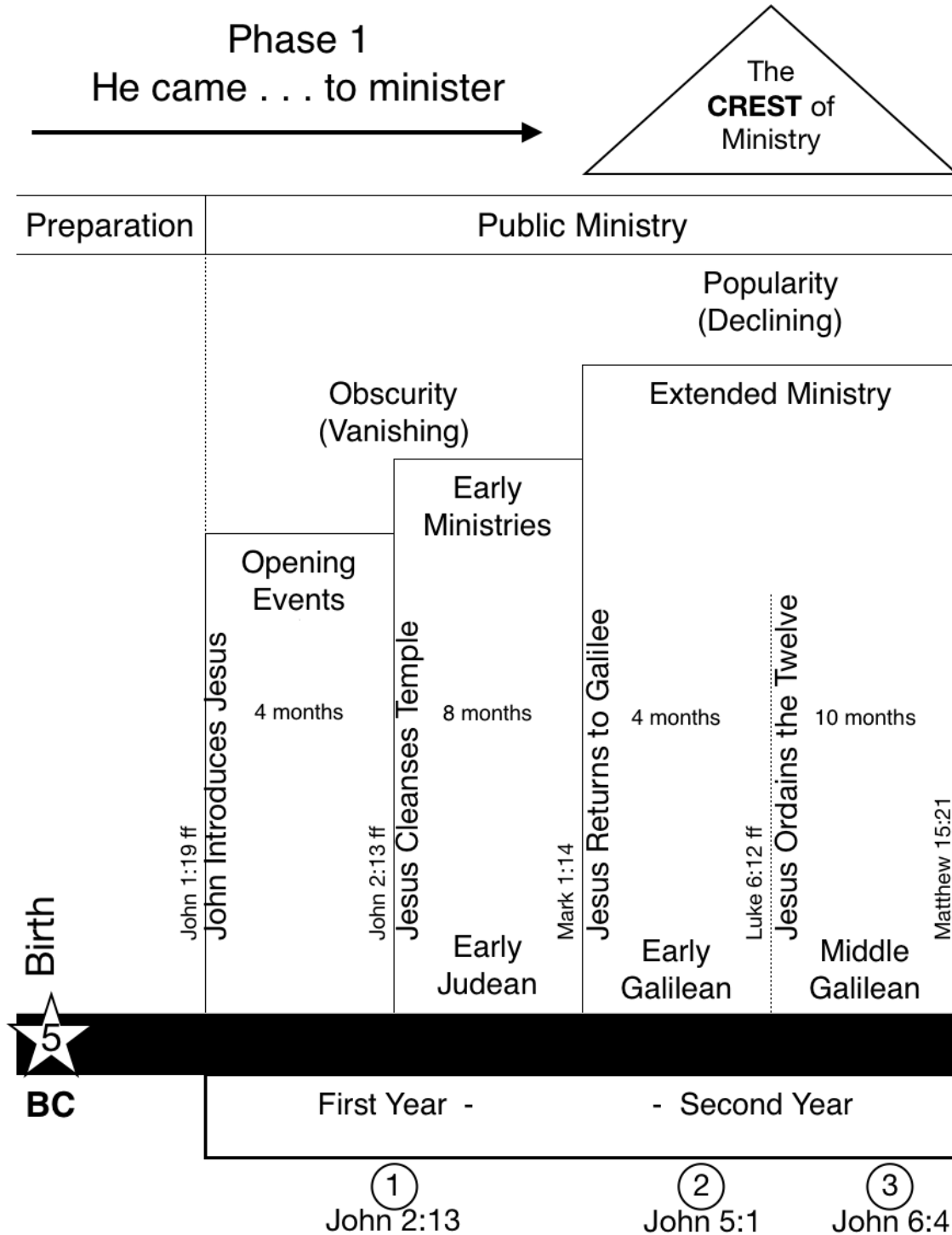
The Father	The Son

The Earthly Life of Christ - 1

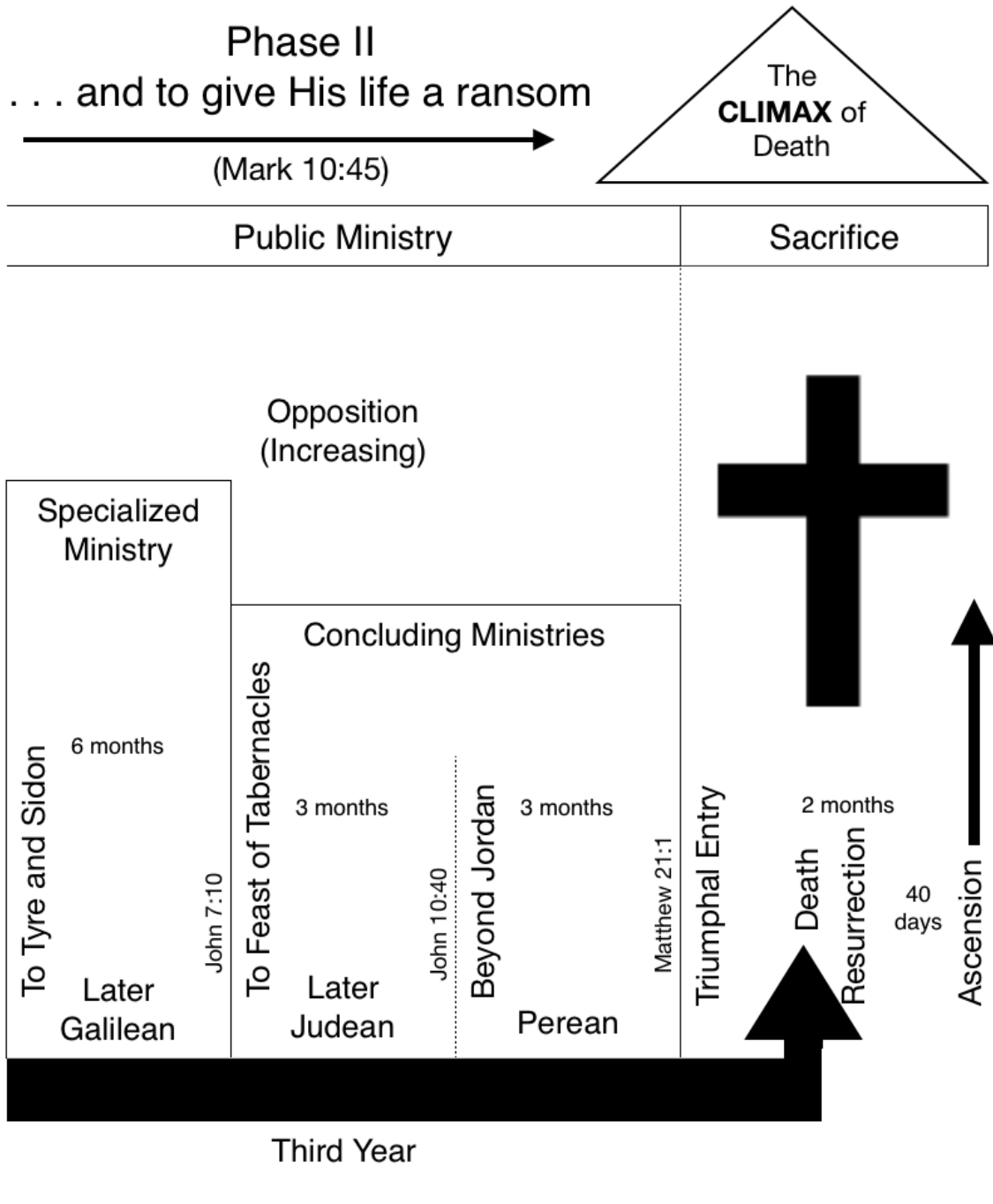


- ① John 2:13
- ② John 5:1
- ③ John 6:4
- ④ John 11:55

The Earthly Life of Christ - 2



The Earthly Life of Christ - 3



John 6 is a very lengthy chapter, packed full of good information. This chapter is worthy of our time and attention; therefore, we will devote two weeks to delve into its teachings.

The last couple of verses of the chapter are a sad indictment of human nature when asked to deprive self and follow after a higher calling. Many no longer want to walk following after Jesus, once they know what it truly means to follow Him. This is why Jesus taught His listeners to count the cost. Salvation is a free gift that will cost you your life, and few are willing to pay that price. Are you?

Remember to lift your study time up in prayer, and ask God to give you a teachable spirit to hear what He wants to teach you.

DAY ONE

1. We normally start a new chapter by doing a thorough observation of that chapter. We are going to approach chapter six a little differently. First let's set some background. Many of the commentators believe that the feast mentioned in John 5:1 was the Feast of Passover. If this is true, than a year has elapsed between chapter 5 and John 6:4.
2. You are going to overview the events of chapter six before you do anything else. This is going to be important, so you have the ability to see how the chapter is put together before your tear it apart in your observation of it.
3. On the next page you will find the paragraph divisions of chapter 6. Next to each paragraph, tell what the main event or teaching for that section is. They are also in groups, but that will be explained in the next step.

Group 1 6:1-15

6:16-21

Group 2 6:22-40

6:41-51

6:52-59

Group 3 6:60-65

6:66-71

4. Now let's go back and look at the groups. Can you tell what those paragraphs have in common? Sometimes the simplest answer may be the correct answer. Don't overthink this. If you don't see a similarity, don't worry about it. It may come to you later, or you may see it as we discuss it in the classroom.

DAY TWO - FIVE

1. Complete a thorough Chapter Study of John 6. Take your time - remember that you have four days to do this assignment.
2. Write out any questions that you may have about this chapter. Let's see if any of those questions are answered as we continue the study of chapter six next week.

This week is going to be a very different type of study. You are going to do a topical study on Jesus' relationship with His disciples. While doing this sort of study, it is very easy to get side-tracked and then run out of time. Do your best to stay focused on the assignment. If there is an interesting Scripture you want to take more time to study, or if there is a topic you would like to come back and look at in more detail, write yourself a note and keep on track with your study. If you have time left, you can come back and study to your heart's content.

In the great commission, Jesus told His disciples (therefore, us by implication) to go and make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28:16-20). Many of us don't understand exactly what discipleship is, let alone how to go about making disciples.

Back in lesson 8 we allowed Jesus to teach us how to fish. Now let's sit at the feet of the Master once more and allow Him to teach us how to make disciples.

There are no day divisions in this lesson. What I would like you to do is to read over this entire lesson and then set time limits for yourself each day. So as much as you can within an hour's time period. Leave time at the end to draw it all together, so leave the last day as a day to reflect on what you have learned and write it down in an outline form.

BACKGROUND

Jesus' ministry was about three years in length. Jesus came that He might die to bring the atoning sacrifice necessary to make propitiation (satisfying our debt before a holy God) for our sins. He was to be buried, so that He could rise again breaking the power of death (the punishment of sin) by becoming the firstborn (to raise from the dead for all eternity) of many brethren.

However, there were other things that needed to be done during His earthly ministry. Man could see God, because Jesus was the God-Man sent to live a perfect, holy, blameless life. To see Him was to see the Father. Jesus also picked His disciples and taught them all they needed to know, so that when He ascended into heaven, they could carry on the ministry of taking the Good News to all the world. It is because of their faithfulness, that we have the privilege of

having God's Word available to us. In fact, you have been touched by God's Word because someone was touched by God's Word and was willing to share that with you. Keep tracing that back from person to person, and where does that lead you? Isn't it awing to think about how the Word has come to you by faithful men and women who were willing to follow Jesus' call to make disciples of all the nations.

ASSIGNMENT

We want to take the time to see how the Lord trained the twelve. How did He choose them? What did He show them? What did He teach them? Anything that we can learn from Jesus, will help us as we seek to reach others.

1. Look at the chart of the "Earthly Life of Christ" on pages 54-56 in lesson 8. Study that chart for a couple of minutes noting the following things.
 - a. John 6:4 takes place near the end of the second year of Jesus' ministry.
 - b. It was about ten months before this that Jesus choose the twelve.
 - c. At this point in time, His popularity is declining.
 - d. John 7:10 puts us at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles which is six months into His third year of ministry.

2. We want to look at three things throughout this week.
 - a. the calling of the disciples
 - b. the choosing of the twelve
 - c. the training of the twelve during the time they were with Christ

3. As you study, make sure that you look up each Scripture reference and keep good notes on what you observe. Ask yourself the 5 W's and H questions. Some of the things you might want to specifically look for may be
 - a. the events that are taking place in the Lord's life
 - b. what the disciples see and hear
 - c. how the Lord deals with His followers (not just the twelve)
 - d. what is taught and what is not taught

4. Look at the chart entitled "The Calling and Choosing of the Twelve" on page 65 of this lesson. This may help you keep the timing straight as you work through the Scriptures you will be given. It would also be good for you to read each of these events to put you in context.

5. Compile all that you have learned into an outline form. This is time for reflection on all that you have learned and pulling it altogether in a form that you understand.
6. If you have time, you can follow some of the rabbit trails you might have found along the way.
7. Go back to last week's lesson and see if you were able to see any answers to questions you many have had.

SCRIPTURES

The Calling of the Disciples

1. What happened in Jesus' life before He called the disciples? Read Matthew 3:13-4:25 and compare it with John 1:29-51.
2. Read the following passages and see how they relate to John 1:29-51. Do they record the same or different events? Write down you observations.
 - a. Matthew 4:18-22
 - b. Mark 1:9-21
 - c. Luke 5:1-11, 27-35

The Choosing of the Twelve

1. Read Luke 6:12-19 and Mark 3:13-19.
2. Luke 6:20-49 will explain when this happened. The twelve were chosen before the Lord gave the Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew 5-7. Luke 6:20-49 contains the same message, just not at as great of length as Matthew.

The Training of the Twelve
(First Two Years of Ministry)

1. Read John 6. Note how the Lord deals with the twelve, including Judas. John chapters 1-6 covers the first two years of Jesus' ministry. This same two-year period of time is covered within the other three gospels up to the chapter and verse listed below. You don't have to read all these; however, you may want to come back and skim over some of these.
 - a. up to Matthew 15:21
 - b. up to Mark 7:24
 - c. up to Luke 9:17

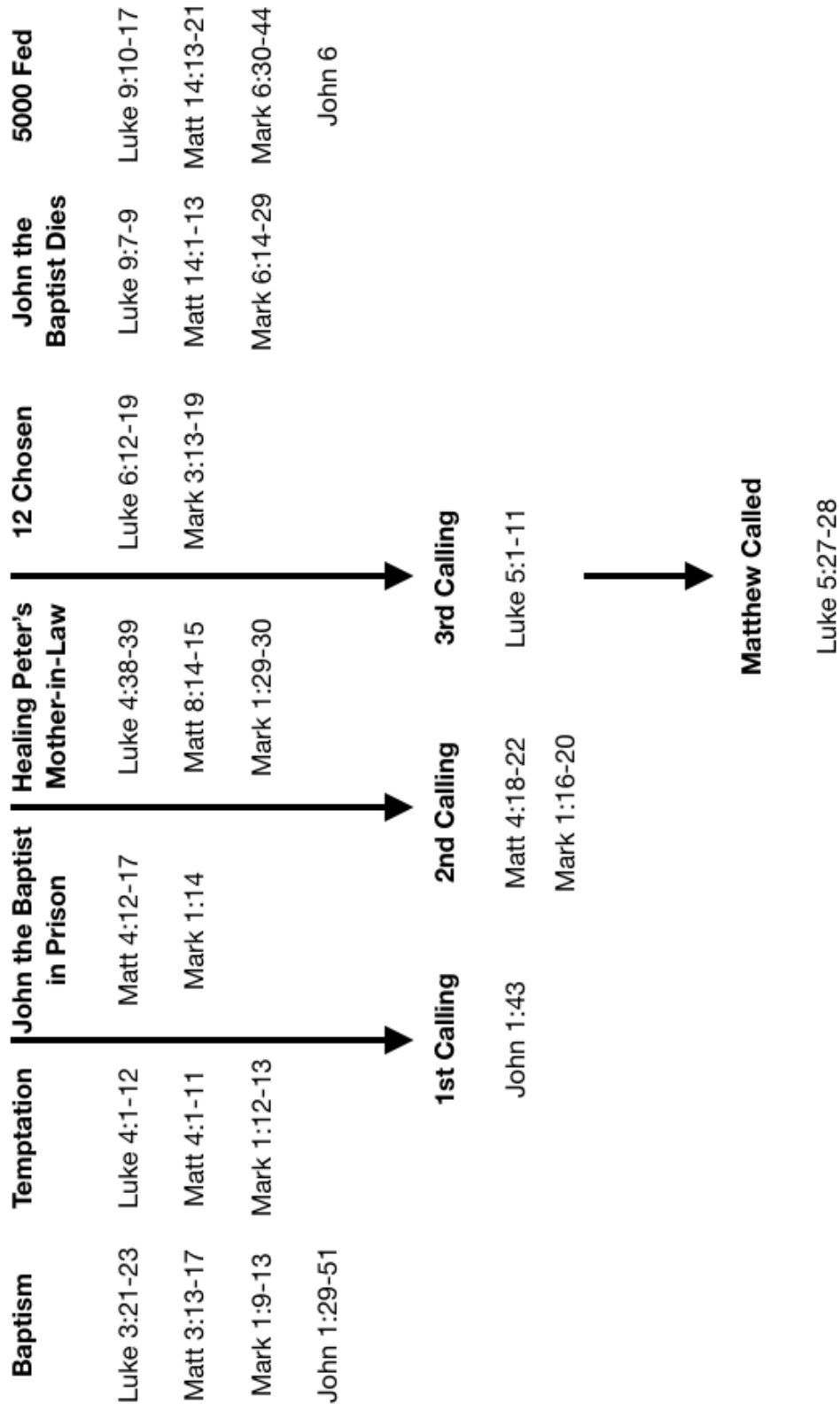
2. What do you learn about how Jesus teaches His disciples through the events of feeding the 5,000 and walking on the water? Read through these accounts in John 6 as well as Mark 6:43-52. You may want to read Mark 8:13-21 as well but these events happened after the time frame we are studying today.

3. Let's take a look at the first attempts at evangelism. Read the following passages. Just for the sake of setting the time frame, the feeding of the 5,000 came after this first evangelistic tour. Can you see any significance in the timing of these events?
 - a. Matthew 10:1-11:1
 - b. Mark 6:7-13, 30-32
 - c. Luke 9:1-11

4. As you read through the training of the twelve, note what Jesus has not yet made plain to them at this point. Think back through the teachings of the first five chapters.

5. If you have time, skim back through the other gospels and looking for events that surround the disciples and the interaction between them and Jesus. What did Jesus teach them? What did He show them? What did He expect from them?

The Calling and Choosing of the Twelve



In chapter seven, we are going to see Jesus encounter many groups of people. Last week we looked at the call of discipleship. Jesus and His call to His disciples and our call to make disciples of all peoples. This week, it is our goal to continue to look at how Jesus interacts with people and what we can learn from that and how to apply that to our lives.

DAY ONE AND TWO

1. Complete your Chapter Study using your Observation Worksheets on chapter seven.
2. Look at the chart “The Earthly Life of Christ” on pages 54-56. Take note as to when this chapter occurs in the life of Christ.
3. The brothers that are discussed in John 7:3, 5, 10 are a reference to the Lord’s half-brothers.

DAY THREE AND FOUR

1. In chapter seven, the people are asking a very important question. Is this the Christ? Historically, Jeremiah wrote about the one who was coming out of David, a Righteous Branch, who would be a king and act wisely - Jeremiah 23:1-6. Daniel talks about the coming Messiah (Christ) who would be cut off in Daniel 9:24-27. In Malachi 3:1-4 the people are told that the Lord, whom they seek, will come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom they delight will come. It is obvious that the people (even the Pharisees) were looking for this “Promised One” of whom the Old Testament prophets wrote. Read through the above prophecies, and then read John 7. What should they be looking for according to Scripture? What were the people looking for and how were they seeking to answer this question? What were they looking for in their own minds that would prove that He was indeed the Christ? Why were they so confused?

2. At the end of this lesson on pages 69-70 you will find a chart that you need to fill out as you read through John 7 once again. As you read look for the person or people with whom Jesus is interacting. List their name(s) in the first column under people. In the second column record their reaction to Jesus. In the last column record the Lord's response to them. Look for the obvious. Don't try to make this harder than it is. It may be possible that you don't observe anything that can go into one column or the other, and if not, that is fine too. Just take the time to really look and think through what is going on in this chapter.

DAY FIVE

Spend today reading through John 7 once again. Look over the chart you completed on pages 69-70 Are there any questions that you have about this chapter?

Record what you have learned from this chapter and what you can apply to your life.

If you have time, you can consult commentaries on chapter seven.

People	Reaction to Jesus	Jesus' Response

People	Reaction to Jesus	Jesus' Response

Throughout our reading of the Gospel of John, we have seen several mentions of the feasts of the Jews. We have also seen disputes arising over the Sabbath, and what Jesus did on the Sabbath.

It would be good to stop and take a look at what these feasts and Sabbaths are, so we can better understand the events surrounding the life of Christ. For the next three weeks, we are going to study the various feasts and the importance of them in the life of Christ and to the Jewish society.

DAY ONE

1. There are a couple of charts that are at the end of this lesson that will be important to your study over the next three weeks. They are going to be the following. . .
 - a) "Holy Days" chart on pages 76-79
 - b) "Feasts of Israel" on pages 80-81
 - c) "God's Plan of the Ages" on pages 82

2. Throughout Scripture, the feasts and the Sabbath are considered "holy days." The first month of Israel's "holy days" starts in the month of "Abib" - the Hebrew name. Read through Exodus 13:4; 23:15; 34:18 and Deuteronomy 16:1. These Scriptures talk about the month of "Abib." In the later books (Nehemiah 2:1 and Esther 3:7) the Babylonian name of "Nisan" is used for this same month. Nisan would be somewhere from the end of March - beginning of April.

3. Read Leviticus 23 and fill out as much of the chart "Holy Days" as you can. Right now, you are only going to use Leviticus 23. Be thorough in your study and record the details. You may not find much for every box, but do what you can do. Simply record what you learn (even though it may be a bit sketchy). You will fill in the details over the next couple of weeks.

DAY TWO AND THREE

1. After reading through Leviticus 23, you have probably noticed that there is a weekly “holy day” and then there are seven feasts. Each of these feasts have not only served the purpose of a reminder of how God delivered His people from bondage and provided for their needs, but there is a spiritual significance to the church as they unveil God’s plan of redemption and future hope for believers. Here is a list of what was mentioned in Leviticus 23.
 - a) The Sabbath
 - b) The Seven Feasts
 - 1) The Passover
 - 2) The Feast of Unleavened Bread
 - 3) The Feast of First Fruits
 - 4) Pentecost (50) or the Feast of Weeks
 - 5) The Feast of Trumpets
 - 6) The Day of Atonement
 - 7) The Feast of Tabernacles or Booths

2. Each feast had a threefold significance:
 - a) It is a seasonal holiday of religious significance.
 - b) It was a memorial of how God dealt with the nation of Israel.
 - c) Each feast was a prophetic symbol of how God will deal with His people, the church. At the end of this lesson on pages 80-81 there is a chart on the “Feasts of Israel.”

3. Keeping this threefold significance of the holy days in mind, we are going to study each of these in depth. Below are the steps that we are going to follow as we study this topic.
 - a) First there will be Scripture to look up. Take good notes as you read.
 - b) From these passages, add information to the “Holy Days” chart. Under the column of “When Day Begins” you want to note the day of the month that the feast begins.
 - c) You may see in some passages the prophetic (future) significance of the feast. Record this.

d) You may want to study the chart “God’s Plan of the Ages” which can help you understand how God’s prophetic plans will be fulfilled.

4. The Sabbath

a) Leviticus 23:3

b) Exodus 20:8-11; 31:13-17

c) Deuteronomy 5:12-15

d) Mark 2:23-27

e) Hebrews 4:9-10

DAY FOUR AND FIVE

The Passover

1. Leviticus 23:5
2. Exodus 12:1-14
3. Deuteronomy 16:1-2
4. Luke 22:1-2 (The Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread are linked)

5. Luke 22:7-20

6. Matthew 26:1-2

7. I Corinthians 11:23-26

8. I Peter 1:18-19

9. I Corinthians 5:6-8

Holy Days

Scriptures	Name of Holy Days	When Day Begins	Length of Feast	When Celebrated
Leviticus 23:3				
Leviticus 23:5				
Leviticus 23:6-8				
Leviticus 23:10-14				

Holy Days










Details	Temporal Significance for Israel	Future Events It Pointed To and How

Holy Days







Scriptures	Name of Holy Days	When Day Begins	Length of Feast	When Celebrated
Leviticus 23:15-21				
Leviticus 23:23-25				
Leviticus 23:26-32				
Leviticus 23:34-44				

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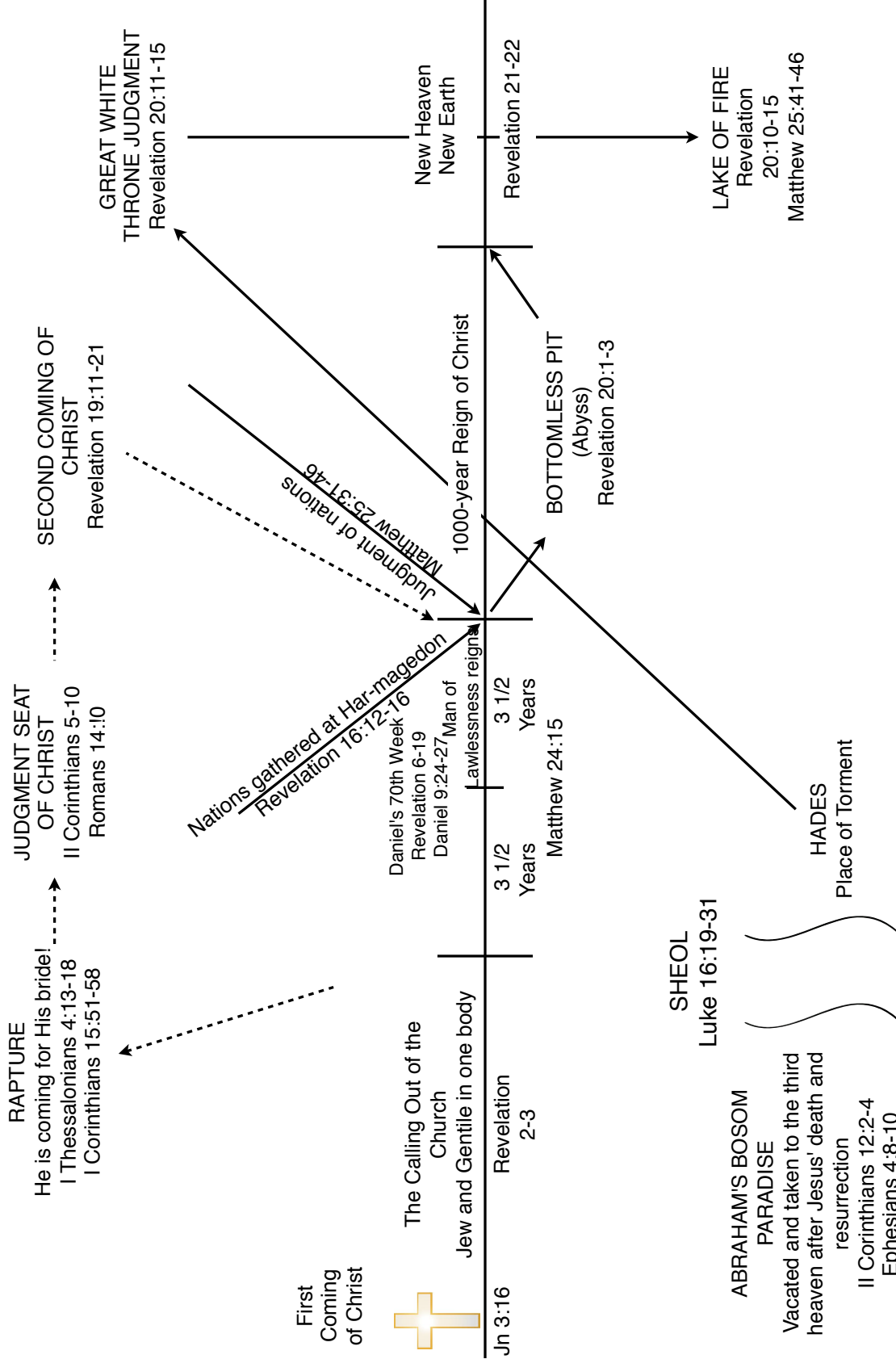
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">THE FEASTS OF ISRAEL</h2>					
1st Month (Nisan) Festival of Passover				3rd Month (Sivan) Festival of Pentecost	
Slaves in Egypt 	Passover 	Unleavened Bread 	Firstfruits 	Pentecost or Feast of Weeks 	
	<i>Kill lamb & put blood on doorpost</i> Exodus 12:6, 7	<i>Purging of all leaven</i> (symbol of sin)	<i>Wave offering of sheaf</i> (promise of harvest to come)	<i>Wave offering of two loaves of leavened bread</i>	
	1st month, 14th day Leviticus 23:5	1st month, 15th day for 7 days Leviticus 23:6-8	Day after Sabbath Leviticus 23:9-14	50 days after firstfruits Leviticus 23:15-21	
Whosoever commits sin is the slave to sin	Christ our Passover has been sacrificed 	Clean out old leaven... just as you are in fact unleavened	Christ has been raised...the firstfruits 	Going away so Comforter can come  <small>Mount of Olives</small>	Promise of the Spirit, mystery of church: Jews-Gentiles in one body 
John 8:34	1 Corinthians 5:7	1 Corinthians 5:7, 8	1 Corinthians 15:20-23	John 16:7 Acts 1:9-12	Acts 2:1-47 1 Corinthians 12:13 Ephesians 2:11-22

Months: Nisan—March, April • Sivan—May, June • Tishri—September, October

7th Month (Tishri) Festival of Tabernacles			
Interlude Between Festivals	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Booths or Tabernacles
			
	<i>Trumpet blown — a holy convocation</i>	<i>Atonement shall be made to cleanse you</i> Leviticus 16:30	<i>Harvest celebration memorial of tabernacles in wilderness</i>
	7th month, 1st day Leviticus 23:23-25	7th month, 10th day Leviticus 23:26-32	7th month, 15th day, for 7 days; 8th day, Holy Convocation Leviticus 23:33-44
Regathering of Israel in preparation for final day of atonement Jeremiah 32:37-41	Israel will repent and look to Messiah in one day Zechariah 3:9; 12:1; 13:1; 14:9	Families of the earth will come to Jerusalem to cele- brate the Feast of Booths Zechariah 14:16-19	New heaven and new earth God tabernacles with men Revelation 21:1-3
			
Ezekiel 36:24	Ezekiel 36:25-27 Hebrews 9, 10 Romans 11:25-29	Ezekiel 36:28	

Israel had two harvests each year—spring and autumn



God's Plan of the Ages

This week we are going to take a look at the feasts of Unleavened Bread (linked with Passover), First Fruits, and Pentecost (Feast of Weeks). Don't forget about your charts from last week. Continue to fill in the "Holy Days" chart and use the other two for references.

DAY ONE AND TWO

1. Read Leviticus 23.
2. Review your instructions from last week.

3. The Feast of Unleavened Bread

a) Leviticus 23:6-8

b) Exodus 12:15-20; 13:3-10

c) Deuteronomy 16:3-8

d) I Corinthians 5:1-8. Leaven is another word for yeast, such as we use in our breads today to make them rise. Unleavened bread is a flat bread with no yeast, almost like a cracker. This flat bread that the Jews eat during this feast is called "Matzo." Leaven is a symbol of sin in the New Testament. Just as a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough, sin permeates a body of believers, so it is to be removed.

DAY THREE

The Feast of First Fruits

1. Leviticus 23:9-14

2. This feast took place on the day after the Sabbath. What event took place the day after the Sabbath?

a) Matthew 28:1-8

b) Luke 23:53-24:6

c) I Corinthians 15:20-23

3. We are going to take a look at how the First Fruits and the Pentecost offerings compare.

<u>First Fruits</u>	<u>Pentecost</u>
barley	wheat
sheaf of first fruits	two loaves of bread grains baked from one lump of dough (possibly representing Jew and Gentile)
no leaven (Christ was the first fruits - no sin)	leavened bread (sin in church)
at first of harvest	at completion of harvest
wave offering	wave offering

4. Read Acts 1:1-5, 12-14 and Acts 2:1-4, 41. Record everything you learn about this feast time in Israel. Remember that this was a prophetic fulfillment.

5. Read Ephesians 2:11-3:6 and record your observations.

6. After these feasts in the early and late spring there is a gap until the fall season. In the seventh month, we kick off the last three feasts. The people would again come to Jerusalem and stay for 3 weeks for this celebration.

This is our last week in which to finish our study of the feasts, so let's dig in and finish the last three feasts.

Don't forget to go back to lesson 12 and complete the chart on the "Holy Days."

DAY ONE

Feast of Trumpets

1. Read Leviticus 23:23-25. Israel was guided by trumpets. Read Numbers 10:1-10 and Numbers 29:1-6.
2. This feast was a time of gathering of the people to the land in preparation for the Day of Atonement.
3. This feast speaks of the future regathering of Israel. Read Jeremiah 32:37-41; Isaiah 27:12-13; and Matthew 24:30-31.
4. It also speaks to the gathering of the church. Read I Thessalonians 4:16-17.
5. Record any pertinent information on the "Holy Days" work sheet.

DAY TWO AND THREE

The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

1. Read Leviticus 23:27-32 and record the following:
 - a) purpose of the feast

3. Answer the following questions from Leviticus 16.

a) Record the type of animal that was offered, what kind of offering it was, for whom it was offered, and what was done to the animal.

Animal	Type of Offering	For Whom	What Done to Animal

b) Compare Leviticus 16:2 with Hebrews 9:6-7. The outer tabernacle is the Holy Place; the second is the Holy of Holies. How often was the priest allowed to enter the Holy of Holies?

c) At the end of Leviticus 16, there is a list of everything for which atonement was made. "Atone" means to cover. List what you observe.

4. Now it is time to look at the prophetic significance of the Day of Atonement. Read Hebrews 9:6-11, 24-26 and Hebrews 10:1-14. Answer the following questions.

a) How many times a year did the priest enter the Holy of Holies?

b) On what day did the priest enter the Holy of Holies?

c) Why did the high priest enter the Holy of Holies?

d) What tabernacle did Christ enter as a High Priest?

e) What did Christ offer when He entered?

f) How many times did Christ enter? Why?

g) How did His entrance differ from that of the other high priests?

h) What has happened to the Day of Atonement since Christ's entry?

4. Revelation 21:1-8 speaks of God's tabernacling among men. Answer the following questions.

a) When does it say that this event will take place? You may want to refer to the "God's Plan of the Ages" chart from week 12.

b) What are the promises to those who dwell with Him?

c) How does this compare with the Feast of Tabernacles?

d) What does God give without cost? To whom does He give it? How does this compare with John 7 when Jesus attended the Feast of Tabernacles?

e) Who is left out of this event?

f) Who is included in this event?

g) Will you be there? Why or why not?

5. Let's look up a Biblical definition of who the overcomes are. Look up the following verses and record what you learn about the overcomers.

a) I John 5:4-5

b) Revelation 2:7

c) Revelation 2:11

d) Revelation 2:17

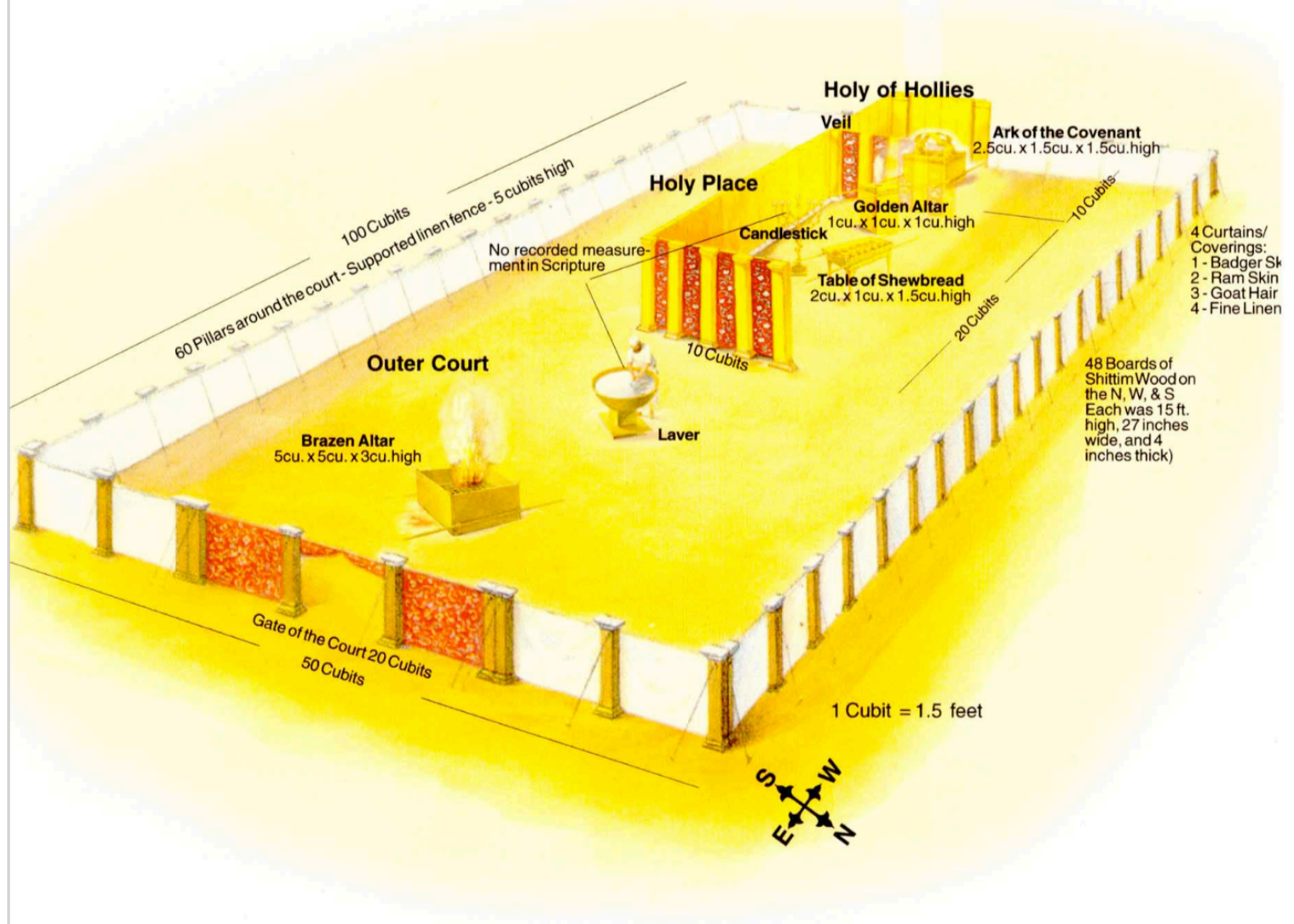
e) Revelation 2:26

f) Revelation 3:5

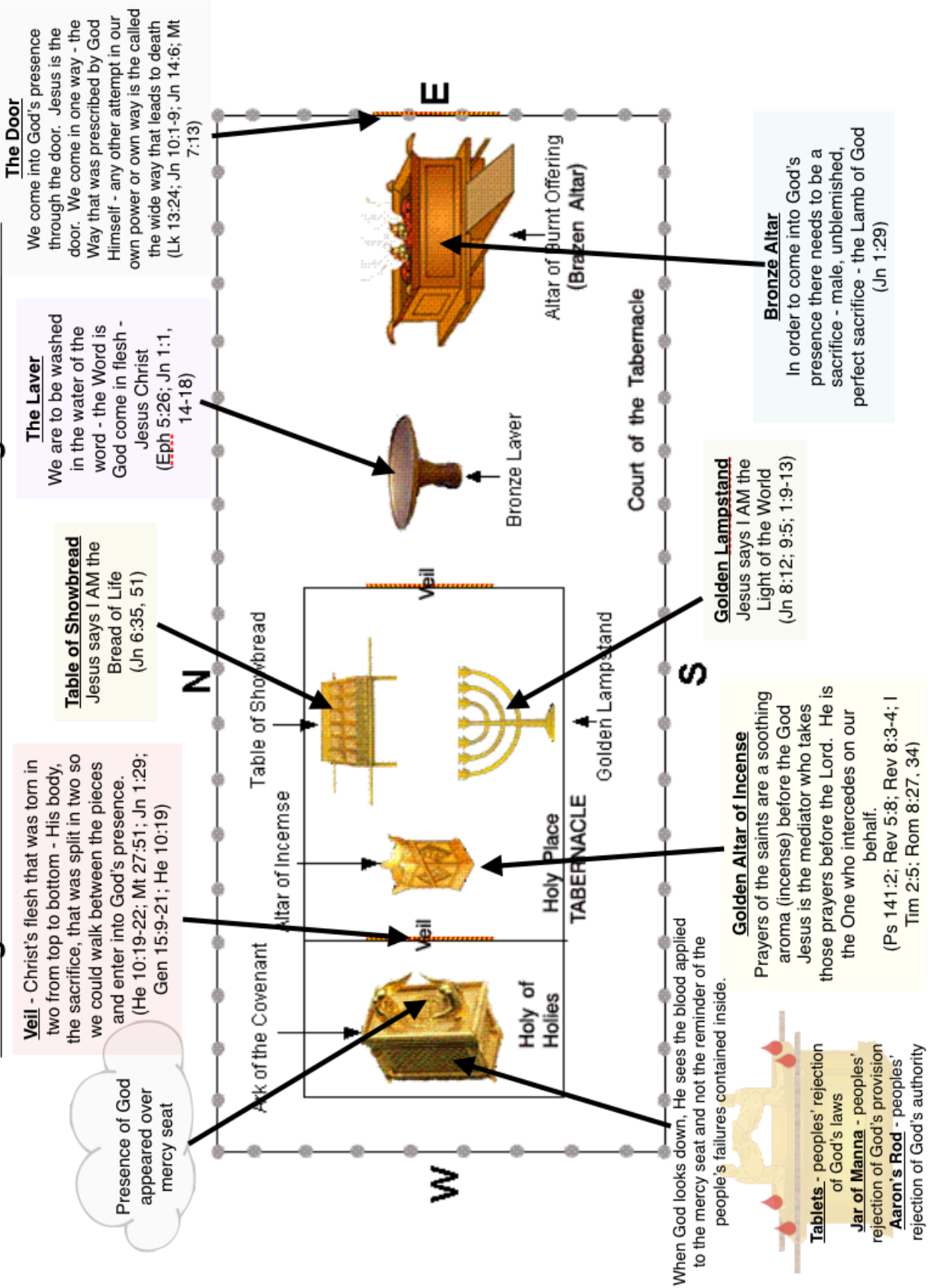
g) Revelation 3:12

h) Revelation 3:21

The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle



Coming into the Presence of God Through Jesus Christ



The Door
We come into God's presence through the door. Jesus is the door. We come in one way - the Way that was prescribed by God Himself - any other attempt in our own power or own way is the called the wide way that leads to death (Lk 13:24; Jn 10:1-9; Jn 14:6; Mt 7:13)

The Laver
We are to be washed in the water of the word - the Word is God come in flesh - Jesus Christ (Eph 5:26; Jn 1:1, 14-18)

Table of Showbread
Jesus says I AM the Bread of Life (Jn 6:35, 51)

Veil - Christ's flesh that was torn in two from top to bottom - His body, the sacrifice, that was split in two so we could walk between the pieces, and enter into God's presence. (He 10:19-22; Mt 27:51; Jn 1:29; Gen 15:9-21; He 10:19)

Golden Lampstand
Jesus says I AM the Light of the World (Jn 8:12; 9:5; 1:9-13)

Golden Altar of Incense
Prayers of the saints are a soothing aroma (incense) before the God Jesus is the mediator who takes those prayers before the Lord. He is the One who intercedes on our behalf. (Ps 141:2; Rev 5:8; Rev 8:3-4; 1 Tim 2:5; Rom 8:27, 34)

Bronze Altar
In order to come into God's presence there needs to be a sacrifice - male, unblemished, perfect sacrifice - the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29)

When God looks down, He sees the blood applied to the mercy seat and not the reminder of the people's failures contained inside.

Tablets - peoples' rejection of God's laws
Jar of Manna - peoples' rejection of God's provision
Aaron's Rod - peoples' rejection of God's authority

She was a sinner, and they wanted to stone her.

He was the Son of God, and they wanted to stone Him.

They were partial, judgmental hypocrites who wanted Jesus gone. Why the anger, the hatred? Why were they so desperate to get rid of Him?

Let's dig in and explore the truths of this chapter.

DAY ONE THROUGH THREE

Your job is to complete a thorough observation on John 8. Take your time and allow the Lord to speak to you through His Word. See if you can answer some of the questions in the introduction. Don't try to do this all in one day. Give God's Word a chance to permeate your inner most being.

DAY FOUR AND FIVE

1. What is the atmosphere in John 8? There is a progression as we work our way to the end of the chapter. Describe the progression.

2. How did Jesus deal with the situation of the woman brought to Him? Who brought her and why? How did Jesus respond to her and to her accusers? Did He excuse her sin?

3. Jesus contrasts Himself and the Pharisees. Take a look at John 8: 14, 15, 23, and 38. Fill in the chart below

Verse	Jesus	Pharisees
14		
15		
23		
23		
38		

4. What did the Pharisees claim about themselves throughout this chapter?

Most baby birds learn to fly by having a parent push them out of the nest. Well, it is time for all baby birds to learn how to fly. Don't worry. You have been exercising your wings for the last 15 weeks. They are strong enough now. You are well equipped with all the information that you will need. Now fly and enjoy the experience.

You know how to do this by now. Begin with your chapter study. Don't get bogged down in the details, because you have an amazing week of study ahead. Don't spend more than a day on this. Then spend the remainder of the week working on one of the two projects listed in this lesson. If you have time, you can do both. Both are going to be a blessing in their own right.

There is no right answer or wrong answer. No matter what you do, or how you do it, you will be blessed by the effort you put forth. So do your study well. Enjoy each day as you spend time at the feet of the Master of the Universe. He is the King of kings and Lord of Lords. He came to this earth to deal with the penalty of sin and show love to the sinner.

Feel free to use any reference tools, study tools, commentaries, search out cross-references, do character studies, or anything else to accomplish your task.

When you have completed a thorough study on one or both of these topics, compile your notes, thoughts, ideas, and conclusions in outline form, paragraph form (explaining this to a non-believer), or a picture form that will help you explain these concepts to someone who truly is seeking truth. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and anyone seeking truth will find it in the words in which Jesus spoke.

Study 1

In this study, you are going to put yourself in the blind man's shoes. Put yourself in his place. Imagine how you would have felt to be blind and then encounter the Light of the World. Trace his life and watch the progression of his faith from the beginning of John 9 to the end.

Make sure as you work your way through this man's account, that you watch for applications to your own life. There are many types of blindness. In the course of eternity, which has permanent consequences: spiritual blindness or physical blindness?

Study 2

John 8 and 9 are tied together in a couple of different ways. The first one is that Jesus presents Himself as the "light of the world." The second one is how Jesus deals with both the adulteress woman and the man who was born blind. As you look at these lives, how did Jesus deal with these people? How does Jesus deal with sin? How did Jesus' encounters with these people lead them through the progression from unbelief to belief? How and why did others choose the path of unbelief?

As you read these two chapters, watch how the ideas of light, sin, belief, and unbelief are dealt with. Look back through John 1-7, and see how Jesus dealt with these subjects before and how that relates to what is being taught in John 8 and 9.

Enjoy your study. Study well! We are told in II Timothy 2:15 to, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth." Familiarize yourself with the word of truth!

When you observe all that God has created, you should stand in awe at the diversity and beauty of the world. We see God's loving, creative hand in the extraordinary plants and flowers that surround us, the color and scents of the seasons, and the diversity and majesty of the animal kingdom.

Just think about the animal kingdom for a moment. Walk through a zoo and you will notice the people watching the lions - the king of the beasts. People line up to catch a glimpse the tigers with their beautiful colors and designs. The crowds "ooh" and "aah" over the cute and cuddly koalas and pandas. People are amazed at the immenseness of the elephant and the height of the giraffes. They behold the prowess of the cunning hunters of the cat and dog families. These are some of the favorites at the zoo.

Then there are sheep. You don't see people flocking (pun intended) to look at sheep. In fact, if a zoo doesn't have a petting area, would you even see sheep at a zoo? Why not? They aren't big, majestic, cunning, powerful, graceful, sleek, elegant, or scary. They are just nondescript, boring sheep! In fact, they are such boring animals, you are encouraged to count them in order to go to sleep.

How much do you really know about sheep? Why does the Bible use sheep to describe God's people of Israel, and the followers of Jesus Christ? There is a purpose. Oh, yes! There is a purpose. Let's discover that purpose this week.

DAY ONE AND TWO

We are going to begin this week by completing a chapter study on John 10. In John 8, we encounter the woman caught in adultery. In John 9, we saw the blind man put out of the synagogue because of his encounter with the Son of God. This man was cast out of the synagogue and walked into a new life with Christ. The blind could now see, but those who stood around him who could physically see, were spiritually blind.

Now we come to John 10. Jesus begins teaching about sheep and His position as the Good Shepherd. For the next two days, we will complete a thorough study on John 10 and then spend the rest of the week searching out the meaning behind the shepherd and the sheep.

As you work on your study, make sure to look for key words (and lists), contrasts, conclusions, and time references. Record what you learn on a separate piece of paper.

DAY THREE - DAY FIVE

You are going to spend the rest of the week learning all you can about the shepherd and the sheep. You could look up all the times that either of these words are used in Scripture, but you will come across much information that is not particularly helpful to you. For example, it probably won't be helpful, for this study, to know how many sheep Job had. So I will steer you to some Biblical passages that you can read that will be helpful.

Feel free to find out more information from any source you can. There are books about the culture and times of the Bible that may be helpful. The internet has many articles. I have listed four Scripture passages below for you to read and acquire information. Feel free to look up others if you wish to do so.

I have compiled a list of "Facts About Lambs." This is a compilation of various articles from books and the internet. There is a highly recommended book that can be purchased via Kindle and Amazon books online. It is called "A Shepherd Looks at Psalms 23" by Phillip Keller. It comes highly recommended, and I did find some interesting pieces of information from it. There is also another article from the internet that is included as well. The website is listed because there may be more that you would like to read.

As you read the Scriptures, articles, and any other research you choose to do, pull all your information together, and as you do, make sure that you take the time to compare how what you learn relates to the life of a believer. You can do this in outline or chart form, but make sure you do it. There are several pages at the end of this lesson to record your information. This application will be life changing. You will begin to see and understand your tendencies toward the Good Shepherd.

Study well for this will be eye-opening!

Scriptures to Study

John 10

Psalms 23

Isaiah 53

Ezekiel 34

Facts About Lambs

1. Sheep may be the dumbest creatures on earth. Without constant guidance and direction, they will place themselves in precarious situations that will lead to injury and death.
2. They become easy prey to predators because if they are frightened, they will freeze instead of running away or crying out for help. So without a shepherd, they are totally defenseless.
3. Sheep need to be micromanaged. A flock can be placed in an absolutely perfect place where they have everything they need, and they will wander off. If they are not constantly watched and nudged back to where they need to be, they will walk away from a place where everything is good to a place of death and destruction.
4. In their attempts to find food, they will eat everything wherever they are. They will eat poisonous plants. They will not move and terribly overgraze the land. They will be so intent on catching one more nibble of a yummy plant that they can fall off a mountainside and many others will follow.
5. As stated before, sheep will overgraze the ground. Overgrazed ground leads to less nutrition and more erosion and an unhealthy accumulation of feces. This will lead to unhealthy pasture lands and unhealthy sheep. Parasites and disease will become a problem for the animals. They depend on their shepherd to lead them to appropriate pasture land. The shepherd will go ahead of the sheep and prepare a "table," a good, safe place for the flock to feed with ample food and clean, calm water. The better and more caring the shepherd, the better and more healthy the sheep. Weak, parasitic-infested sheep, are indications of a neglectful, uncaring shepherd.
6. Sheep need a constant, safe water supply. They can get this water from streams or springs that are calm, water drawn from wells, or from the dew on the grasses they eat in months when they are not affected by extreme heat. Dew on the grasses will carry them over until another water source can be found. Fast moving water can carry sheep away, and because of their thick wool coats, they can easily become water logged and drown. If the shepherd needs to take his sheep across water, he needs to go ahead of them and make sure the water is not too deep or there is no invisible current running under the surface of what might appear to be calm waters. When crossing, there is only one safe place for the sheep - beside their shepherd.

7. Sheep are directionless and totally defenseless. One person said that if you put one in nature, you are just giving nature a snack. They can't fight; they have no sharp teeth or claws. They can't run away; they are not very fast or agile. They can't take a stand and show how fierce they are. What's it going to do? Growl? Bear its fangs? It's going to look at its foe with pitiful eyes and say "baaa." Without a shepherd to protect them, they will be picked off one by one.
8. Sheep are easily frightened. Loud noises or sudden movements can send a flock scattering in all directions unless they know and feel the presence of their shepherd. A shepherd walking among his flock, whispering assurances to them, will calm them because they know and understand that their shepherd is their protection. What a lesson for us. To know the presence of the shepherd, is to live a life of complete trust which produces peace even when surrounded by danger.
9. In order for the sheep to be able to rest, hunger must be satisfied, and they must be free from fear. They can not have internal turmoil within the flock, and they can't be disturbed from pests, such as flies and other parasites. There are certain flies which lay eggs in the moisture of the sheep's nose. As the eggs hatch, the larva will burrow under the skin causing severe irritation. A sheep can be driven crazy and beat its head against rocks, trees, or walls to rid itself of this aggravation, even to the point of killing itself.
10. Sheep can be very stubborn, refusing to go the way of the other sheep. They can wander off by themselves, exposing themselves to predators. While trying to help a sheep in need, they will fight against the ministrations of a loving shepherd, doing the exact opposite of what they should do to ensure their rescue and safety.
11. When sheep are kept within a sheepfold, the shepherd will lie down in the opening of the fold and will become the "door" to the sheep. The shepherd will guard against thieves or predators.
12. There are times that a sheep can find itself on its back and doesn't have the ability to right itself. This is called becoming "cast down" or "downcast." When this happens, a sheep can panic and die. This will happen usually in one of four different ways.
 - a. It was looking for a soft place to lie down and found itself in a hollow in the ground.
 - b. It can become too fat and lose its agility.
 - c. It can have too much wool that becomes matted with dirt and debris causing excess weight on their backs.
 - d. A ewe heavy with lambs can be off balance and movement is hindered.

13. A shepherd knows each of his sheep and the sheep know the voice of their shepherd. Sheep are given a certain mark in their ears to indicate the herd to which it belongs (apply that to the idea of a bondservant). Each shepherd has a different way of calling his sheep. When flocks are in a pasture land where several flocks are grazing, the shepherd just calls his sheep and they will come running to their master. The sheep know his voice. They will not be fooled by someone trying to imitate their shepherds call.

The following excerpt is taken from a website called bible-history.com

Manners & Customs: Sheep

Sheep in ancient Bible times

Caring for Sick and Wounded Sheep Care of sick or wounded sheep. The shepherd is always on the lookout for members of his flock that need personal attention. Sometimes a lamb suffers from the rays of the sun, or its body may have been badly scratched by some thornbush. The most common remedy he uses with these sheep is olive oil, a supply of which he carries in a ram's horn. Perhaps David was thinking of such an experience when he wrote of the LORD, "Thou anointest my head with oil" (Psalm 23:5). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Crossing Streams CARING FOR THE SHEEP IN SPECIAL TIMES OF NEED
The love of the shepherd for his sheep is best seen when times of special need call forth unusual acts of care for members of the flock. Crossing a stream of water. This process is most interesting. The shepherd leads the way into the water and across the stream. Those favored sheep who always keep hard by the shepherd, plunge boldly into the water, and are soon across. Others of the flock enter the stream with hesitation and alarm. Not being close to their guide, they may miss the fording place and be carried down the river a distance, but will probably be able to clamber ashore. The little lambs may be driven into the water by the dogs, and they are heard to bleat pitifully as they leap and plunge. Some manage to get across, but if one is swept away, then the shepherd leaps quickly into the stream and rescues it, carrying it in his bosom to the shore. When they all arrive over the stream, the lambs will gambol about with joy, and the sheep will gather around their shepherd as if to express their thankfulness to him. Our divine Shepherd has a word of encouragement for all His sheep who must pass through streams of affliction: "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee" (Isaiah 43:2). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Finding Stray Sheep Straying sheep restored. It is very important that sheep should not be allowed to stray away from the flock, because when by themselves they are utterly helpless. In such a condition, they become bewildered, for they have no sense at all of locality. And if they do stray away, they must be brought back. The Psalmist prayed the prayer: "I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant" (Psalm 119:176). The prophet Isaiah compared man's waywardness to that of sheep: "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isaiah 53:6). David sang of his divine Shepherd: "He restoreth my soul" (Psalm 23:3, cf. John 10). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Food for the Flock Food planned for the flock. One of the principal duties at all seasons of the year is for the shepherd to plan food for his flock. In the springtime there is an abundance of green pasture, and usually the sheep are allowed to graze near to the village where the shepherd's home is located. After the grain is reaped, and the poor have had an opportunity to glean what is left for them, then the shepherd brings in his flock, and the sheep feed on certain fresh growths, or dried blades, or an occasional ear of grain that the reapers may have left, or was overlooked by the gleaners. When this source of food is exhausted then the pasture is sought in other places. The wilderness of Judea which is located along the western side of the Jordan Valley is carpeted in the spring with a certain amount of grass and this turns into standing hay as the hot weather comes, and this becomes food for the sheep during part of the summer.¹² Scripture often refers to shepherds looking for pasture for their flocks. "And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks" (I Chronicles 4:39). The Psalmist thanks GOD for the pasturage which the LORD as Shepherd provides for His people: "So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever" (Psalm 79:13). In the late autumn or winter months, there are times when the shepherd can find no pasturage that is available for his flock, and then he must become responsible for feeding the animals himself. If the flock is small there may be times when it is stabled within the peasant house, and the family lives on a sort of mezzanine floor above it. At such seasons of the year the shepherd must provide the food. This is what Isaiah meant when he said: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd" (Isaiah 40:11). In some sections of Syria, flocks are taken at this season to places in the mountain country, where the shepherd busies himself with the bushy trees, cutting down branches that have green leaves or tender twigs, that the sheep and goats can eat. Micah was probably speaking of this custom of providing food for the sheep, when he said: "Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage" (Micah 7:14). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Gathering Scattered Sheep Gathering scattered sheep. The shepherd knows how to gather sheep that have been scattered. Especially is this necessary when the sheep must be led back to the fold, or when they are to be guided to another pasture. It is accomplished by his standing in the center of his scattered sheep, and giving them the call which serves as the notes of a bugle do to an army of

men. Pebbles are sent by means of his slingshot in the direction of and beyond members of the flock that fail to heed the call, in order to get their attention and then bring them back. He does not commence to lead them away until he knows they are all there. Ezekiel predicts that the LORD as Shepherd of Israel will one day gather His people that have been scattered, and will bring them back to their own land of Israel. "As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel" (Ezekiel 34:12,13). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Goats and Sheep How goats differ from sheep. Most of the Palestinian and Syrian sheep are white, whereas most of the goats are black. The goats like the slopes of the rocky mountains, whereas the sheep prefer the plains or mountain valleys. The goats are especially fond of young leaves of trees, but the sheep would rather have grass. Goats will feed during all the day without the heat of summer affecting them; but when the sunshine is hot, the sheep will lie down under a tree, or in the shade of a rock, or in a rude shelter prepared by the shepherd for that purpose. Song of Solomon makes mention of this rest time for the sheep: "Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon" (Song of Solomon 1:7). The goats are bolder, more venturesome, more playful, more apt to clamber to dangerous places, more apt to break into the grainfields, more headstrong, more vigorous, and more difficult to control than are the sheep. [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Knowing Each Sheep Intimate knowledge of the sheep. The shepherd is deeply interested in every single one of his flock. Some of them may be given pet names because of incidents connected with them. They are usually counted each evening as they enter the fold, but sometimes the shepherd dispenses with the counting, for he is able to feel the absence of anyone of his sheep. With one sheep gone, something is felt to be missing from the appearance of the entire flock. One shepherd in the Lebanon district was asked if he always counted his sheep each evening. He replied in the negative, and then was asked how then he knew if all his sheep were present. This was his reply: "Master, if you were to put a cloth over my eyes, and bring me any sheep and only let me put hands on its face, I could tell in a moment if it was mine or not." When H. R. P. Dickson visited the desert Arabs, he witnessed an event that revealed the amazing knowledge which some of them have of their sheep. One evening, shortly after dark, an Arab shepherd began to call out one by one the names of his fifty-one mother sheep, and was able to pick out each one's lamb, and restore it to its mother to suckle. To do this in the light would be a feat for many shepherds, but this was done in complete darkness, and in the midst of the noise coming from the ewes crying for their lambs, and the lambs crying for their mothers. But no Oriental shepherd ever had a more intimate knowledge of his sheep than JESUS

our great Shepherd has of those who belong to His flock. He once said of Himself: "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep" (John 10:14). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Lambs Special care of baby lambs, and sheep with young ones. When lambing time comes, the shepherd must take great care of his flock. The task is made more difficult because it so often becomes necessary to move to a new location to find pasturage. The sheep that are soon to become mothers, as well as those with their young ones, must be kept close to the shepherd while in transit. Little helpless lambs that cannot keep up with the rest of the flock, are carried in the bosom of his undergarment, the girdle turning it into a pocket. Isaiah pictures this activity in his famous passage: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:11). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Leading Sheep Guidance for the sheep. The Eastern shepherd never drives his sheep as does the Western shepherd. He always leads them, often going before them. "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them" (John 10:4). This does not mean that the shepherd is always in front of his sheep. Although he may be usually in that position when traveling, he often walks by their side, and sometimes follows behind, especially if the flock is headed for the fold in the evening. From the rear he can gather any stragglers, and protect such from a sly attack from a wild animal. If the flock is a large one, the shepherd will be in front, and a heifer will follow behind.²³ Isaiah speaks of the omnipresent LORD in a double relationship to His people: "For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the GOD of Israel will be your reward [rear guard]" (Isaiah 52:12). The skill of the shepherd, and personal relationship to them is clearly seen when he guides his sheep along narrow paths. The Shepherd Psalm says: "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness" (Psalm 23:3). The grain fields are seldom fenced or hedged in Bible lands, and sometimes only a narrow path runs between the pasture and these fields. The sheep are forbidden to eat in the fields where crops are growing. Thus in guiding the sheep along such a path, the shepherd must not allow any of the animals to get into the forbidden area, because if he does, he must pay damages to the owner of the grain. One Syrian shepherd has been known to guide a flock of one hundred fifty sheep without any help, along such a narrow path for quite a distance, without letting a single sheep go where he was not allowed to go. [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Lost Sheep Seeking and finding lost sheep. Being responsible for anything that happens to one of his flock, the Eastern shepherd will spend hours if necessary in traversing the wilderness or mountain side, in search of a sheep that has strayed away and is lost. After weary hours of hunting for it, it will usually be found in some waterless hollow in the wilderness, or in some desolate mountain ravine. The exhausted creature will be borne home on the shoulders of the sturdy shepherd. And what happens then is best described by the Parable of JESUS:

"And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost" (Luke 15:6). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Mixing Flocks HANDLING AND GATHERING THE SHEEP Several flocks sometimes allowed to mix. More than one flock may be kept in the same fold, and often flocks are mixed while being watered at a well. For the time being, no attempt is made to separate them. Jacob saw such a mixture of flocks: "Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the East. And he looked, and behold, a well in the field, and lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it" (Genesis 29:1-3). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Naming Sheep Giving names to the sheep. JESUS said concerning the shepherd of his day: "He calleth his own sheep by name" (John 10:3). Today, the eastern shepherd delights to give names to certain of his sheep, and if his flock is not too large, all of his sheep may be given names. He knows them by means of certain individual characteristics. He names one: "Pure White"; another, "Striped"; another, "Black"; another, "Brown"; and still another, "Gray-eared." All this indicates the tender affection which he has for every one of his flock. [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Passover Lamb The offering of the Passover Lamb was the most important religious act of the year. This lamb had to be a male, which was selected after minute examination, in order that it be free from any blemish, and it was to be a first year lamb. It was killed on the fourteenth of the month Abib (after the Babylonian captivity Nisan, about the equivalent of our April), and the blood was sprinkled with hyssop. In Egypt the blood was sprinkled on the lintels and doorposts of the houses, but in Canaan it was sprinkled on the altar. The meat was roasted with fire, rather than boiled, and not a bone was broken, as was customary when it was boiled. It was eaten by the entire household in the spirit of haste, as if a journey was being started. Anything left of it was burned with fire, and not left over for the next day. The Feast of the Passover was the most important of all the Jewish annual feasts, and formed the background for the Christian ordinance of the LORD's Supper.(cf. Exodus 12; Leviticus 23:5 ff.; Matthew 26:17-29). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Permanent Sheepfolds More permanent sheepfolds. Such shelters are usually built by the shepherd in a valley, or else on the sunny side of a hill where there is protection from cold winds. This fold is a low building with arches in front of it, and a wall forming an outdoor enclosure, joining the building. When the weather is mild, the sheep and goats are allowed to be in the enclosure during the night, but if the weather is stormy, or the evenings are cold, then the flock is shut up in the interior part of the fold, with its protection of roof and walls. The walls of the enclosure are about three feet wide at the bottom, and become narrower at the top. They are from four to six feet high. Large stones are used in constructing the outsides of the wall, and they are also placed on the top, and then the center is

filled with smaller pieces of stone, of which there is much in the land. Sharp, thorn bushes are put on the top of this wall to protect the sheep from wild animals or robbers. There is a gate guarded by a watchman. JESUS made reference to the familiar sheepfold of Israel when He spoke those memorable words of His: "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter [watchman] openeth. (John 10:1-3). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Playing with Sheep Playing with the sheep. The shepherd is so constantly with his sheep that sometimes his life with them becomes monotonous. Therefore he will occasionally play with them. He does this by pretending to run away from his sheep, and they will soon overtake him, and completely surround him, gamboling with great delight. Sometimes GOD's people think He forsakes them when trouble comes their way. They say: "the LORD hath forsaken me" (Isaiah 49:14). But actually their divine Shepherd says to them: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Protecting Sheep from Robbers Protection of sheep from robbers and wild animals. The sheep need to be guarded against robbers not only when they are in the open country, but also when they are in the fold. The bandits of Israel are not apt to pick locks, but some of them may manage to climb up over the wall, and get into the fold, where they cut the throats of as many of the animals as possible and then sling them over the wall to others of their band, and all of them attempt to escape without being caught.³⁴ JESUS described just such operations: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10). The shepherd must be on guard constantly for such an emergency, and must be ready for quick action to protect his rights in the flock.

Protecting Sheep from Wild Animals The wild animals of Israel today include wolves, panthers, hyenas, and jackals. The lion has not lived in the land since the days of the Crusaders. The last bear was killed over half a century ago. David as a shepherd lad experienced the coming of a lion and of a bear against his flock, and by the LORD's help, he was able to slay both of them (I Samuel 17:34-37). Amos tells of a shepherd attempting to rescue one of the flock from the lion's mouth: "As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear" (Amos 3:12). One experienced Syrian shepherd is reported to have followed a hyena to his lair and compelled the animal to give up his prey. He won his victory over the wild beast by himself howling in characteristic fashion, striking on rocks with his heavy staff, and flinging deadly stones with his slingshot. The sheep was then carried in his arms back to the fold. The faithful shepherd must be willing to risk his life for the sake of the flock, and perhaps give his life for them. As our Good Shepherd JESUS not only risked his life for us, He actually gave Himself on our behalf. He said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Sacrificing Sheep The sheep was used in Bible times more than any other animal for sacrificial purposes. A young male lamb was used in most cases as a thanksgiving offering, as atonement for transgression, or as redemption of a more valuable animal. [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Separating Sheep Ability to separate the sheep. When it becomes necessary to separate several flocks of sheep, one shepherd after another will stand up and call out: "Tahhoo! Tahhoo!" or a similar call of his own choosing. The sheep lift up their heads, and after a general scramble, begin following each one his own shepherd. They are thoroughly familiar with their own shepherd's tone of voice. Strangers have often used the same call, but their attempts to get the sheep to follow them always fail. The words of JESUS are indeed true to Eastern shepherd life when he said: "The sheep follow him, for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers" (John 10:4,5). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Separating Sheep and Goats Separating goats from sheep. At certain times it becomes necessary to separate the goats from the sheep, although they may be cared for by the same shepherd that cares for the sheep. They do not graze well together, and so it frequently becomes necessary to keep them apart from the sheep while they are grazing. Dr. John A. Broadus, when visiting Israel, reported seeing a shepherd leading his flock of white sheep and black goats all mingled together. When he turned into a valley, having led them across the Plain of Sharon, he turned around and faced his flock: "When a sheep came up, he tapped it with his long staff on the right side of the head, and it quickly moved off to his right; a goat he tapped on the other side, and it went to his left." This is the picture the Saviour had in mind when he spoke the solemn words: "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matthew 25:32-33). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Temporary Sheepfolds A simple improvised sheepfold. Such is sometimes made by the shepherd when he is a distance from his home, or especially when he may be in the territory of mountains. It is a temporary affair that can be taken down easily when it comes time to move on to another location. A fence is built of tangled thorn bushes or rude bowers. This is all the protection that is needed, as the shepherds often sleep with their flocks when the weather permits. Ezekiel mentions such a sheepfold when he predicts the future of Israel: "I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be" (Ezekiel 34:14). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

The Shepherd and His Sheep INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SHEPHERD AND SHEEP When we learn of the intimate relationship that exists

between the shepherd and his sheep, the figure of the LORD as a Shepherd of His people takes on new meaning. [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Watching Sheep at Night Watching sheep at night. In weather that permits, the shepherds often keep their flocks in the open country. One group of shepherds provided simple sleeping places for themselves by placing "a number of oblong circles of stones, inside of which rushes were collected for bedding, according to the Bedouin fashion in the desert. These simple beds were arranged in a circle, and sticks and roots were collected at the center for a fire." With this arrangement they were able to keep watch over their sheep by night. It was in such a way as this that the Bethlehem shepherds took turns watching and sleeping on the hills outside Bethlehem, when the angels visited them announcing the Saviour's birth. "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:8). When Jacob cared for Laban's sheep, he spent many a night in the out-of-doors, looking after the flock. "Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes" (Genesis 31:40). [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Water for the Flock Water provided for the flock. In selecting pasturage for the flock, it is an absolute necessity that water be provided, and that it be easy of access. Often flocks are stationed near to a stream of running water. But the sheep are apt to be afraid of drinking water that moves quickly, or that is agitated. Therefore the shepherd looks for pools of water, or provides some quiet place where they may quench their thirst. How appropriate then are the words concerning the divine Shepherd: "He leadeth me beside the still waters" (Psalm 23:2). But when all such watering places are dried up in the heat of summer, as is often the case in Israel, then wells are used. Usually a large rock is placed over the mouth of the well and this must be removed, as Jacob did, before the sheep can be watered (Genesis 29:8-10). Noontide is usually the time for watering the sheep. When Jacob was at the well, he said, "Lo, it is yet high day . . . water ye the sheep" (Genesis 29:7) The matter of water supply plays an important part in locating the flock for pasturage. [Manners And Customs of Bible Lands]

Record Your Information Here

(Feel free to use more paper if necessary)

We are now at a pivotal point in John's gospel. In the last lesson we saw that they had picked up stones to kill Jesus, but He slipped away. When we get to John 11, we see the biggest miracle yet - raising Lazarus from the dead. If there was tension before, this was about to push the people over the edge.

People swarmed to see the miracles. They don't come much bigger than this. People squirmed when Jesus began imparting truth. When Jesus states that He is the resurrection and the life, it was certainly going to make the people uncomfortable. Decision time was now at hand. If this man, Jesus, had power over life and death, surely He was from God. Now the people were faced with a choice. What were they going to believe about this man? Were they going to believe that He was the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, they could have life in His name. This sent the Pharisees scrambling. Surely, it was time to get rid of this man once and for all, as well as any evidence as to what He has done.

What an interesting study you have before you. Enjoy meeting the Resurrection and the Life. Sit at His feet and allow His power and majesty to wash over you. See who He is and realize what He did for you, not because you deserved it, but because of His great love for you. He is your only source of eternal life!

DAY ONE AND TWO

We are going to begin this week by completing a chapter study on John 11. For the next two days, complete a thorough study on John 11 and become thoroughly acquainted with the "I AM" - the Resurrection and the Life. Look for key words (and lists) and concentrate on the people you meet along the way. Record what you learn about each person in the area below and on the next page.

DAY THREE

Today, you are going to be looking at the three main characters in this story: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. In order to do this you are going to read three passages. Take the time now to read these verses. Don't rush this assignment. Place yourself there at the house. Be a spectator and watch the action that occurs. Watch the emotion on their faces in each instance. Feel their joy, their pain, their fears, their anxiety. Put yourself in each of their places. Think through these passages from one person's view point and then go through the story again from the next person's until you have covered all three characters.

Carefully record what you learn about each one.

1. Luke 10:38-42
2. John 11
3. John 12:1-19

Lazarus

Mary

Martha

DAY FOUR AND DAY FIVE

Take your time and spread this lesson over the two days, about an hour a day. Give your mind a chance to process the information.

Your job will be to look at the events that surround the account of Lazarus's death and resurrection. There are some interesting details to note as you work through this chapter. We will tackle this assignment by breaking the chapter down into paragraphs. With each paragraph you will want to interrogate it asking the who, what, when, where why, and how questions. Look at each person involved. You already spent time looking at Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, so this time focus on Jesus, His disciples, the people that are there, and the Pharisees.

Record all that you learn and insights you glean from your study. You can record your thoughts and questions on the following pages. Feel free to consult commentaries or any other kind of study tools as part of your investigation.

1. John 11:1-16

2. John 11:17-29

3. John 11:30-37 (You might want to do some word studies in verses 33 and 35. There are some interesting concepts on types of weeping and being deeply moved and troubled.)

4. John 11:38-44

5. John 11:45-46

6. John 11:47-53

7. John 11:54-57

This is an amazing chapter is it not? We can continue to see the tension mounting between those who choose to believe that Jesus is the Christ and those who reject Him as being the Son of God sent to free mankind from their sins.

John calls his readers to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing you can have life in His name. Jesus said that He is the Resurrection and the Life. Do you believe that life comes through Him and Him alone?

Spend time praising Him for what He has done for you. Worship Him and Him alone with your life, your words, your thoughts, and your praise.

John 12:23-24 says, “And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” How was the Son of Man to be glorified? He was going to be put to death, buried in the ground as that grain of wheat, so that He could rise again being the first fruit of those who would live forever with Him. What a beautiful promise. To the world His death would be a horrific event, but in God’s economy, in God’s plan, it would be the culmination of God’s love to restore mankind into a right relationship with Him. To as many as believe in His name, they will become children of God. Jesus was willing to go to the cross for you and for me. What greater love has any man than to lay down his life for his friends.

The hour had come! We are walking into the last week of Christ’s life. The Pharisees plotted against Him. The people were divided by what they believed of Him. The crowds were cheering because they thought that He would deliver them from the oppression of Rome. The disciples were confused as to why He talked about leaving. Can you feel the tension in the city as Jesus rides into Jerusalem that Lamb Selection Day? The streets were crowded and noisy. Jews were commanded to come to Jerusalem during the time of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. They were about to get a front row seat as Jesus, the Passover Lamb, was slain. The cheers of the crowd who shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Lord,” would turn into sneers and jeers several days later as they shouted, “Crucify Him.” Yes, His hour had indeed come. He was about to fulfill the Fathers redemptive plan.

Come with Jesus, as he enters the city of Jerusalem on that Lamb Selection Day. Feel the tension and hear the cries as Jesus comes riding into the city, not on horseback like a conquering hero with a lion’s roar that would put the world’s rulers in their place. He didn’t come to usher in a new world political power. Instead, He came quietly on the back of a donkey, like a lamb to the slaughter to usher in a new spiritual kingdom. He wasn’t quite what the people had been looking for.

Let’s begin the journey with Jesus. Study well. There is much to be learned as we observe Jesus last week.

DAY ONE AND TWO

Take the next couple of days to do a complete chapter study on John 12. If you are still not sure of the steps, remember these are all written out for you in lesson three, on pages 16-18 in your workbook. Make sure to ask the who, what, when, where, why, and how questions as you go. Take your time and really think about what is happening in this chapter. Record what you learn and any questions that you may have in the space below.

DAY THREE

Let's walk through this chapter paragraph by paragraph. Read through each section of this chapter, and as you do so try to visualize what is happening and why in each section. If you are artistic, maybe you want to draw pictures of the events to help solidify them in your mind. I am by no means an artist, but I find that pictures that I have drawn many years ago are still etched in my mind today. Be creative. Draw, outline, write, tell the story in your own words, write a poem about the events. Any of these processes force you to think through the information.

1. John 12:1-8

2. John 12:9-11

3. John 12:12-19

4. John 12:20-26

5. John 12:27-36

6. John 12:27-43

7. John 12:44-49

DAY FOUR

In last week's study we focused our attention on Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. This week we are going to look into the life of Judas. There are many questions surrounding Judas and his actions. Let's do a character study together and see what we can learn. Look up the following passages and note all that you learn about Judas Iscariot. When you are done, write out what you have learned about Judas.

1. Matthew 10:4
2. Matthew 26:14-16, 21-25, 47-50

3. Matthew 27:3-10

4. Mark 3:19
5. Mark 14:10-11, 17-21, 43-45

6. Luke 6:16
7. Luke 22:3-6, 47-48

8. John 6:64-71

9. John 12:1-6

10. John 13:1-11, 18, 21-30

11. John 17:12

12. John 18:2-5

13. Acts 1:15-26

Now that you know about what Judas did, and how much he was paid, let's look at some Old Testament Prophecies about this betrayal. Make sure to read these verses in their context.

1. Psalm 41:9

2. Zechariah 11:12-13

Now just one more verse for good measure. This verse doesn't mention Judas, but can you see how it might relate to Judas.

I John 2:19

Character Study on Judas Iscariot

I know that this has been a long study to this point, so let's do a little review. Remember that according to John 20:30-31, John was writing so that we would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you would have life in His name. Many other signs were done by Jesus, but what John recorded for us in his gospel, were specific details that allow us a very specialized look at Jesus' life.

We have seen His miracles as did the crowds who flocked to Him to be entertained. We have heard Him speak truth as did the people who began to grumble at His teachings. We have watched as He called individuals to make a decision as to what they believed about His claims. Some believed, but many hung their heads and walked away. Others became angry and stomped away. The religious leaders became jealous and plotted to get rid of Him.

At this point in time, who do you say that Jesus is? Are you looking to be entertained by what the religious world offers? Are you muttering under your breath because you don't like to be called to give an account for your life and how you live each day and each moment? When pushed for a decision as to who you say He is, will you acknowledge that He is the Son of God, and as such, He is your Creator and Judge and has the right to tell you how to live your life? Or will you turn your back on Him and walk away, like so many, refusing to submit your life, your will to His?

As we look at the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, some of His most powerful, life-changing teachings are coming up. Hang in there because it is worth the time and the effort to study and apply what we will learn about the Son of God and what it means to have life in His name.

DAY ONE AND TWO

Begin this week's study by completing a thorough chapter study on John 13. As you do, ask God to reveal to you truth that you can apply to your life. Allow His Word to transform your mind and mold you into a person that God can use to reach this world for Him. Be blessed as His Word bathes you over these two days.

DAY THREE

Today you are going to go through John 13 and look at the main events. Record what happens in each of these paragraphs, and then take the time to look at the cultural significance for each and note how that pertains to the activities that are taking place. Also note any applications this may have for your life. Use any commentaries, reference materials, or research that may be helpful. What is the significance of the Passover celebration? Why was foot washing important? Who did it? What did it represent? This work will prepare you for the assignment on day four and five.

1. John 13:1-11

2. John 13:12-20

3. John 13:21-30

4. John 13:31-35

5. John 13:36-38

DAY FOUR AND FIVE

Using all the information that you have accumulated over the last three days, pull all your information together in a cohesive way so that you could teach a class on John 13. Be able to explain the details to a group of people. Use illustrations, verbal or visual, to help make your points. Share the significance of the times, and the festivals. Explain what you know about the feasts, the meaning behind foot washing, who Judas was and what he was going to do and why, and even the significance of Peter's rash confession that he would not deny Jesus. Bring in familiar cross references to help reinforce what you are saying.

Don't become discouraged and don't think that this is something that is too hard for you. If you have been doing your studies, you may know and understand more than you think you know. Give it a try and see what you can come up with. Just the process of doing this, even if you are not happy with the outcome, will help you to solidify this information in your mind.

There are 28 chapters in Matthew. In chapter 26 to 28, Matthew informs us of the events surrounding the Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. Mark and Luke both devote two chapters of their gospels to this time period. John, however, devotes nine out of 21 chapters to these couple of days in Jesus' life. This is more than a third of his gospel. Why is that? Why does John, compelled by the Holy Spirit, go into such great detail?

Remember John's purpose as he penned his gospel? It was found in John 20:30-31. *"Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."* There are precious nuggets of truth that will help us understand this Jesus - the Christ - the anointed, promised One. We will be able to see the relationship between Father and Son and the Son's concern for mankind. What we see, what we read, will help us to believe that we can have life in His name.

Are you ready to find the treasure? It will be something of great value in your life. It will strengthen your understanding of Jesus' love and deepen your relationship with your heavenly Father. Get out your tools and let's pan for the riches that are before us.

First we set the stage. Jesus had ridden into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. He didn't come riding in like a reigning king, ready to throw off the oppressive power of Rome. He came in peace, as a Lamb. He came into the city of Jerusalem on the very day the people choose their Passover lambs. At that time, the crowds cheered, but those cheers will turn to jeers very soon. For the next couple of days, that chosen lamb would be examined to find any blemishes. Jesus stood before the crowds and before the Pharisees as they examined Him. They poked and prodded, trying to trap Him. Pilate would later say that he found no guilt in Jesus. Truly He was the perfect Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world.

In John 13, Jesus was having the last supper with His disciples, knowing that His hour had come to depart out of this world. During the washing tradition of the ceremony, Jesus washed the disciples' feet. He disclosed to the twelve that one of them was going to betray Him and hand Him over to be crucified. Confused and dazed they wondered who it could be. After Jesus told Judas to do what he had to do quickly, the disciples still didn't understand what was going on. Surely Judas was just going out to see to the needs of the poor.

Jesus tells the eleven that it is time for the Son of Man to be glorified and that soon He would no longer be with them. They were to love one another, and by that, all men would know that they were His disciples. They were shaken. They were confused. Were could He possibly be going? Wherever it is, why couldn't they follow Him? So look at what Jesus says in the first verse of John 14, "Let not your heart be troubled." His words of comfort to them, should bring comfort to our hearts as well.

DAY ONE AND TWO

Let's begin our week of study by completing a thorough chapter study on John 14. Don't rush this. This is a tremendous chapter with many great truths.

DAY THREE

I don't know how thorough of a job you did with marking your key words and making lists from them, but you don't want to miss the importance of what is being said in these verses. So today, take the time (even if you did some of this already in your study) to record what you learn about each of these topics. Just state what you learned from your observations of John 14 alone.

1. The Son

2. The Father

3. The Holy Spirit

4. The Disciples

5. Belief

6. Prayer

7. Obedience/Love

8. Commands

9. Promises

DAY FOUR AND FIVE

Over the next two days it is time to personalize what you have learned and how this affects you. Take time to go back through the lists you made yesterday and prayerfully read through them. As you do, allow the Spirit to teach you and record what you learn about each topic.

Here is an example. As you can see it is quite lengthy, but these are the truths you want to pull from your study and apply to your life! I have left you some space for this, but feel free to use as much extra paper as you might need. Don't rush the process. This is where the rubber hits the road and you begin to see the truth of God's Word begin to change the way you think and live your life.

Jesus

- I know that Jesus is preparing a place for me, right now because I have put my complete trust in Him. He will come some day and take me to that place that I may be there with Him for all eternity. Just as sure as He left, He will come back. This is my blessed hope, my destiny, my eternity. The knowledge that this is truth, a promise from my Heavenly Father, is something that I can count on, keeps my eyes fixed on my heavenly destination instead of the earthly circumstances that seek to pull me down and rock my world.

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If you still have time, you can consult commentaries or study guides to gain any more insight on John chapter 14.

We now come to John 15. These are some of the most powerful verses in the Bible. This week we will be looking at what it means to abide in the vine. There is a vast difference between understanding something intellectually and understanding something experientially. How can we know the difference? I pray that by the end of this week, you will KNOW that you are truly abiding in the vine, because you experience all that that means in your life.

Study carefully and prayerfully. When we get to the area that causes confusion, allow God's Word to speak as the final authority.

DAY ONE AND TWO

Complete a thorough chapter study on John 15. This chapter is the root of what it means to be a true Christian. Take your time and study well. You don't want to miss a single word. As you look for key words and make lists, you will find several words that are key to this chapter alone. Make sure to include them because they are vital to discovering what it means to abide.

Make sure to work through this study with a prayerful attitude, allowing the Spirit to lead you into truth which will transform your very being. Ask God to remove the veil from your eyes and allow you to see His truths clearly.

Take the truths you learned in these two days and turn them into a prayer for your life.

DAY THREE

We are only going to concentrate on the first eleven verses of this chapter this week. Next week we will look at the remaining verses.

John 15 begins with an allegory. In the Bible, an allegory is a visible (tangible) picture which represents an abstract idea - a message about a spiritual truth.

1. What part of John 15 is an allegory?

2. What is the allegory about?

3. What spiritual message is it meant to communicate?

4. Now go back and read the allegory again, and list what each part of the allegory represents. For example, who is the vinedresser? Who are the branches? Make sure not to add anything to this, but simply state what John 15 clearly says.

5. Write down every place the word “*abide*” is used in John 15:1-11, and record everything you learn about abiding.

6. Let’s put this allegory in it’s context. Answer the following questions.

a) Who is speaking?

b) To whom is He speaking? Who is not there at this time?

c) About what is He speaking?

d) When did this teaching take place? What had just happened, and what is about to happen?

e) Think about why, at this moment, Jesus begins talking about abiding versus being cut off.

- f) Carefully list point by point, exactly what Jesus is teaching His disciples about the branches and abiding.

DAY FOUR AND FIVE

There is a two-fold reason why we go to great lengths to complete a thorough overview. First, we will know what the Scripture says because we read it over and over again. Secondly, and just as important, we know what it doesn't say since Scripture doesn't contradict Scripture. Today, we are going to look at a verse tucked away in this discourse that is greatly misunderstood and abused. The verse in question is John 15:6. We want to treat this verse carefully to make sure that we know what the author is recording for our edification.

In order to accomplish our purpose, we need to use our resources. There are many resources available online or in books. At this point in time, we want to avoid commentaries. You only want to go to a commentary when you have dug out all the information you can on your own. Commentaries are man's interpretation of what Scripture says. They are not God breathed, and not meant to be viewed as being the very words of God. Men can make mistakes. That is why it is vitally important that you know how to study for yourself so that you can

be a Berean and check out all that you hear and read and hold it up to the plumb line of God's Word.

So armed with that information, use your study tools to find out all that you can about vines, vineyards, and vinedressers during the 1st century AD. I will give you some information later, but see what you can come up with. Your other assignment is to see other places in the Bible that vines and vineyards may be mentioned. See if these help you to understand our passage in John 15:1-8. Record what you learn below.

Here are a couple of passages to get you started if you are having difficulty.

1. Isaiah 5:1-7 - record all you learn about vines and vineyards.

2. Psalm 80:8-16

3. Ezekiel 15:1-5

Read over the information about vines from the pages entitled “Facts about Vines and Vineyards” on page 158. Record any pertinent information.

Now you can consult commentaries you may have. Record below, any insights you glean from them. Then there is one more assignment for this week.

From all that you learned from your study this week, explain John 15:1-8 verse by verse. Use examples from what you have learned about vines and bring in any helpful, useful cross-references you may have found.

Facts about Vines and Vineyards

1. A vine is dependent on the vinedresser (husbandman) to plant it and to watch over it. It must be carefully protected with a protective hedge, watered, and pruned.
2. There must be branches for it to bear fruit. A branch is wood that comes from the vine for the sole purpose of bearing fruit.
3. The fruit that the branch bears is brought forth for the benefit (glory) of its owner.
4. Vines can quickly grow into wild wood that is unproductive; therefore, it needs to be pruned often. The more vigorous the growth, the more often it needs to be pruned. This new healthy growth of wood needs to be cut away because it consumes large amounts of sap which is necessary for the growth of fruit. There is only a certain amount of sap the vine will produce, and the vinedresser needs to assure that the sap is being used in the most productive ways. One to two inches of wood is all the branch needs in order to produce grapes.
5. To prepare a vineyard, a trench is dug and posts are driven in which will be used to support a protective hedge keeping our destructive animals and thieves.
6. No other plants were ever planted in a vineyard.
7. If land is rocky, the rocks would be cleared and stacked up to become a protective hedge and watch towers.
8. Soil needs to be carefully prepared for the delicate plants.
9. When a shoot is grafted into a vine, a series of events will need to take place for it to stay there. First, the graft itself needs to put out roots and fibers into the stem. The stem needs to grow up into the graft. This creates a union between the two pieces which allows the vine's sap to enter into the new piece. As it flows through this new cutting, it will begin to produce new leaves and fruit. The graft receives its life and energy from the sap of the vine, and the result of that will be for the graft to produce fruit for its vinedresser.

Have you ever had a very intimate friend? You know, the kind that you can be yourself around? Someone with whom you can share anything without being concerned about what they may think? Someone that knows you better than you know yourself? If you have had this kind of relationship with someone, then you are truly blessed.

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to have that kind of intimacy with God? Is intimacy with God only for a special few or is it something that all believers can have?

These are questions that we are going to try to answer this week as we continue our study on John 15. Study well. The answers are there waiting to be found to those who seek.

Be a seeker and allow the Holy Spirit to commune with your spirit and answer your heart-felt questions.

DAY ONE

1. Start this week's study by reading through John 15. This is such a beautiful chapter, replete with nuggets of truth just waiting to be discovered.
2. Let's review the events that have led up to chapter 15. Jesus was in the upper room with His 12 disciples. As they were sharing the last meal together, Jesus washed the disciples' feet and explained that one of them was not clean and that one would betray Him. As He dipped that morsel and gave it to Judas, Jesus told him to go quickly and do what he needed to do, and Judas left. Jesus is now alone with the eleven disciples. He tells them of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Helper that will be coming to teach them and bring to remembrance all that Jesus had taught them. Because the Helper will be with them, they do not need to be troubled or fearful. All that God has planned since the foundation of the earth, was about to come to pass so that salvation could be made available to all who believe. The Son of God/Man was about to be lifted up so the power of death would be broken. When He had conquered death, He would go back to the Father, having completed His purpose for coming to the earth. When He returned to the Father, the Spirit would then come to indwell them, giving them the power to become His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and to the uttermost parts of the world. They should be rejoicing that God's plan for salvation was coming to fruition.

3. As you read through chapter 15 again, begin recording everything you learn about the intimate relationship Jesus had with the eleven men who had given up everything and followed Him faithfully for the last three years. Be detailed in your explanations and make sure to include the verse number with your information. Remember that you are focusing on the relationship between Jesus and His disciples only.

4. In John 15, Jesus refers to His disciples as His friends. This is the first time this is recorded for us. For any of you who have studied Covenant, you may remember that friendship is a covenant term. *Friend* has a very deep and intimate meaning. In our world today and the prevalence of social media, we become “*friends*” with people we don’t even know. This is one more way that our ruler of this world is desensitizing us to the terminology and the meaning of what is being conveyed in the pages of Scripture. So putting that little rant aside, let’s look at the pages of Scripture and see another man who was called a friend of God.
 - a. Read II Chronicles 20:7 and Isaiah 41:8 and note who God’s friend was.
 - b. How was that relationship described? Read Genesis 18:17-33.
 - c. How does that relate to Jesus’ relationship with His disciples in John 15?

4. Read through John 15:12-27. As you do, record what you learn about the disciples relationship to each other and to the world. As we have learned, they were friends of Jesus Christ, and as a believer, so are we. That means that this applies to our lives as well. Record what our lives should look like, because this is the fruit of our lives.

a) Can you see the fruit in your life?

b) If you can't, there is a serious problem! Take your concerns to the Lord.

5. So what happens in our lives, that can cause us to become not as productive (notice I did not say unproductive!)?

a) We become distracted. What distracts us? Be thorough in your answer, because this is something from which we need to learn to protect ourselves.

- b) Persecutions or difficulties can come into our lives. When that happens we tend to have one of two responses. The first one is what am I doing wrong, because we think trials only come as a result of my actions. The second response is to withdraw from fellow believers, from the church, from God. Whenever we feel distant from God, we need to remember that He is not the one who left us, we are the ones moving away from Him.
- c) Read the following Scriptures and note what you learn about difficulties that come into the lives of believers and how we should respond to them.

1) Matthew 5:10-12

2) I Peter 4:12-19

3) II Timothy 3:8-13

4) James 1:1-2

5) Acts 5:40-41

6) Luke 6:26

6. Examine your life in light of what you have studied today. Talk to your friend. Pour out your heart to Him. Remember that He loves you and wants your best. He already gave His life for you, be willing to lay down your life for Him!

DAY FOUR AND FIVE

What is a disciple? What makes a person a disciple? What are the qualifications of a disciple? Are there true disciples and false disciples? What relationship do you think discipleship has to salvation?

Your job over the next two days is to use what resources you have, to try to answer these questions. You can use concordances, word studies, Bible dictionaries, internet searches, etc. I will give you some Scriptures to get you started, but they are the tip of the iceberg. There are many more.

Remember that this is supposed to be about a two-hour study. There is only so much you can do in that amount of time, so do your best with the time you have. When you are done, compile all your information into a list of what you now know

about what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

a) Could you now explain what that means to another person?

b) List the ways you would or would not qualify as a disciple.

Matthew 10:24-42

John 6:22-24, 60-66

John 8:31

John 15:1-11

Acts 6:1-7

You have a couple of hours left. You are with your closest friends. What would you say? Your heart is burdened because you know they are going to be tested. They seem dazed, lost, confused. You try to comfort them, to focus their vision past their present darkness to a little glimmer of hope for the future. They don't see it yet, but they will soon. Soon they will understand. Soon they will rejoice, but right now . . . right now, what do they need to hear?

Let's listen in to what Jesus tells the eleven as He prepares to be taken from them.

DAY ONE AND TWO

Complete a thorough chapter study on John 16. Take your time and pray your way through this.

Jot down any questions that you may have about this chapter.

DAY THREE

Today you are going to take the time to put this teaching in its context. This teaching, or discourse, started back in John 13. Take the time to read through John 13-16 and briefly write all that Jesus was teaching His disciples on this, His last night with them.

Note how these teachings build on each other and how they change when Judas leaves. Again, write down any questions you may have about these teachings.

DAY FOUR AND FIVE

Read through all the instructions before beginning this lesson.

1. When the topic of the Triune God, or the Trinity, come up, you are usually in for an interesting conversation. There are those who think they completely understand it. There are those who want to ignore it because it makes them uncomfortable. They aren't sure how they would explain it or defend it. There are those who think that to believe that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are separate persons of the Godhead that you now are a polytheist, you believe in many gods. Where do we find the truth? Of course the answer is, we find the truth in God's Word.
2. Today, you are going to search God's Word for answers to the Oneness of the Godhead and the individuality of each entity of the Godhead. At the end of this lesson you will find a chart entitled "Truths of the Godhead." This chart is on two pages in case you need the room. You will be filling this in over the next two days. Take your time and remember that you have two days to complete this assignment. Don't rush this. It is vitally important to know what God's Word says. It doesn't matter if we understand, but we need to take God at His Word. Enjoy getting to know the majesty of your God!
3. Read through John 13-16 (you'll add chapter 17 to this next week). As you do list what you learn about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Anywhere it states about them being one, record this in the first column "Their Oneness." Otherwise record what you learn under "Father," "Son," "Holy Spirit." You are looking for what they do, how they interact with each other, how they interact with man, etc.
4. Please be sure to include chapter and verse of what you learn. Be careful not to read more into what the verse actually says. Record God's Words, and not your thoughts or interpretations.
5. For more information on the Holy Spirit, you could use I Corinthians 2:6-16.
6. Depending on the time you have left, feel free to peruse the rest of the book of John or use your concordance to look up other references for the Holy Spirit. Don't go beyond John 16 in your study.
7. After you have finished this assignment and you are satisfied with your work, if you have time, you can consult your commentaries for John 16 or any of the other Scriptures you may have looked up

Truths of the Godhead

Their Oneness	Father	Son	Holy Spirit

Truths of the Godhead

Their Oneness	Father	Son	Holy Spirit

John 17 is the "Great High Priestly Prayer." Jesus prayed for His disciples before He left them. He was burdened because He knew He was leaving them in a world that was hostile toward Him and consequently, would be hostile toward them. This prayer reaches out across the centuries, the millennium, to His followers today.

Jesus didn't pray for those of the world: instead, He prayed for those who would be faithful to Him. Listen to the heart of the One who prayed. He is our Great High Priest who understands our heartaches, our burdens, and our problems. It should be an encouragement to you to hear what your Lord and Savior prays on your behalf.

Ask the Spirit to reveal to you the truths of this prayer, and that you may comprehend all it entails. You will come to understand what it means to be His when you truly abide in Him. You are loved. You are kept in His heart. You are part of His family.

DAY ONE AND TWO

Complete a chapter study on John 17. Pray your way through this and feel the security you have as a child of God.

Jot down any questions that you may have about this chapter.

DAY FOUR

I know that you may find today's assignment redundant, but this chapter is so rich that we can't possibly study it too much! Carefully work through this prayer again and record what Jesus says to His Father, point by point. I gave you ample space on this page and the next.

Our goal in this week's lesson is to follow the chronological order of events that preceded the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DAY ONE AND TWO

Complete your observations for John 18:1-19:16.

Record any questions that you may have about what you read.

DAY THREE THROUGH FIVE

This week we are going to look at the final events which led up to the crucifixion of Jesus - the Lamb of God - who died for the sins of the world - for your sins!

At the end of this lesson, there is a map of the city of Jerusalem during the time of the Lord. As you read the events that transpired during Jesus' trials, follow them on the map. Draw a line from place to place as you watch the progression of events. Draw arrows on your line to show the direction of travel, and number the lines with #1, #2, and so on. That way you will be able to follow the Lord's movements as the trials were held. It would also be good to record the Scripture passage that tells of the event. Record any important details, especially if the timing of an event is mentioned.

In the area under each portion of Scripture, record the main events that occur. Be thorough in your observations. Are you ready to walk with the Lord and watch what He went through on your behalf? Let's begin the journey.

I. The Arrest Beginning the Jewish Trial

Jesus was arrested around midnight. His captors took Him about a mile westward over the brook of Kidron, then southwest up the steep ascent to Jerusalem.

John 18:1-12

Matthew 26:30-56

Mark 14:26-50

Luke 22:47-54

A. Preliminary Examination Before Annas

1. John 18:12-14, 19-24

B. Informal Examination Before Caiaphas

1. John 18:24

2. Matthew 26:57-75

C. Trial Before the Sanhedrin

1. Matthew 27:1-10

2. Mark 15:1

3. Luke 22:66-71

II. The Roman Trial

Jerusalem was under Roman rule and therefore did not have the authority to put someone to death without a trial before the Roman governor. For this reason, Jesus needed to be taken before Pontius Pilate so Rome could pass sentence.

A. First Phase of Roman Trial - Before Pilate

1. John 18:28-38

2. Matthew 27:2, 11-14

3. Mark 15:1-5

4. Luke 23:1-5

B. The Second Phase - Before Herod

1. Luke 23:6-12

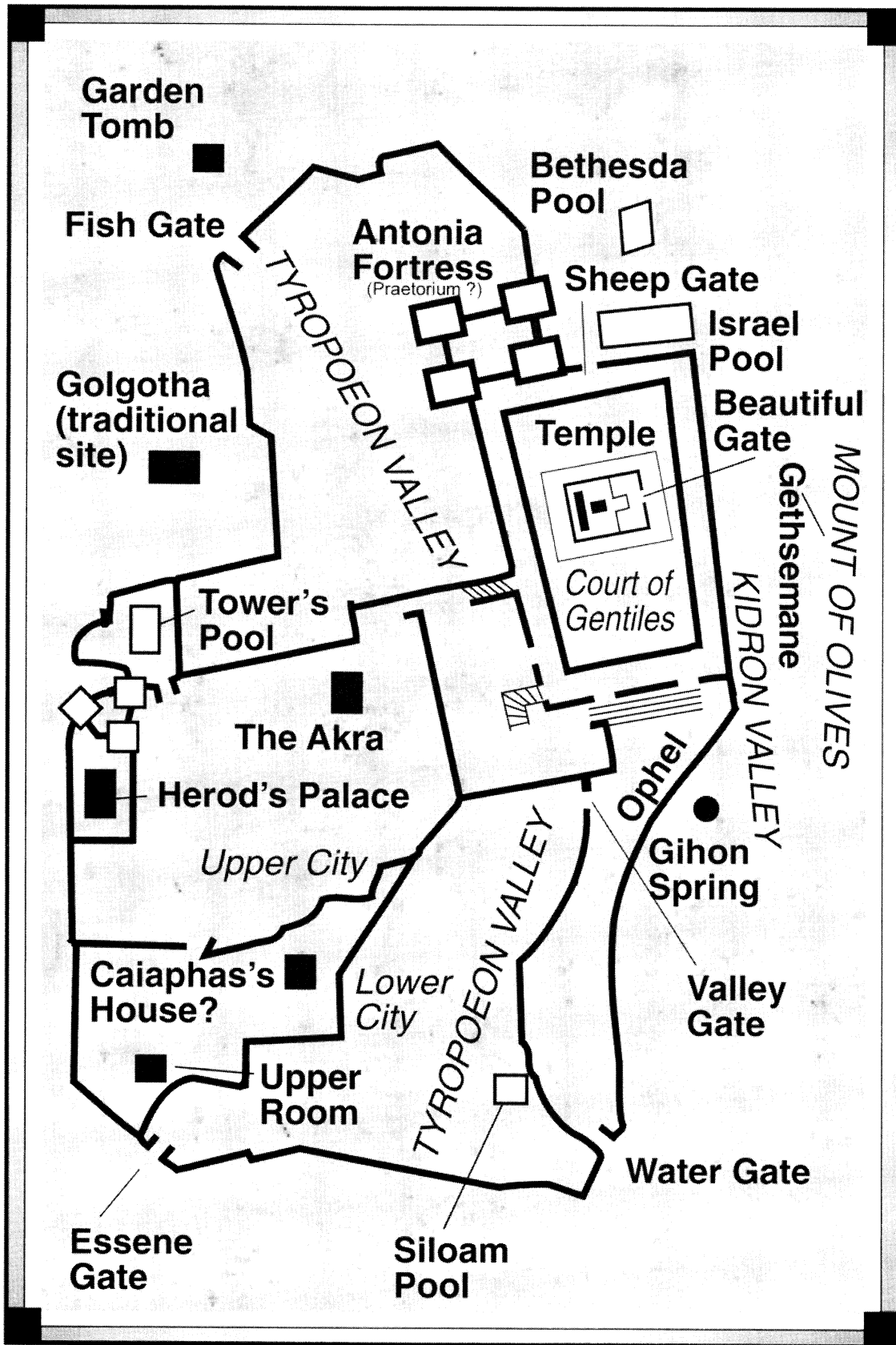
C. The Third Phase - Before Pilate

1. John 18:39-19:16

2. Matthew 27:15-31

3. Mark 15:6-20

4. Luke 23:13-25



This was the darkest night in history. The Light of the World was about to be betrayed and crucified. Little did Caiaphas know that he was about to have the Lamb of God (Christ, our Passover) crucified on Passover. The gathering crowd did not realize that they were about to witness God's fulfillment of the promise made 4,000 years earlier in the Garden of Eden. He said that the seed of the woman (Jesus) would be bruised. The seed of the woman had come, the promised one, Messiah. The Jewish leaders, the crowd, the high priest pressed in on Jesus as they shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

The crowd was there as they led Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem. They wanted to catch a glimpse of this controversial man who claimed to be sent by God, but more than that, He claimed to be the Son of God, even God Himself. There were those who wanted Him dead. There were those who wanted to see Him save Himself from what was about to happen. No matter their reason for being there, they were about to see God's redemptive plan be fulfilled.

This week I would like you to put yourself on the streets of Jerusalem. I want you to feel the tension in the air. I want you to feel the undeserved hatred and anger experienced by the gentle Lamb that went willingly to slaughter. I want you to feel the pain and anguish experienced by those who loved Him, who had been touched by Him by physical or spiritual healing. I want you to feel the confusion and self-loathing experienced by the disciples when they abandoned Him. I want you to feel the agony Jesus felt when His Father turned His back on Him because He could not look upon your sin or my sin that Jesus bore on that cross for us.

Ask the Spirit to make this event become real to you. Ask Him to reveal to you the terrible consequences caused by your sin. Ask Him to reveal to you the pain you cause your Heavenly Father and His perfect Lamb every time you choose to live life your way and flippantly ignore what Jesus did to enable you to live righteously before Him. Ask Him to break your heart with what breaks His.

DAY ONE

Complete your observations for John 19:17-42.

DAY TWO AND THREE

We are going to look at the crucifixion detail by detail. Start by reading each account keeping detailed notes on what transpired. Doing this on computer, if one is available, will help with the next step.

When you are done listing all the events make a compilation from all four gospel accounts. I used different colors for each gospel. This is what my list would look like.

You will need to think about these Scriptures and sort out the events. When you have completed this assignment, you will have a complete picture of the crucifixion.

John 19

Matthew 27

Mark 15

Luke 23

- He went out bearing His own cross to the Place of the Skull - Golgotha (17)
- they pressed Simon of Cyrene into service to bear Jesus' cross (32)
- Came to Golgotha meaning the Place of the Skull (33)
- pressed Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus) to bear His cross (21)
- brought Him to Golgotha which is the Place of a Skull (22)
- When they led Him away they seized Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country and placed the cross on him to carry behind Jesus (26)
- Following Him was a large crowd of people and the women were mourning and lamenting Him (27)
- Jesus said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and your children . . . days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren . . . they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' (28-31)

The Crucifixion

1. John 19:17-37
2. Matthew 27:32-56
3. Mark 15:21-41
4. Luke 23:26-49

DAY FOUR

You are going to do the same thing as you did on day two and three with the crucifixion account, only this time you will be looking at the burial.

The Burial

1. John 19:38-42
2. Matthew 27:57-61
3. Mark 15:42-47
4. Luke 23:50-56

DAY FIVE

The Prophecy

1. Psalm 22 - This Psalm was written 1,000 years before the crucifixion of Christ. Record what you learn and be amazed. Man's redemption was planned from the beginning, before God even created him. The entire Old Testament was proof of God's unconditional (agape) love - His willingness to send His only begotten Son, who voluntarily placed Himself on that cross to pay the debt that we owed.

- 2. Isaiah 52:13-53:12 - Read through these verses in Isaiah and record on the chart below what you learn about Jesus Christ, man, and what Jesus accomplished when He died. Isaiah penned his words about 700 years before Christ.

Purpose of Jesus' Death

Jesus Christ	Man	What Jesus' Death Accomplished for Man

Last week we left Jesus in the tomb. If that is where He stayed, it would be a very sad story indeed. Praise the Lord, that wasn't the end, it was just the beginning. Christ rose from the dead . . . or did He?

If Christ rose, then He is the first fruits of the dead (a promise that believers will also be raised with a glorified body and be with the Lord forever). His death made propitiation for our sins so that we can live in the presence of God. If He didn't rise from the dead, then our faith is in vain (I Corinthians 15:14).

We need to be ready to give an account for the hope that is in us (I Peter 3:15). If you are questioned by others about whether the resurrection truly took place, would you be able to give an account for what you believe? If you are faced with those who disagree, would you be able to defend, from Scripture, the truths of the gospel?

Study well and be ready in season and out of season. Your faith is built upon this wonderful account. Let God open your eyes of understanding and look upon the One who now is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

DAY ONE

Complete your observations for John 20.

DAY TWO AND THREE

Remember last week's assignment on days two through four? You took the passages on the crucifixion and burial and put them together into a running account of the events. You are going to do the same thing over the next two days with the events of the resurrection. So if you are unsure of the directions for this assignment, look back at the instructions on pages 182-183.

d. John 2:18-22

e. Romans 4:22-25; 6:4-5

f. Colossians 2:12

g. John 11:25

h. I Peter 1:3

i. I John 3:1

j. Philippians 3:21

k. Matthew 22:23-32

3. Answer the following questions. Write out the main points making sure to include the Scripture references.

a. According to I Corinthians 15:1-8, what are the main points of the gospel?

b. How does the doctrine of the resurrection affect our message? Why?

c. Why is the resurrection an important doctrine in the Christian faith?

d. What did Christ's resurrection accomplish for you and how?

e. What will Christians be like in the resurrection?

DAY FIVE

Since the resurrection is an essential part of a Christian's faith, it has come under much attack. Satan hates it and has tried to discredit it over the last 2,000 years hoping to blind men to the truth. The resurrection of Christ shows that God was completely satisfied (propitiated) by the death of His Son. When Jesus Christ said, "It is finished!" the sin debt was paid in full. Not with the blood of bulls and goats, but with the blood of the Lamb of God. We can now stand justified before a holy, righteous, just God having confidence to enter into the holy place (into God's presence) by the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 10:19-22).

There are various theories that men have put forth in order to suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Read these theories and write out how you would respond to such a statement if confronted with it.

1. Christ really did not die. He swooned and was revived in the cool of the tomb.

Congratulations to those who have stuck with this study. We have made it to the end. I pray that this study of John has truly blessed your heart as it has mine. Through this study we beheld the Word become flesh and dwell among men. We saw the signs that He performed. We have witnessed the settings to all the great "I AM" statements made by Jesus. We watch the Creator of the world bend down to wash His disciples' feet and declare that they were clean except for one of them. We saw Jesus betrayed, crucified, buried, and raised from the dead so that we could be called children of God and be raised up on the last day.

John wanted us to know that Jesus was truly the Christ, the only Son of God, and that by believing in Him - the Resurrection and the Life - we could have life in His name. Has John accomplished his purpose?

Now we come to the last chapter.

DAY ONE AND TWO

Complete your observations for John 21.

DAY THREE

1. Read through John 21 again. Why do you think that John included this chapter? How does it fit into John's purpose and the rest of his gospel?

2. There are three main sections in John 21:1-23. List the main events that happen in each section.

a. John 21:1-14

b. John 21:15-17

c. John 21:18-23

3. John 21:15-17 has an interesting dialogue between Jesus and Peter. Jesus asks Peter a question. Peter responds, and then Jesus asks him to do something. Use whatever resources you may have to work through these verses. Look up the original words for love and tend/shepherd. Look at verb tenses, etc.

Jesus' Question to Peter	Peter's Answer	Lord's Instruction
vs. 15		
vs. 16		
vs. 17		

DAY FOUR

1. Compare Peter's response to the Lord in John 18 and John 21. Carefully and prayerfully read through these chapters and record what you learn about Peter and watch the change in his life.

2. If you have time and resources, you can check commentaries on John 21.

DAY FIVE

This is your last assignment. Enjoy it! You have studied this book for the last 29 weeks. You have processed the information. You have looked at the cross references. You have written outlines, poems, and lessons; you may have even drawn a couple of pictures. Armed with all this information, read through the book of John one last time. Let God's love wash over you as you watch the living Word, the Light of the World, come to lay down His life for you and me.

John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 John *testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’”

16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

19 This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

20 And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

21 They asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he *said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”

22 Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

23 He said, “I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.”

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

25 They asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

26 John answered them saying, “I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know.

27 It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”

28 These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is He on behalf of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’

31 I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”

32 John testified saying, “I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

33 I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’

34 I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

35 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,

36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 And Jesus turned and saw them following, and *said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?”

39 He *said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.

41 He *found first his own brother Simon and *said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means Christ).

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

43 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He *found Philip. And Jesus *said to him, “Follow Me.”

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip *found Nathanael and *said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

46 Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip *said to him, “Come and see.”

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and *said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

48 Nathanael *said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

49 Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”

50 Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

51 And He *said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

John 2

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

2 and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus *said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 And Jesus *said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother *said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each.

7 Jesus *said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.

8 And He *said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him.

9 When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter *called the bridegroom,

10 and *said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now."

11 This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables;

16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business."

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me."

18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?"

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

22 So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.

24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,

25 and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man,
for He Himself knew what was in man.

John 3

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus *said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?”

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?

11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.

12 If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.

14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

20 For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

21 But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing.

23 John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized

24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John’s disciples with a Jew about purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him.”

27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

28 You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’

29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 “He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

32 What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.

33 He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true.

34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.

35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

John 4

1 Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), 3 He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.

4 And He had to pass through Samaria.

5 So He *came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;

6 and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus *said to her, "Give Me a drink."

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Therefore the Samaritan woman *said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 She *said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?"

12 You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

15 The woman *said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.”

16 He *said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.”

17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus *said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’;

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

19 The woman *said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

21 Jesus *said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

25 The woman *said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”

26 Jesus *said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

27 At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”

28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men,

29 “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?”

30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

33 So the disciples were saying to one another, “No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?”

34 Jesus *said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

36 Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’

38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”

39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I have done.”

40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41 Many more believed because of His word;

42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

43 After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.

44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

46 Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring Him to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe."

49 The royal official *said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

50 Jesus *said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off.

51 As he was now going down, his slaves met him, saying that his son was living.

52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

53 So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives”; and he himself believed and his whole household.

54 This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

John 5

1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.

3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters;

4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]

5 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He *said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus *said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk."

9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk.

Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'"

12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick up your pallet and walk’?”

13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus *found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.”

15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

17 But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”

18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

25 Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

26 For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

28 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,

29 and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

30 “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

31 “If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true.

32 There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.

33 You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

34 But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

35 He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

36 But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37 And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.

38 You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;

40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

41 I do not receive glory from men;

42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.

47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

John 6

1 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).

2 A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.

3 Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples.

4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

5 Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, *said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?"

6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.

7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."

8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, *said to Him,

9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted.

12 When they were filled, He *said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost."

13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18 The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.

19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they *saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.

20 But He *said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

22 The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone.

23 There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus.

25 When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

27 Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

28 Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

30 So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?"

31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'"

32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

33 For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

36 But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

39 This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

40 For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

41 Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of heaven.”

42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven’?”

43 Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.

44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

47 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

51 I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

52 Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?”

53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

54 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.

58 This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?”

61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble?”

62 What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

64 But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

65 And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”

68 Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.”

70 Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?”

71 Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

John 7

1 After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near.

3 Therefore His brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing.

4 For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

6 So Jesus *said to them, "My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune.

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil.

8 Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come."

9 Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

10 But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as if, in secret.

11 So the Jews were seeking Him at the feast and were saying, "Where is He?"

12 There was much grumbling among the crowds concerning Him; some were saying, "He is a good man"; others were saying, "No, on the contrary, He leads the people astray."

13 Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to teach.

15 The Jews then were astonished, saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?"

16 So Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.

18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

19 "Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"

20 The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?"

21 Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel.

22 For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man.

23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath?

24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

25 So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?"

26 Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ, do they?

27 However, we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from.”

28 Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

29 I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

30 So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

31 But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, “When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?”

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.

33 Therefore Jesus said, “For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.

34 You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

35 The Jews then said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?

36 What is this statement that He said, ‘You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come’?”

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is the Prophet."

41 Others were saying, "This is the Christ." Still others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?

42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

43 So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

44 Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?"

46 The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks."

47 The Pharisees then answered them, "You have not also been led astray, have you?

48 No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?

49 But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed."

50 Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) *said to them,

51 "Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"

52 They answered him, “You are not also from Galilee, are you?
Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.”

53 [Everyone went to his home.

John 8

1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them.

3 The scribes and the Pharisees *brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center of the court,

4 they *said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?”

6 They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.

7 But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

8 Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 When they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court.

10 Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?”

11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”]

12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

13 So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true."

14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

15 You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone.

16 But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me.

17 Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me."

19 So they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also."

20 These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

21 Then He said again to them, "I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come."

22 So the Jews were saying, "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?"

23 And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

25 So they were saying to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “What have I been saying to you from the beginning?

26 I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.”

27 They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.

28 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

30 As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.

36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

38 I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father."

39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus *said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.

40 But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

41 You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God."

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.

43 Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.

44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

48 The Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.”

52 The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets also; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste of death.’

53 Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?”

54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’;

55 and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

57 So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

John 9

1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?”

3 Jesus answered, “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

4 We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

5 While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”

6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,

7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.

8 Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?”

9 Others were saying, “This is he,” still others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.”

10 So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?”

11 He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.”

12 They said to him, “Where is He?” He *said, “I do not know.”

13 They *brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind.

14 Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

15 Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, "He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, "This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." But others were saying, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And there was a division among them.

17 So they *said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?" And he said, "He is a prophet."

18 The Jews then did not believe it of him, that he had been blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight,

19 and questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?"

20 His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

21 but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself."

22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

23 For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner."

25 He then answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

26 So they said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

27 He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?"

28 They reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from."

30 The man answered and said to them, "Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.

31 We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.

32 Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" So they put him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36 He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you."

38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

John 10

1 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.

2 But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

11 “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

12 He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

13 He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

19 A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words.

20 Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?”

21 Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;

23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.

24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.

26 But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

30 I and the Father are one.”

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?”

33 The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.”

34 Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’?

35 If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36 do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?

37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there.

41 Many came to Him and were saying, “While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.”

42 Many believed in Him there.

John 11

1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

4 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was.

7 Then after this He *said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

8 The disciples *said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?"

9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

11 This He said, and after that He *said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep."

12 The disciples then said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."

13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep.

14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

15 and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him."

16 Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Him."

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off;

19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother.

20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house.

21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

23 Jesus *said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha *said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

28 When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

29 And when she heard it, she *got up quickly and was coming to Him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him.

31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled,

34 and said, "Where have you laid him?" They *said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus wept.

36 So the Jews were saying, "See how He loved him!"

37 But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?"

38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, *came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 Jesus *said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, *said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days."

40 Jesus *said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

42 I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.”

43 When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”

44 The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus *said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

45 Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him.

46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.

47 Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, “What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.

48 If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all,

50 nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.”

51 Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,

52 and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

53 So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

54 Therefore Jesus no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.

55 Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves.

56 So they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?"

57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he was to report it, so that they might seize Him.

John 12

1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him.

3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, *said,

5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?”

6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

7 Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial.

8 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.”

9 The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also;

11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."

14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

17 So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify about Him.

18 For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.

19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast;

21 these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip *came and *told Andrew; Andrew and Philip *came and *told Jesus.

23 And Jesus *answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.

26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

27 “Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

28 Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

29 So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, “An angel has spoken to Him.”

30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.

31 Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

34 The crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

35 So Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.

36 While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light."

These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.

37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.

38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

39 For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, 40 "He has blinded their eyes and He hardened their heart, so that they would not see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and be converted and I heal them."

41 These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.

42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me.

45 He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.

46 I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

47 If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

49 For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.

50 I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

John 13

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

2 During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,

4 *got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

5 Then He *poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

6 So He *came to Simon Peter. He *said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter."

8 Peter *said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

9 Simon Peter *said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

10 Jesus *said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?

13 You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.

14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

15 For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

18 I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.’

19 From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He.

20 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

21 When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.”

22 The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking.

23 There was reclining on Jesus’ bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 So Simon Peter *gestured to him, and *said to him, “Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking.”

25 He, leaning back thus on Jesus' bosom, *said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus then *answered, "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him." So when He had dipped the morsel, He *took and *gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

27 After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus *said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

28 Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him.

29 For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of for the feast"; or else, that he should give something to the poor.

30 So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night.

31 Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus *said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him;

32 if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately.

33 Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

36 Simon Peter *said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered, “Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.”

37 Peter *said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.”

38 Jesus *answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.

John 14

1 “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And you know the way where I am going.”

5 Thomas *said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?”

6 Jesus *said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”

8 Philip *said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

9 Jesus *said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

13 Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19 After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.

20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

22 Judas (not Iscariot) *said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?”

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

25 “These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

28 You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

29 Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.

30 I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;

31 but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.

John 15

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.

15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

17 This I command you, that you love one another.

18 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.

25 But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,

27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16

1 “These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling.

2 They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.

3 These things they will do because they have not known the Father or Me.

4 But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 “But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’

6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;

11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

16 “A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me.”

17 Some of His disciples then said to one another, “What is this thing He is telling us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?”

18 So they were saying, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.”

19 Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, “Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’?”

20 Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy.

21 Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.

22 Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

23 In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.

24 Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

25 “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.

26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf;

27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father.

28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father.”

29 His disciples *said, “Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech.

30 Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God.”

31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?”

32 Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

John 17

1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,

2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.

3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

4 I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7 Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You;

8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

9 I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;

10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.

12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

13 But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19 For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;

23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;

26 and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

John 18

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples.

2 Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples.

3 Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, *came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and *said to them, "Whom do you seek?"

5 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He *said to them, "I am He." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

6 So when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

7 Therefore He again asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He; so if you seek Me, let these go their way,"

9 to fulfill the word which He spoke, "Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one."

10 Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

12 So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,

13 and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.

15 Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest,

16 but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.

17 Then the slave-girl who kept the door *said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He *said, "I am not."

18 Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.

19 The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.

20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.

21 Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said."

22 When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?"

24 So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it, and said, "I am not."

26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, *said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

27 Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

28 Then they *led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

29 Therefore Pilate went out to them and *said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you."

31 So Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death,"

32 to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

33 Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

38 Pilate *said to Him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and *said to them, "I find no guilt in Him.

39 But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?"

40 So they cried out again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 19

1 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him.

2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him;

3 and they began to come up to Him and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him slaps in the face.

4 Pilate came out again and *said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him."

5 Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate *said to them, "Behold, the Man!"

6 So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate *said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him."

7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God."

8 Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid;

9 and he entered into the Praetorium again and *said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 So Pilate *said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"

11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

12 As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar."

13 Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he *said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!"

15 So they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate *said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.

17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

18 There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.

19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

20 Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek.

21 So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece.

24 So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

25 Therefore the soldiers did these things.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He *said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

27 Then He *said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, *said, "I am thirsty."

29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth.

30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

31 Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him;

33 but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken."

37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.

39 Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight.

40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

42 Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

John 20

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene *came early to the tomb, while it *was still dark, and *saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.

2 So she *ran and *came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and *said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

3 So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb.

4 The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;

5 and stooping and looking in, he *saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in.

6 And so Simon Peter also *came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he *saw the linen wrappings lying there,

7 and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.

9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

11 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;

12 and she *saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

13 And they *said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She *said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

14 When she had said this, she turned around and *saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus *said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she *said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

16 Jesus *said to her, "Mary!" She turned and *said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).

17 Jesus *said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene *came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and *said to them, "Peace be with you."

20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then He *said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus *said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 21

1 After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way.

2 Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

3 Simon Peter *said to them, "I am going fishing." They *said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 So Jesus *said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No."

6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved *said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

9 So when they got out on the land, they *saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread.

10 Jesus *said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.”

11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus *said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples ventured to question Him, “Who are You?” knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus *came and *took the bread and *gave it to them, and the fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He *said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He *said to him, “Tend My lambs.”

16 He *said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He *said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He *said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.”

17 He *said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus *said to him, “Tend My sheep.

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.”

19 Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He *said to him, “Follow Me!”

20 Peter, turning around, *saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”

21 So Peter seeing him *said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about this man?”

22 Jesus *said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!”

23 Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”

24 This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they *were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself *would not contain the books that *would be written.

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