

2026-2027 CMA John Reference Material

- ¶ John 1:1 - In the **beginning was** the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word **was God**.
- John 1:2 - He was with God in the beginning.
- John 1:3 - Through him all **things were made**; **without him nothing was made that has been made**.
- John 1:4 - In **him was life**, and **that life was** the light of **all mankind**.
- John 1:5 - The **light shines in** the **darkness**, and the **darkness has not overcome it**.
- ¶ John 1:6 - There was a **man sent from God whose name was John**.
- John 1:7 - He **came as** a witness to **testify concerning that light**, so **that through him all might believe**.
- John 1:8 - He **himself was** not the **light**; **he came only** as a witness to the light.
- ¶ John 1:9 - The **true light that gives light to everyone was coming into** the world.
- John 1:10 - He was in the world, **and though** the **world was made through** him, the **world did not recognize him**.
- John 1:11 - He came to **that which was** his own, but his **own did not receive** him.
- John 1:12 - **Yet** to all **who did receive** him, to those who **believed** in his **name**, **he gave the right to become** children of God --
- John 1:13 - **children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born** of God.
- ¶ John 1:14 - The **Word became flesh** and **made his dwelling among us**. **We** have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the **Father, full** of grace and truth.
- ¶ John 1:15 - (**John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying**, "This is the one I **spoke about when** I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'")
- John 1:16 - Out of **his fullness we have all received grace in place** of **grace already given**.
- John 1:17 - For the **law was given through Moses**; **grace and truth came through Jesus** Christ.
- John 1:18 - No one has **ever seen God**, but the one and only Son, who **is himself God** and is **in closest relationship with** the Father, **has made him known**.
- ¶ John 1:19 - Now this **was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask** him **who he was**.
- John 1:20 - He did **not fail to confess, but confessed freely**, "I am not the Messiah."
- ¶ John 1:21 - They asked him, "**Then who are you? Are you Elijah?**" **He said**, "I am **not**." "**Are you the Prophet?**" **He answered**, "No."
- ¶ John 1:22 - **Finally they said**, "**Who are you? Give us an answer to take back** to those who **sent us. What do you say about yourself?**"
- ¶ John 1:23 - John **replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet**, "I am the **voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'**"
- ¶ John 1:24 - Now the **Pharisees** who had **been sent**
- John 1:25 - **questioned him**, "**Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?**"
- ¶ John 1:26 - "**I baptize with water**," **John** replied, "**but among you stands one** you do not know.
- John 1:27 - He is the one who comes after me, **the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie**."
- ¶ John 1:28 - **This all happened at Bethany on the other side** of the **Jordan**, **where** John was baptizing.
- ¶ John 1:29 - The next day **John saw Jesus coming toward** him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, **who takes away the sin of** the world!
- John 1:30 - This is the one I **meant** when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'
- John 1:31 - I myself did not know him, but the **reason I came baptizing with water was that** he might **be revealed to Israel**."
- ¶ John 1:32 - **Then John gave this testimony**: "I saw the Spirit come down from **heaven as a dove and remain on** him.
- John 1:33 - And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me **to baptize with water told** me, 'The **man on** whom you see the Spirit come down and **remain is** the one who **will baptize** with the **Holy** Spirit.'

John 1:34 - I have seen and I testify that this **is God's Chosen One.**"

¶ **John 1:35** - The next day John was **there again with two** of his disciples.

John 1:36 - When he saw **Jesus passing by, he** said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

¶ **John 1:37** - When the **two disciples heard** him say this, they followed Jesus.

John 1:38 - **Turning around, Jesus saw them following and** asked, "What do you **want?**" **They** said, "**Rabbi**" (**which means "Teacher"**), "**where are you staying?**"

¶ **John 1:39** - "**Come,**" **he** replied, "and you will **see.**" **So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him.** It was **about four in the afternoon.**

¶ **John 1:40** - Andrew, Simon **Peter's brother, was** one of the **two who heard what John** had said and who **had followed** Jesus.

John 1:41 - The **first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him,** "We have found the **Messiah**" (**that is, the Christ**).

John 1:42 - And he **brought** him to **Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said,** "You **are Simon** son of **John. You will be called Cephas**" (**which, when translated, is Peter**).

¶ **John 1:43** - The next **day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he** said to him, "**Follow me.**"

¶ **John 1:44** - **Philip, like Andrew and Peter,** was from the **town of Bethsaida.**

John 1:45 - **Philip found Nathanael and** told him, "We have found the **one Moses wrote** about in the Law, and **about whom the prophets also wrote --Jesus** of Nazareth, the son of **Joseph.**"

¶ **John 1:46** - "**Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?**" **Nathanael** asked. "Come and **see,**" **said Philip.**

¶ **John 1:47** - When Jesus **saw Nathanael approaching, he** said of him, "**Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.**"

¶ **John 1:48** - "**How do you know me?**" **Nathanael** asked. Jesus answered, "I saw **you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.**"

¶ **John 1:49** - **Then Nathanael declared,** "**Rabbi, you** are the Son of **God; you** are the **king** of Israel."

¶ **John 1:50** - Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw **you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.**"

John 1:51 - **He then added,** "**Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man.**"

¶ **John 2:1** - **On the third day a wedding took place at Cana** in Galilee. Jesus' **mother was** there,

John 2:2 - and Jesus and his disciples **had also been invited to the wedding.**

John 2:3 - When **the wine was gone, Jesus' mother** said to him, "They have **no more wine.**"

¶ **John 2:4** - "**Woman, why do you involve me?**" **Jesus replied.** "**My hour** has not **yet** come."

¶ **John 2:5** - His mother said to the **servants,** "**Do whatever he tells you.**"

¶ **John 2:6** - **Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.**

¶ **John 2:7** - Jesus said to the **servants,** "**Fill the jars with water**"; so **they filled them to the brim.**

¶ **John 2:8** - Then he **told them,** "**Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.**" **They did so,**

John 2:9 - and the master of the **banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He** did not **realize where** it had come **from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside**

John 2:10 - and **said,** "**Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.**"

¶ **John 2:11** - What Jesus **did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory;** and his **disciples believed** in him.

¶ **John 2:12** - After this he went **down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers** and his disciples. There **they stayed for a few days.**

¶ **John 2:13** - When it was **almost time** for the **Jewish** Passover, Jesus went **up** to Jerusalem.

John 2:14 - In the temple **courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.**

John 2:15 - So **he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.**

John 2:16 - To **those who sold doves he** said, "**Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!**"

John 2:17 - His **disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."**

¶ John 2:18 - The **Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"**

¶ John 2:19 - Jesus **answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."**

¶ John 2:20 - They replied, "**It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"**

John 2:21 - But the **temple he had spoken of was his body.**

John 2:22 - After he was **raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.**

¶ John 2:23 - **Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.**

John 2:24 - But Jesus **would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.**

John 2:25 - He did **not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.**

¶ John 3:1 - Now there was a **Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.**

John 3:2 - He came to Jesus at **night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."**

¶ John 3:3 - Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. "

¶ John 3:4 - "How **can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"**

¶ John 3:5 - Jesus **answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.**

John 3:6 - **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

John 3:7 - You **should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'**

John 3:8 - **The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."**

¶ John 3:9 - "How can this **be?" Nicodemus asked.**

¶ John 3:10 - "You **are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?**

John 3:11 - Very truly I tell **you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.**

John 3:12 - I have **spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?**

John 3:13 - No one has **ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven --the Son of Man.**

John 3:14 - **Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,**

John 3:15 - that everyone who **believes may have eternal life in him."**

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

John 3:17 - For **God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

John 3:18 - Whoever believes in him is **not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**

John 3:19 - This is **the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.**

John 3:20 - Everyone who **does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.**

John 3:21 - But whoever **lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.**

¶ John 3:22 - **After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized.**

John 3:23 - **Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized.**

John 3:24 - (This was **before John was put in prison.**)

John 3:25 - **An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing.**

John 3:26 - They came to John and said to him, "**Rabbi, that man** who was with **you** on the **other side** of the **Jordan--the one you testified about--look, he is baptizing, and everyone is** going to him."

¶ **John 3:27** - To **this John** replied, "**A person can receive only** what **is given** them from heaven.

John 3:28 - **You yourselves can testify** that I said, 'I am not the **Messiah but am sent ahead** of him.'

John 3:29 - **The bride belongs** to the **bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens** for him, and **is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine,** and it **is now complete.**

John 3:30 - He must **become greater; I must become less.**"

¶ **John 3:31** - The one who comes from **above is** above all; the one who is from the **earth belongs** to the **earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The** one who comes from **heaven is** above all.

John 3:32 - He **testifies** to what he has seen and **heard, but no one accepts his** testimony.

John 3:33 - Whoever **has accepted it has certified that** God **is truthful.**

John 3:34 - For the one **whom God has sent speaks the words** of God, for **God gives the Spirit without limit.**

John 3:35 - The **Father loves** the Son and has **placed everything in his hands.**

John 3:36 - Whoever believes in the **Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the** Son will not **see life,** for **God's wrath remains on** them.

¶ **John 4:1** - Now **Jesus learned** that the **Pharisees** had heard that he **was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John --**

John 4:2 - **although in fact it** was not Jesus **who baptized, but** his disciples.

John 4:3 - So he **left Judea and** went **back once** more to Galilee.

¶ **John 4:4** - Now he had to **go through Samaria.**

John 4:5 - So he came to **a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had** given to his **son Joseph.**

John 4:6 - **Jacob's well was** there, and **Jesus, tired as** he was from **the journey, sat down by** the **well. It** was about **noon.**

¶ **John 4:7** - When a Samaritan **woman came** to draw **water, Jesus** said to **her, "Will** you give me a drink?"

John 4:8 - (His disciples had **gone** into the **town to buy food.**)

¶ **John 4:9** - **The Samaritan** woman said to him, "You are a **Jew and I** am a Samaritan **woman. How** can you **ask** me for a **drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)**

¶ **John 4:10** - Jesus **answered her, "If** you **knew the gift of** God and who it is **that asks you** for a **drink, you** would **have asked** him and he would have given **you living** water."

¶ **John 4:11** - "Sir," the woman said, "you **have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can** you **get this living** water?"

John 4:12 - Are you **greater** than our **father Jacob, who gave us** the **well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"**

¶ **John 4:13** - Jesus **answered, "Everyone who drinks this** water will be **thirsty again,**

John 4:14 - but **whoever drinks the** water I give them will **never thirst. Indeed, the** water I give them will **become in them a spring of water welling up** to eternal life."

¶ **John 4:15** - The woman said to **him, "Sir, give me this** water so that **I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to** draw water."

¶ **John 4:16** - He **told her, "Go, call your husband and** come back."

¶ **John 4:17** - "I have no **husband," she** replied. Jesus said to **her, "You are right when** you **say you** have no husband.

John 4:18 - **The fact is,** you have **had five husbands, and** the **man you now have** is **not your husband. What** you have **just said is quite true.**"

¶ **John 4:19** - "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet.

John 4:20 - Our **ancestors worshiped on** this **mountain, but you Jews claim that** the **place where we** must **worship is** in Jerusalem."

John 4:21 - "**Woman,**" **Jesus replied, "believe** me, a time is coming when you will worship the **Father neither on** this **mountain nor in** Jerusalem.

John 4:22 - **You Samaritans worship** what you do not **know; we worship** what we do **know, for salvation is** from the Jews.

John 4:23 - **Yet** a time is coming and has now come when the **true worshipers will** worship the **Father** in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the **kind of worshipers the Father seeks**.

John 4:24 - God **is spirit**, and **his worshipers must worship in** the Spirit and in truth."

¶ John 4:25 - The woman said, "I know **that Messiah**" (called **Christ**) "**is** coming. When he **comes**, he **will explain everything to** us."

¶ John 4:26 - Then Jesus **declared**, "**I, the** one **speaking to** you--I am he."

¶ John 4:27 - **Just then** his **disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking** with a **woman**. **But** no one asked, "What do you **want?**" or "**Why** are **you talking** with her?"

¶ John 4:28 - **Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went** back to the town and said to the people,

John 4:29 - "**Come, see a** man who told me everything I ever **did**. **Could this** be the Messiah?"

John 4:30 - They came out of the town and **made their way toward** him.

¶ John 4:31 - **Meanwhile his disciples urged** him, "**Rabbi, eat something**."

¶ John 4:32 - But he said to them, "I **have food to eat that** you know **nothing about**."

¶ John 4:33 - Then his disciples said **to each other**, "**Could someone have brought him food?**"

¶ John 4:34 - "**My food**," **said** Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to **finish his** work."

John 4:35 - **Don't** you have **a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'?** **I tell you, open** your **eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest**.

John 4:36 - **Even** now the one **who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for** eternal life, so that **the sower and the reaper may** be **glad together**.

John 4:37 - **Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is** true.

John 4:38 - **I sent you to reap what** you have **not worked for**. **Others have done the hard work, and** you **have reaped the benefits of their labor**."

¶ John 4:39 - Many of the **Samaritans from that town believed** in him because of **the woman's testimony**, "**He** told me everything I ever did."

John 4:40 - So when the **Samaritans came** to him, **they urged** him **to stay with** them, and he **stayed two** days.

John 4:41 - And because of his **words many more became believers**.

¶ John 4:42 - They said to the **woman**, "**We no longer believe just because** of what **you said**; now we have **heard for ourselves, and** we know that this **man really is the Savior of the world**."

¶ John 4:43 - After the two **days he** left for Galilee.

John 4:44 - (Now **Jesus himself had pointed out** that a **prophet has no honor in his own country**.)

John 4:45 - When **he arrived** in Galilee, **the Galileans welcomed him**. They had **seen all** that he had done in Jerusalem at the **Passover Festival, for they also had been** there.

¶ John 4:46 - Once **more he visited Cana** in **Galilee, where he had turned the** water into **wine**. **And** there was a **certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum**.

John 4:47 - **When this man heard** that Jesus **had arrived** in **Galilee from Judea, he** went to him **and begged him** to come **and heal his** son, who **was close to death**.

¶ John 4:48 - "**Unless** you **people see signs and wonders**," Jesus told him, "you will **never believe**."

¶ John 4:49 - **The royal official said, 'Sir, come down before my child dies**.'"

¶ John 4:50 - "**Go**," Jesus replied, "your son will **live**." **The man took** Jesus at his **word and departed**.

John 4:51 - **While** he was **still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living**.

John 4:52 - When **he inquired as** to the **time when his son got better, they** said to him, "**Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him**."

¶ John 4:53 - Then the **father realized** that this was **the exact time at which** Jesus had said to him, "**Your son will live**." **So** he and **his whole household believed**.

¶ John 4:54 - This was **the second sign** Jesus **performed after coming from Judea to** Galilee.

¶ John 5:1 - **Some time later**, Jesus went up to Jerusalem **for one** of the **Jewish festivals**.

John 5:2 - Now there is in **Jerusalem near** the **Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades**.

John 5:3 - **Here** a **great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed**.

John 5:5 - One who was **there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years**.

John 5:6 - When Jesus **saw him lying** there and **learned** that he had been in **this condition for a long** time, he asked him, "**Do you want to get well?**"

¶ John 5:7 - "**Sir**," **the invalid replied**, "I have no one to **help me** into the **pool when the water is stirred**. **While** I am **trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead** of me."

¶ John 5:8 - **Then** Jesus said to **him**, "**Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.**"

John 5:9 - At **once** the man **was cured**; he **picked up his mat and walked**. The day on **which this took place was** a Sabbath,

John 5:10 - and so the Jewish **leaders said** to the man who had **been healed**, "**It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.**"

¶ John 5:11 - But he replied, "The man **who made me well said to me**, '**Pick up your mat and walk.**' "

¶ John 5:12 - So they asked him, "Who is this **fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?**"

¶ John 5:13 - The man who **was healed had no idea who** it was, for Jesus **had slipped away into the crowd** that was there.

¶ John 5:14 - Later Jesus **found** him at the **temple** and said to **him**, "**See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.**"

John 5:15 - The man **went away** and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made **him well**.

¶ John 5:16 - **So, because** Jesus **was doing** these **things on** the Sabbath, the Jewish **leaders began to persecute him**.

John 5:17 - In **his defense** Jesus said to them, "My Father **is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.**"

John 5:18 - For this **reason** they **tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath**, but he was **even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God**.

¶ John 5:19 - Jesus gave them **this answer**: "**Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.**"

John 5:20 - For the Father **loves** the Son **and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so** that you will be amazed.

John 5:21 - **For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.**

John 5:22 - **Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to** the Son,

John 5:23 - that **all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.**

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

John 5:25 - Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the **dead will hear the voice** of the Son of God and those **who hear will live.**

John 5:26 - **For as** the Father **has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.**

John 5:27 - And he has given him **authority to judge because** he is the Son of Man.

¶ John 5:28 - "Do not be **amazed at** this, for a time is coming **when all** who are in **their graves will hear his voice**

John 5:29 - and come **out--those** who have done what **is good will rise to live, and** those who have done what **is evil will rise to be condemned.**

John 5:30 - **By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him** who sent me.

¶ John 5:31 - "If I testify **about myself**, my testimony is **not true.**

John 5:32 - There **is another who testifies in my favor, and** I know that his testimony about me is true.

¶ John 5:33 - "You have **sent to** John and he **has testified to the truth.**

John 5:34 - Not that **I accept human testimony; but I mention it** that you may be **saved.**

John 5:35 - John was **a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.**

¶ John 5:36 - "I **have testimony weightier than that of John. For** the works that the Father has given me to **finish--the very works that I am doing --testify** that the Father has sent me.

John 5:37 - And the Father who sent me **has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form,**

John 5:38 - **nor does his word dwell in** you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

John 5:39 - **You study the Scriptures diligently because** you **think that** in them you have eternal **life. These** are the **very Scriptures that testify** about me,

John 5:40 - **yet** you **refuse** to come to me to have life.

¶ John 5:41 - "I do not accept glory **from human beings,**

John 5:42 - but I know you. I know that you do not have the **love of God in your hearts.**

John 5:43 - I have come in my **Father's** name, and you do not **accept me**; but **if someone else comes** in his **own name**, you **will accept** him.

John 5:44 - How can you **believe since you accept** glory **from one another** but do **not seek the** glory that comes from the **only God**?

¶ **John 5:45** - "But do **not think I will accuse you before** the **Father**. **Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set.**

John 5:46 - If **you believed Moses, you would believe** me, for he wrote about me.

John 5:47 - **But since** you do not believe what he **wrote, how are you going** to believe what I **say**?"

¶ **John 6:1** - Some **time after** this, **Jesus crossed to the far shore** of the Sea of **Galilee** (that is, the Sea of **Tiberias**),

John 6:2 - and a great crowd **of people followed** him because they saw the signs he had **performed by healing the sick.**

John 6:3 - Then Jesus went **up on a mountainside** and sat **down with** his disciples.

John 6:4 - The **Jewish Passover Festival was** near.

¶ **John 6:5** - When Jesus **looked up** and saw a great **crowd coming toward** him, he said to **Philip**, "**Where shall we buy bread for these people** to eat?"

John 6:6 - He **asked this only to test him**, for **he already had in mind what** he was **going** to do.

¶ **John 6:7** - **Philip answered** him, "It **would take more than half a year's wages** to buy enough **bread** for **each one** to have a **bite**!"

¶ **John 6:8** - **Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke** up,

John 6:9 - "Here is a **boy with five small barley loaves** and **two small fish, but how far will they go among so many**?"

¶ **John 6:10** - Jesus **said, "Have the people sit down."** There was **plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down** (about five **thousand men were** there).

John 6:11 - Jesus **then took** the **loaves, gave thanks, and distributed** to those who **were seated as much as they wanted.** He did the **same** with the fish.

¶ **John 6:12** - When they **had all had enough to eat, he** said to his **disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."**

John 6:13 - So **they gathered them and filled twelve baskets** with the **pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those** who had eaten.

¶ **John 6:14** - After the people saw the sign Jesus **performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who** is to come into the world."

John 6:15 - Jesus, **knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again** to a **mountain by himself.**

¶ **John 6:16** - **When evening came, his** disciples went down to the lake,

John 6:17 - where they got into a **boat and set off across** the **lake for Capernaum.** By now it was **dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them.**

John 6:18 - **A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough.**

John 6:19 - When they **had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water;** and they **were frightened.**

John 6:20 - But he said to **them, "It is I; don't be afraid."**

John 6:21 - Then they **were willing to take him into** the boat, **and immediately the boat reached** the **shore where they were heading.**

¶ **John 6:22** - The **next** day the crowd that **had stayed on the opposite shore** of the **lake realized that only one boat had been** there, and that Jesus had **not entered it** with his **disciples, but that they had gone away alone.**

John 6:23 - **Then some boats from Tiberias landed near** the place where the **people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.**

John 6:24 - **Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor** his disciples were there, they got into the **boats and went to Capernaum in search of** Jesus.

¶ **John 6:25** - When **they found him on the other side** of the **lake, they** asked him, "**Rabbi, when did you get here**?"

¶ **John 6:26** - Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are **looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but** because **you ate** the loaves and **had your fill.**

John 6:27 - Do **not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will** give you. For on him **God the Father has placed his seal of approval.**"

¶ John 6:28 - Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

¶ John 6:29 - Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

¶ John 6:30 - So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"

John 6:31 - Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

¶ John 6:32 - Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven."

John 6:33 - For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

¶ John 6:34 - "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

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

John 6:36 - But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

John 6:37 - All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

John 6:38 - For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 6:39 - And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

John 6:40 - For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

¶ John 6:41 - At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

John 6:42 - They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'"

John 6:43 - "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered.

John 6:44 - "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day."

John 6:45 - It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.

John 6:46 - No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

John 6:47 - Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

John 6:48 - I am the bread of life.

John 6:49 - Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died.

John 6:50 - But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die.

John 6:51 - I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

¶ John 6:52 - Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

¶ John 6:53 - Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

John 6:54 - Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

John 6:55 - For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

John 6:56 - Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

John 6:57 - Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

John 6:58 - This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

John 6:59 - He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

¶ John 6:60 - On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

¶ John 6:61 - Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?"

John 6:62 - Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!

John 6:63 - The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you--they are full of the Spirit and life.

John 6:64 - Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.

John 6:65 - He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

¶ **John 6:66** - From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

¶ **John 6:67** - "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

¶ **John 6:68** - Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:69 - We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

¶ **John 6:70** - Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!"

John 6:71 - (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

¶ **John 7:1** - After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him.

John 7:2 - But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near,

John 7:3 - Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do.

John 7:4 - No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world."

John 7:5 - For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

¶ **John 7:6** - Therefore Jesus told them, "My time is not yet here; for you any time will do.

John 7:7 - The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil.

John 7:8 - You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come."

John 7:9 - After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee.

¶ **John 7:10** - However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

John 7:11 - Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, "Where is he?"

¶ **John 7:12** - Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people."

John 7:13 - But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

¶ **John 7:14** - Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.

John 7:15 - The Jews there were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having been taught?"

¶ **John 7:16** - Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me.

John 7:17 - Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

John 7:18 - Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

John 7:19 - Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

¶ **John 7:20** - "You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?"

¶ **John 7:21** - Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all amazed.

John 7:22 - Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath.

John 7:23 - Now if a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing a man's whole body on the Sabbath?

John 7:24 - Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly."

¶ **John 7:25** - At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill?"

John 7:26 - Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Messiah?

John 7:27 - But we know where this man is from; when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."

¶ John 7:28 - Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him,

John 7:29 - but I know him because I am from him and he sent me."

¶ John 7:30 - At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

John 7:31 - Still, many in the crowd believed in him. They said, "When the Messiah comes, will he perform more signs than this man?"

¶ John 7:32 - The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him.

¶ John 7:33 - Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me.

John 7:34 - You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come."

¶ John 7:35 - The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?"

John 7:36 - What did he mean when he said, 'You will look for me, but you will not find me,' and 'Where I am, you cannot come?'"

¶ John 7:37 - On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

John 7:38 - Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:39 - By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

¶ John 7:40 - On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet."

¶ John 7:41 - Others said, "He is the Messiah." Still others asked, "How can the Messiah come from Galilee?"

John 7:42 - Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?"

John 7:43 - Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

John 7:44 - Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

¶ John 7:45 - Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?"

¶ John 7:46 - "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards replied.

¶ John 7:47 - "You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted.

John 7:48 - "Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him?"

John 7:49 - No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law--there is a curse on them."

¶ John 7:50 - Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked,

John 7:51 - "Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?"

¶ John 7:52 - They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."

¶ John 7:53 - Then they all went home,

¶ John 8:1 - but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

¶ John 8:2 - At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

John 8:3 - The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

John 8:4 - and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

John 8:5 - In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

John 8:6 - They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

John 8:7 - When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:8 - Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

¶ John 8:9 - At **this, those** who **heard began** to go **away one** at a **time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left**, with the **woman still standing** there.

John 8:10 - **Jesus straightened** up and asked her, "**Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?**"

¶ John 8:11 - "No **one, sir,**" **she** said. "**Then neither do I condemn you,**" Jesus **declared**. "**Go now and leave your** life of sin."

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

¶ John 8:13 - The **Pharisees challenged** him, "**Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.**"

¶ John 8:14 - Jesus **answered**, "**Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for** I know where I **came from and** where I am **going. But** you have no **idea where I come** from or where I am going.

John 8:15 - **You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no** one.

John 8:16 - But if I **do judge, my decisions are true, because** I am not alone. **I stand with** the Father, who sent me.

John 8:17 - In your own **Law it is written** that **the testimony of two witnesses is** true.

John 8:18 - I **am one** who **testifies for** myself; **my other witness is** the Father, who sent me."

¶ John 8:19 - Then they asked **him**, "**Where is your father?**" "You do not know me **or my Father,**" **Jesus** replied. "If you **knew me, you would know** my **Father also.**"

John 8:20 - He **spoke these words while** teaching in the temple **courts near** the place where **the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him**, because his **hour** had not yet come.

¶ John 8:21 - **Once more Jesus** said to them, "I am going away, and you will **look** for me, and you **will die** in **your sin. Where** I go, you cannot come."

¶ John 8:22 - **This made** the **Jews ask**, "**Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where** I go, you cannot come'?"

¶ John 8:23 - But **he continued**, "**You are from below; I am from above. You are of** this world; I am not of this world.

John 8:24 - I told you that you would die in your **sins; if** you do not believe that I am **he, you will indeed die** in your sins."

¶ John 8:25 - "Who are you?" they **asked**. "**Just** what I have **been telling** you from the **beginning,**" **Jesus** replied.

John 8:26 - "I have **much** to say **in judgment of** you. But he who sent me **is trustworthy, and** what I have heard from him I tell the world."

¶ John 8:27 - They did not **understand** that he was telling **them about** his Father.

John 8:28 - So Jesus said, "When you **have lifted** up the Son of **Man, then** you will know that I am he and that I do **nothing on** my own **but speak just** what the Father **has taught me**.

John 8:29 - The one who sent me is with me; he has **not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.**"

John 8:30 - Even as he **spoke, many** believed in him.

¶ John 8:31 - To the Jews who **had believed him, Jesus** said, "If **you hold to** my **teaching, you are really my disciples.**

John 8:32 - Then you will know the truth, and the **truth will set** you free."

¶ John 8:33 - They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have **never been slaves of anyone. How** can you say that **we shall be set free?**"

¶ John 8:34 - Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell **you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.**

John 8:35 - Now a **slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.**

John 8:36 - **So if** the **Son sets** you free, you will **be free indeed.**

John 8:37 - I know that you are Abraham's **descendants. Yet** you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have **no room** for my word.

John 8:38 - I am telling you what I have **seen in the Father's presence, and** you are **doing what** you have heard **from your** father. "

¶ John 8:39 - "**Abraham is our father,**" **they** answered. "If you **were Abraham's children,**" **said** Jesus, "then you **would do what Abraham** did."

John 8:40 - As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the **truth that I heard** from **God. Abraham** did **not do** such **things.**

John 8:41 - You are **doing the works** of your own father." "We are **not illegitimate children,**" they **protested.** "**The only Father** we have **is God himself.**"

¶ John 8:42 - Jesus said to **them,** "**If God were your Father,** you would **love** me, for I have **come here from God.** I have not **come on my own;** **God sent** me.

John 8:43 - **Why is my language not clear** to you? Because you **are unable** to **hear what** I say.

John 8:44 - **You belong** to your father, the **devil,** and you **want** to **carry out your father's desires.** He was **a murderer** from the **beginning,** **not holding to** the truth, **for there is no truth** in him. When **he lies,** **he speaks his native language,** for he is a **liar and the father of lies.**

John 8:45 - Yet because I tell the **truth,** **you** do not believe me!

John 8:46 - **Can any** of **you prove me guilty** of **sin?** **If** I am telling the truth, **why don't** you believe me?

John 8:47 - **Whoever belongs to God hears what God says.** **The reason** you do **not hear is** that you do not belong to God."

¶ John 8:48 - The **Jews answered him,** "**Aren't we right in saying** that you are a **Samaritan and demon-possessed?**"

John 8:49 - "I am **not possessed** by a **demon,**" **said** Jesus, "but **I honor my** Father and **you dishonor me.**

John 8:50 - I am **not seeking** glory for myself; **but there is one** who **seeks it,** and he is **the judge.**

John 8:51 - Very truly I tell you, whoever **obeys my** word will **never see death.**"

¶ John 8:52 - At this **they exclaimed,** "**Now** we know that you are **demon-possessed!** **Abraham died** and so did the **prophets,** **yet** you say that whoever **obeys your** word will **never taste death.**

John 8:53 - Are you **greater than** our father **Abraham?** **He died,** and so did the **prophets.** **Who** do you **think you** are?"

¶ John 8:54 - Jesus replied, "**If I glorify myself,** my **glory means nothing.** **My Father,** **whom** you **claim as** your God, is the one **who glorifies me.**

John 8:55 - **Though** you do not know him, I know **him.** **If** I said I did not, I would be a **liar like you,** but I do know him **and obey his** word.

John 8:56 - Your father **Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day;** **he saw** it and **was glad.**"

¶ John 8:57 - "You are not **yet fifty years old,**" **they** said to him, "and you have **seen Abraham!**"

¶ John 8:58 - "Very truly I tell you," Jesus **answered,** "**before Abraham was born,** I am!"

John 8:59 - At this, **they picked up stones** to stone him, but **Jesus hid himself,** **slipping away** from the **temple grounds.**

¶ John 9:1 - As he **went along,** **he saw** a **man blind from birth.**

John 9:2 - His **disciples asked** him, "**Rabbi,** **who sinned,** **this man or his parents,** **that** he was born blind?"

¶ John 9:3 - "**Neither this man nor** his **parents sinned,**" **said** Jesus, "but this **happened** so that the works of **God might be displayed** in him.

John 9:4 - **As long as it is day,** **we must do** the works of him who sent **me.** **Night is coming,** **when no one can work.**

John 9:5 - **While** I am in the world, I am the **light** of the world."

¶ John 9:6 - **After saying** this, **he spit on** the **ground,** **made** some **mud with the saliva,** and put it on the man's eyes.

John 9:7 - "**Go,**" **he** told **him,** "**wash in** the **Pool of Siloam**" (**this word means "Sent"**). **So** the man went and washed, and **came home seeing.**

¶ John 9:8 - **His neighbors and** those who **had formerly seen him begging** asked, "**Isn't** this the **same man who used to sit and beg?**"

John 9:9 - **Some claimed that** he **was.** **Others said,** "**No,** he **only looks like him.**" But he **himself insisted,** "**I am the man.**"

¶ John 9:10 - "How **then were** your **eyes opened?**" **they** asked.

¶ John 9:11 - He replied, "The man **they call Jesus made** some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go **to Siloam and wash.** **So I went** and washed, and then **I could see.**"

¶ John 9:12 - "Where is this man?" **they** asked him. "I don't know," he said.

¶ John 9:13 - **They brought** to the **Pharisees the** man who had been blind.

John 9:14 - Now the day on **which** Jesus had made **the mud and opened** the man's **eyes was** a Sabbath.

John 9:15 - **Therefore** the **Pharisees also asked him how** he had received his **sight.** "**He put mud on my eyes,**" **the** man replied, "and **I washed,** and now I see."

¶ **John 9:16** - Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not **keep the Sabbath**." But others asked, "How can a **sinner perform such signs**?" So they were **divided**.

¶ **John 9:17** - Then **they turned again** to the blind man, "**What have you to say about him**? It **was your eyes** he opened." The man **replied**, "**He is a prophet**."

¶ **John 9:18** - They **still** did not believe that he had been **blind and** had received his **sight until they sent for the man's parents**.

John 9:19 - "**Is this your son**?" **they asked**. "**Is this the one you say was born blind**? **How is it that now** he can see?"

¶ **John 9:20** - "We know he is **our son**," **the parents answered**, "**and** we know he was born blind.

John 9:21 - But how he can **see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know**. **Ask** him. He is of **age**; he will **speak for himself**."

John 9:22 - His parents said this **because** they **were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue**.

John 9:23 - That was **why his** parents said, "He is of **age**; **ask** him."

¶ **John 9:24** - A **second time they summoned the man** who had been **blind**. "**Give glory to God by telling the truth**," **they said**. "**We know this man is a sinner**."

¶ **John 9:25** - He **replied**, "**Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know**. **One thing I do know**. **I was blind but now I see!**"

¶ **John 9:26** - Then they asked him, "What did **he do to you**? **How did he open** your eyes?"

¶ **John 9:27** - He answered, "I have told **you already and** you did not **listen**. **Why** do you want to **hear it again**? **Do** you want to **become his** disciples too?"

¶ **John 9:28** - Then **they hurled insults at** him and said, "**You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!**"

John 9:29 - We know that **God spoke to Moses**, but as for this **fellow, we don't even know** where he comes from."

¶ **John 9:30** - The **man answered**, "**Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes**."

John 9:31 - We know that **God does** not listen to **sinners**. **He listens to the godly person who does his will**.

John 9:32 - **Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind**.

John 9:33 - **If this man were not from God, he could do nothing**."

¶ **John 9:34** - To this they replied, "You **were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!**" And **they threw him out**.

¶ **John 9:35** - **Jesus heard** that they **had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said**, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

¶ **John 9:36** - "Who is **he, sir**?" the **man asked**. "**Tell me so that I may believe in him**."

¶ **John 9:37** - Jesus said, "You **have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you**."

¶ **John 9:38** - Then the **man said**, "**Lord, I believe**," and **he worshiped him**.

¶ **John 9:39** - Jesus **said**, "**For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind**."

¶ **John 9:40** - **Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked**, "What? Are **we blind too**?"

¶ **John 9:41** - Jesus said, "If you **were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains**."

¶ **John 10:1** - "Very truly I tell **you Pharisees, anyone** who does not **enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber**.

John 10:2 - The one **who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep**.

John 10:3 - **The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out**.

John 10:4 - When he **has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him** because they know his voice.

John 10:5 - But they will **never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him** because they do not **recognize a stranger's voice**."

John 10:6 - **Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them**.

¶ John 10:7 - **Therefore** Jesus **said again**, "**Very** truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

John 10:8 - All who have **come before me are thieves and robbers**, but the **sheep have not listened** to them.

John 10:9 - I am the **gate**; **whoever enters through** me will be **saved**. They will come **in and go out**, and **find pasture**.

John 10:10 - **The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy**; I have **come** that they may have life, and **have it** to the **full**.

¶ John 10:11 - "I am the good **shepherd**. The good **shepherd lays down his** life for the sheep.

John 10:12 - **The hired hand is** not the **shepherd and** does **not own the sheep**. **So** when he **sees the wolf coming**, he **abandons the** sheep and **runs away**. Then the **wolf attacks the flock and scatters it**.

John 10:13 - The **man runs away because** he is a **hired hand and cares nothing** for the sheep.

¶ John 10:14 - "I am the good **shepherd**; I know my sheep and my **sheep know** me--

John 10:15 - **just** as the **Father knows me** and I know the Father --and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:16 - I **have other sheep that** are not of **this sheep pen**. **I must bring them also**. **They too will listen** to my **voice**, and there shall be **one flock and one shepherd**.

John 10:17 - The **reason my** Father **loves** me is that I lay down my **life --only** to take it up again.

John 10:18 - No **one takes it from** me, but I lay it **down of my own accord**. **I have authority** to lay it down and **authority** to take it up **again**. **This command I received from** my Father."

¶ John 10:19 - The Jews who **heard these words were again divided**.

John 10:20 - Many of them said, "He **is demon-possessed and raving mad**. **Why listen** to him?"

¶ John 10:21 - But **others** said, "These are not **the sayings of a man possessed** by a **demon**. **Can a demon open the eyes** of the **blind**?"

¶ John 10:22 - **Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem**. **It was winter**,

John 10:23 - and Jesus was in the **temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade**.

John 10:24 - The Jews who were **there gathered around him**, saying, "**How long will you keep us in suspense**? **If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly**."

¶ John 10:25 - Jesus answered, "I **did tell** you, but you do not believe. The works I **do in** my Father's **name testify** about me,

John 10:26 - but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

John 10:27 - My sheep listen to my **voice**; **I know them**, and **they follow** me.

John 10:28 - I **give them eternal** life, and **they shall never perish**; **no one will snatch** them out of my hand.

John 10:29 - My Father, who has **given** them to me, is **greater than all**; **no one can snatch** them out of my **Father's hand**.

John 10:30 - **I and the Father are one**."

¶ John 10:31 - **Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones** to stone him,

John 10:32 - but Jesus said to them, "I **have shown you many good works from** the Father. **For which of these do you stone me**?"

¶ John 10:33 - "**We are not stoning you for any good work**," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, **a mere man, claim to be God**."

¶ John 10:34 - Jesus answered them, "Is **it not written in your Law**, 'I have said you are "gods"?'"

John 10:35 - If he **called them 'gods'**, to whom the **word of God came--and Scripture cannot be set aside** --

John 10:36 - what about the one whom the **Father set apart as his very own and sent into** the **world**? **Why** then do **you accuse me of blasphemy** because I said, 'I am **God's Son**'?"

John 10:37 - Do not believe me **unless** I do the works of my Father.

John 10:38 - But if I do them, **even** though you do not believe **me**, **believe** the works, that you **may know and understand** that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

John 10:39 - **Again they tried to seize** him, but **he escaped their grasp**.

¶ John 10:40 - Then Jesus **went back across the Jordan to** the place **where John had been baptizing in the early days**. **There he stayed**,

John 10:41 - and many **people came** to him. They **said**, "**Though John never performed a sign, all that John said** about this man **was true**."

John 10:42 - And in that **place many believed in Jesus**.

¶ John 11:1 - Now a man **named Lazarus** was sick. He was **from Bethany, the village of Mary** and her **sister Martha**.

John 11:2 - (**This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.**)

John 11:3 - So **the sisters sent word to Jesus**, "Lord, the one you **love is sick**."

¶ John 11:4 - When he heard this, Jesus said, "**This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.**"

John 11:5 - Now Jesus **loved Martha** and her **sister and Lazarus**.

John 11:6 - So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he **stayed where he was two more days**,

John 11:7 - and then he said to his disciples, "Let us **go back to Judea**."

¶ John 11:8 - "**But Rabbi,**" they said, "a **short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you**, and yet you are going back?"

¶ John 11:9 - Jesus **answered**, "**Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light.**"

John 11:10 - **It is when a person walks at night that they stumble**, for they have **no light**."

¶ John 11:11 - After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "**Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.**"

¶ John 11:12 - His **disciples replied**, "Lord, if **he sleeps, he will get better**."

John 11:13 - Jesus had been **speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep**.

¶ John 11:14 - **So then** he told them **plainly**, "**Lazarus is dead**,

John 11:15 - **and for your sake I am glad I was not there**, so that you may **believe**. **But let us go to him**."

¶ John 11:16 - **Then Thomas** (also **known as Didymus**) **said to the rest of the disciples**, "Let us **also go**, that we **may die with him**."

¶ John 11:17 - On **his arrival**, Jesus found that **Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days**.

John 11:18 - **Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem**,

John 11:19 - and **many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother**.

John 11:20 - **When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home**.

¶ John 11:21 - "**Lord,**" **Martha said to Jesus**, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

John 11:22 - But I know that even **now God will give you whatever you ask**."

¶ John 11:23 - Jesus said to **her**, "**Your brother will rise again**."

¶ John 11:24 - **Martha answered**, "I know he will rise again in the **resurrection at the last day**."

¶ John 11:25 - Jesus said to **her**, "**I am the resurrection and the life**. The one who **believes in me will live, even though they die**;

John 11:26 - and **whoever lives by believing in me will never die**. **Do you believe this?**"

¶ John 11:27 - "**Yes, Lord,**" **she replied**, "I believe that you are the **Messiah**, the Son of God, who is to come **into the world**."

¶ John 11:28 - **After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside**. "**The Teacher is here,**" **she said**, "and **is asking for you**."

John 11:29 - When **Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him**.

John 11:30 - Now Jesus had not **yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him**.

John 11:31 - When the Jews who had been **with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there**.

¶ John 11:32 - When **Mary reached** the place where Jesus **was and saw him, she fell at his feet** and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

¶ John 11:33 - When Jesus **saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled**.

John 11:34 - "**Where have you laid him?**" he asked. "Come and **see, Lord,**" they replied.

¶ John 11:35 - **Jesus wept**.

¶ John 11:36 - Then the Jews **said**, "**See how he loved him!**"

¶ John 11:37 - But some of them **said**, "**Could not he** who **opened** the **eyes** of the **blind man** have **kept this man from dying**?"

¶ John 11:38 - **Jesus, once more deeply moved, came** to the **tomb**. It was a **cave** with a **stone laid across** the **entrance**.

John 11:39 - "Take away the **stone**," he said. "But, **Lord**," **said Martha, the sister of the dead man**, "by this **time there is a bad odor, for** he has been **there four** days."

¶ John 11:40 - Then Jesus **said**, "**Did I** not tell you **that if** you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

¶ John 11:41 - So they **took away** the **stone**. Then Jesus **looked** up and **said**, "**Father, I thank you** that you have heard me."

John 11:42 - **I knew** that **you always hear me**, but I said this for **the benefit of the people standing here, that** they may believe that you sent me."

¶ John 11:43 - When he had said this, **Jesus called in** a **loud voice**, "**Lazarus, come** out!"

John 11:44 - The dead **man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face**. Jesus said to **them**, "**Take off the grave clothes and let** him go."

¶ John 11:45 - **Therefore many** of the Jews who had come **to visit Mary**, and had **seen what Jesus did, believed** in him.

John 11:46 - But some of **them went** to the **Pharisees and** told **them what** Jesus had **done**.

John 11:47 - Then the chief priests and the **Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin**. "**What are we accomplishing?**" **they asked**. "**Here is this man performing many signs**."

John 11:48 - **If we let** him **go on like this, everyone** will believe in him, and then **the Romans will** come and take **away both our temple and our nation**."

¶ John 11:49 - **Then one** of **them, named Caiaphas, who was high** priest that **year, spoke up**, "**You know nothing at** all!"

John 11:50 - You do not **realize** that it **is better for** you **that one man die** for the **people than** that the **whole nation perish**."

¶ John 11:51 - He did not **say this on** his **own**, but **as high** priest that **year he prophesied that** Jesus would die for the **Jewish nation**,

John 11:52 - and not **only for that nation but** also for **the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one**.

John 11:53 - **So from** that day **on they plotted to take his** life.

¶ John 11:54 - Therefore **Jesus no longer moved about publicly among** the people of **Judea**. **Instead he withdrew to a region near** the **wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with** his disciples.

¶ John 11:55 - When it was **almost** time for the Jewish **Passover, many went** up from **the country to** Jerusalem for **their ceremonial cleansing before** the Passover.

John 11:56 - They **kept looking** for Jesus, and as **they stood in** the temple **courts they asked one another**, "What do you **think? Isn't he coming** to the **festival at** all?"

John 11:57 - But the chief priests and the Pharisees had **given orders** that anyone **who found out where** Jesus **was should report it so** that **they might arrest** him.

¶ John 12:1 - **Six days before** the **Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom** Jesus had raised from the dead.

John 12:2 - **Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with** him.

John 12:3 - **Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on** Jesus' feet and **wiped** his feet with her **hair**. **And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume**.

¶ John 12:4 - **But one** of his **disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,**

John 12:5 - "**Why wasn't this perfume sold** and the **money given** to the **poor? It was worth a year's wages**."

John 12:6 - He did not say this because **he cared about** the **poor but** because he was a **thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself** to what was **put into** it.

¶ John 12:7 - "**Leave her alone,**" Jesus replied. "**It was intended that she should save this perfume for** the day of **my burial**."

John 12:8 - You **will always** have the **poor among** you, but you will **not always have me**."

¶ John 12:9 - **Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found** out that Jesus was there and **came, not only because** of him but also to **see Lazarus, whom** he had raised from the dead.

John 12:10 - So the **chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well,**

John 12:11 - for **on account of him many** of the **Jews were going over** to Jesus **and believing** in him.

¶ John 12:12 - The **next day the great** crowd that had come for the **festival heard** that Jesus **was on his way** to **Jerusalem.**

John 12:13 - They **took palm branches and** went out to meet **him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed** is he who **comes** in the name of the **Lord!" "Blessed** is the king of **Israel!"**

¶ John 12:14 - Jesus **found a young donkey and sat on it, as** it is written:

¶ John 12:15 - "Do not be **afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.**"

¶ John 12:16 - **At first his** disciples did not **understand all** this. **Only after** Jesus **was glorified did they realize** that these things had **been written about** him and that these things had been **done** to him.

¶ John 12:17 - Now the crowd that was with him when he **called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the** word.

John 12:18 - Many **people, because** they had heard that he had **performed this sign, went** out to meet him.

John 12:19 - So the Pharisees said to one **another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole** world **has gone after him!"**

¶ John 12:20 - Now there **were some Greeks among** those **who went up to worship at** the festival.

John 12:21 - They came to **Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir,"** they said, "we **would like to see Jesus.**"

John 12:22 - **Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.**

¶ John 12:23 - Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of **Man to be glorified.**

John 12:24 - Very **truly** I tell you, **unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.**

John 12:25 - Anyone who **loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for** eternal life.

John 12:26 - **Whoever serves me must follow** me; and where I **am, my servant also** will be. My Father **will honor** the one **who serves** me.

¶ John 12:27 - "Now **my soul is troubled,** and **what shall I say? 'Father, save me** from this **hour'? No,** it was for this **very reason** I came to this hour.

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

John 12:29 - The crowd that was there and **heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had** spoken to him.

¶ John 12:30 - Jesus said, "**This voice was for your benefit, not mine.**

John 12:31 - Now is the time for **judgment** on this world; now the **prince of this world will be driven out.**

John 12:32 - And **I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."**

John 12:33 - He said this to **show the kind of death** he was going to **die.**

¶ John 12:34 - The **crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"**

¶ John 12:35 - Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the **light just a little while longer. Walk while** you have the **light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does** not know where they are going.

John 12:36 - Believe in the **light while** you have the light, so that you **may become children of light."** **When** he had **finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.**

¶ John 12:37 - Even after Jesus had **performed so many signs in their presence, they still would** not believe in him.

John 12:38 - This was to **fulfill the** word of Isaiah the **prophet: "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"**

¶ John 12:39 - For this reason **they could** not believe, **because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:**

¶ John 12:40 - "He **has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn--and I would heal them."**

¶ John 12:41 - **Isaiah said** this because he **saw** Jesus' **glory and spoke** about him.

¶ John 12:42 - **Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed** in him. But because of the Pharisees they would **not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they** would be put out of the **synagogue**;

John 12:43 - for **they loved human praise more than praise from God**.

¶ John 12:44 - Then **Jesus cried out**, "**Whoever** believes in **me does** not believe in **me only**, **but** in the one who sent me.

John 12:45 - The one who **looks at me is seeing the** one who sent me.

John 12:46 - I have come into the **world as a light**, so that no one who believes in **me should stay in** darkness.

¶ John 12:47 - "**If anyone hears** my **words but does** not **keep them**, I do **not judge that person**. For I did not come to **judge the** world, but to save the world.

John 12:48 - There is **a judge for** the one **who rejects me** and does not **accept my words**; **the very words** I have **spoken will condemn them at** the **last** day.

John 12:49 - For I did not **speak** on my **own**, but the Father who sent **me commanded** me to **say all** that I have spoken.

John 12:50 - I know that **his command leads to** eternal life. **So whatever I say is** just what the Father has told me to say."

¶ John 13:1 - It **was just before** the **Passover** Festival. Jesus knew that the **hour** had come for him to **leave this** world and **go** to the **Father**. **Having loved his own who were** in the **world**, **he** loved them to **the end**.

¶ John 13:2 - The **evening meal was in progress**, and the **devil had already prompted Judas**, the son of Simon **Iscairiot**, to **betray Jesus**.

John 13:3 - Jesus knew that the **Father had put all things under his power**, and that he had come from God and **was returning to** God;

John 13:4 - so **he got up** from the **meal**, **took off** his **outer clothing**, and **wrapped a towel around his waist**.

John 13:5 - **After that, he poured water** into **a basin** and **began** to **wash his** disciples' **feet**, **drying them** with **the towel that was wrapped** around him.

¶ John 13:6 - He **came** to Simon Peter, **who said** to him, "**Lord**, **are** you going to wash my feet?"

¶ John 13:7 - Jesus replied, "You do not **realize now** what I am **doing**, **but later you will understand**."

¶ John 13:8 - "**No**," **said Peter**, "**you shall never wash my feet**." **Jesus answered**, "**Unless I wash you**, you have **no part with me**."

¶ John 13:9 - "**Then, Lord**," **Simon Peter replied**, "**not just my feet but my hands** and **my head as well**!"

¶ John 13:10 - Jesus **answered**, "**Those** who have had **a bath need only** to **wash their feet**; **their whole body is clean**. **And you are clean**, **though not** every one of you."

John 13:11 - For he **knew who** was going to betray him, and that was why he **said not** every **one was clean**.

¶ John 13:12 - When he had **finished washing their feet**, **he put on** his **clothes** and **returned to his place**. "**Do you understand** what I have done for you?" he asked them.

John 13:13 - "**You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord'**, and **rightly so**, for that is what I am.

John 13:14 - Now that **I, your Lord and Teacher**, **have washed your feet**, **you also should wash one another's feet**.

John 13:15 - **I have set you an example that you should do as** I have done for you.

John 13:16 - Very truly I tell you, **no servant** is greater than his **master**, **nor is a messenger greater than the** one who sent him.

John 13:17 - Now that you **know these** things, you will **be blessed if** you do them.

¶ John 13:18 - "I am **not referring to** all of you; I **know those I have chosen**. **But** this is to **fulfill this passage of Scripture**: '**He who shared my bread has turned against me**.'

¶ John 13:19 - "I am telling you now before it **happens**, so that when it **does happen** you will **believe** that I **am who I** am.

John 13:20 - Very truly I tell you, whoever **accepts anyone I send accepts** me; and whoever **accepts me accepts the** one who sent me."

¶ John 13:21 - After he had said this, Jesus **was troubled in spirit and testified**, "**Very** truly I tell you, one of you is going to **betray me**."

¶ John 13:22 - His **disciples stared at** one **another**, **at a loss to know which** of them **he meant**.

John 13:23 - One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, **was reclining next to** him.

John 13:24 - Simon **Peter motioned** to this **disciple and said**, "**Ask him which one he means.**"

¶ **John 13:25** - **Leaning back** against **Jesus**, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

¶ **John 13:26** - Jesus **answered**, "**It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.**" **Then, dipping the piece** of bread, he **gave it to Judas**, the son of Simon Iscariot.

John 13:27 - As soon as **Judas took the bread**, **Satan entered into him**. **So** Jesus told him, "What you **are about to do, do quickly.**"

John 13:28 - But no one at the **meal understood why Jesus** said this to him.

John 13:29 - **Since Judas had charge of the money**, **some thought Jesus** was **telling him to buy what was needed for the festival**, **or to give something to the poor.**

John 13:30 - As soon as Judas had **taken the bread**, he **went out**. And it **was night**.

¶ **John 13:31** - When he was **gone**, **Jesus** said, "Now the Son of **Man** is **glorified and God** is glorified in him.

John 13:32 - If God is glorified in him, God will **glorify the Son in himself**, and will **glorify him at once**.

¶ **John 13:33** - "**My children**, I will be with **you only a little longer**. **You will look** for me, **and just** as I told the **Jews**, **so** I tell you **now**: **Where** I am going, you cannot come.

¶ **John 13:34** - "A **new command** I give you: Love one **another**. **As** I have loved you, **so you must love** one another.

John 13:35 - **By** this **everyone** will know that you are my **disciples**, **if** you love one another."

¶ **John 13:36** - Simon Peter asked him, "**Lord, where** are you **going**?" **Jesus replied**, "**Where** I am going, you **cannot follow now**, but you **will follow later.**"

¶ **John 13:37** - Peter asked, "Lord, **why can't I follow you** now? I **will lay** down my life for you."

¶ **John 13:38** - Then Jesus **answered**, "**Will you really lay down your life for me**? **Very** truly I tell you, before **the rooster crows**, **you will disown me three times!**"

¶ **John 14:1** - "Do not let your hearts be **troubled**. **You believe in God**; **believe also** in me.

John 14:2 - My **Father's house has many rooms**; **if that were not so**, **would I** have told you that I am going **there to prepare** a place for you?

John 14:3 - **And if I go and prepare** a place for you, I will come back and **take you** to be with me that you also may **be where** I am.

John 14:4 - You know the way to the place where I am going."

¶ **John 14:5** - **Thomas** said to him, "**Lord, we** don't know where you are going, so how **can we** know the way?"

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

John 14:7 - If you **really know** me, you will know my Father as **well**. **From now on**, **you** do know him and have seen him."

¶ **John 14:8** - **Philip said**, "**Lord, show** us the Father and that will **be enough for us.**"

¶ **John 14:9** - Jesus **answered**: "**Don't** you know **me**, **Philip**, **even after** I have **been among you such a long time**? **Anyone** who has seen me has seen the **Father**. **How** can you **say**, '**Show** us the Father'?"

John 14:10 - Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not **speak** on my own **authority**. **Rather**, **it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.**

John 14:11 - Believe **me when** I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; **or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.**

John 14:12 - **Very truly** I **tell** you, whoever **believes** in me will do the works I have been **doing**, **and** they will **do even** greater things than **these**, **because** I am going to the Father.

John 14:13 - And I will do **whatever** you ask in my **name**, **so** that the **Father may be glorified** in the **Son**.

John 14:14 - You **may ask** me for **anything** in my name, and I will **do it**.

¶ **John 14:15** - "If you love **me**, **keep** my commands.

John 14:16 - And I will ask the Father, and he will give **you another advocate to help you and be with you forever--**

John 14:17 - the Spirit of **truth**. **The** world **cannot accept** him, because **it neither sees him nor knows him**. But you know him, for **he lives with** you and will be in you.

John 14:18 - I will **not leave you as orphans**; I will come to you.

John 14:19 - **Before long, the** world will not see **me anymore**, **but** you will see me. Because I **live, you** also will live.

John 14:20 - **On that day** you **will realize** that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

John 14:21 - Whoever **has my** commands **and keeps them** is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will **be loved by my** Father, and I **too** will love them **and show myself to** them."

¶ John 14:22 - **Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said**, "But, Lord, **why** do **you intend** to show **yourself** to us and not to the world?"

¶ John 14:23 - Jesus **replied**, "**Anyone** who loves me will obey my **teaching**. **My** Father will love them, and **we will** come to them and **make our home with** them.

John 14:24 - Anyone who does **not love** me will **not obey** my **teaching**. **These** words you **hear are** not my **own**; **they belong** to the Father who **sent** me.

¶ John 14:25 - "All this I have **spoken while still with** you.

John 14:26 - But the **Advocate, the Holy** Spirit, **whom** the Father will **send in my name, will teach you** all things and **will remind you of everything** I have said to you.

John 14:27 - Peace **I leave with** you; **my peace** I give you. I do **not give to** you as the **world gives**. **Do** not let your hearts be troubled and do not be **afraid**.

¶ John 14:28 - "**You heard me say**, 'I am going **away** and I am **coming back to you**.' **If** you loved me, you would be **glad that** I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

John 14:29 - I have told you now before it **happens**, so that when it does **happen** you will believe.

John 14:30 - I will not **say much more** to you, for the **prince** of this world is coming. He has **no hold over** me,

John 14:31 - but he **comes so** that the world **may learn that I love the** Father and **do exactly what my** Father **has commanded me**. "**Come now; let us leave**.

¶ John 15:1 - "I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the **gardener**.

John 15:2 - **He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so** that it will **be even more fruitful**.

John 15:3 - You **are already clean because** of the **word I** have spoken to you.

John 15:4 - Remain in me, as **I also remain** in you. **No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain** in the **vine**. **Neither can** you bear **fruit unless** you remain in me.

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

John 15:6 - If you do **not remain** in me, you **are like a branch** that **is thrown away and withers**; **such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned**.

John 15:7 - If you remain in me and my **words remain** in you, **ask whatever you wish, and** it will **be done** for you.

John 15:8 - This is to my **Father's glory**, that you bear much **fruit, showing yourselves to** be my **disciples**.

¶ John 15:9 - "As the Father **has loved** me, **so have I loved** you. **Now remain** in my love.

John 15:10 - If you keep my **commands, you** will remain in my **love, just** as I have **kept my Father's commands** and remain in **his love**.

John 15:11 - I have told you this so **that my** joy may be in you and that **your** joy may be **complete**.

John 15:12 - My **command is this: Love** each **other as** I have loved you.

John 15:13 - **Greater love has no one than** this: to **lay down one's life for one's friends**.

John 15:14 - You are **my friends if** you do what **I command**.

John 15:15 - **I no longer call you servants, because a servant does** not know **his master's business**. **Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned** from my Father I have **made known** to you.

John 15:16 - You did **not choose me**, but I **chose you and appointed you** so that **you might go and bear fruit --fruit that will last--**and so **that whatever** you ask in my name the Father will **give** you.

John 15:17 - This is my **command: Love** each other.

¶ John 15:18 - "If the world hates you, **keep in mind that it hated me first**.

John 15:19 - **If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own**. **As** it is, you do not **belong to** the world, but I have **chosen** you out of the world. That is **why the** world hates you.

John 15:20 - Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

John 15:21 - They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.

John 15:22 - If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

John 15:23 - Whoever hates me hates my Father as well.

John 15:24 - If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father.

John 15:25 - But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

¶ John 15:26 - "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father --the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father--he will testify about me.

John 15:27 - And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

¶ John 16:1 - "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.

John 16:2 - They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God.

John 16:3 - They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.

John 16:4 - I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you,

John 16:5 - but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

John 16:6 - Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things.

John 16:7 - But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:8 - When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

John 16:9 - about sin, because people do not believe in me;

John 16:10 - about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

John 16:11 - and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¶ John 16:12 - "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

John 16:13 - But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:14 - He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

John 16:15 - All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

¶ John 16:16 - Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

¶ John 16:17 - At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?"

John 16:18 - They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

¶ John 16:19 - Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?"

John 16:20 - Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

John 16:21 - A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

John 16:22 - So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

John 16:23 - In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 16:24 - Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

¶ John 16:25 - "Though I have **been speaking figuratively**, a time is coming when I will no **longer use this kind of language but** will tell **you plainly about my** Father.

John 16:26 - In that day you will ask in my **name**. I am not saying that I will ask the **Father on your behalf**.

John 16:27 - **No, the Father himself loves you** because you have **loved** me and have **believed** that I came from God.

John 16:28 - I came from the Father **and entered** the world; now I **am leaving the world and going back** to the Father."

¶ John 16:29 - Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you **are speaking clearly and without figures of speech**.

John 16:30 - Now **we can** see that you **know** all things and that you do **not even need to have anyone ask you questions**. **This makes us believe** that **you came** from God."

John 16:31 - "Do you **now believe**?" **Jesus replied**.

John 16:32 - "A time is coming and in **fact has** come when you will **be scattered, each to your own home**. **You will leave me all alone**. **Yet I** am not alone, for my Father is with me.

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

¶ John 17:1 - **After** Jesus **said** this, **he looked toward heaven and prayed**: "**Father**, the **hour** has **come**. **Glorify** your Son, that your Son **may glorify you**.

John 17:2 - For **you granted him authority over all people** that he **might give eternal** life to all those you have given him.

John 17:3 - Now this **is eternal life**: that they know you, the **only true God**, and Jesus **Christ, whom** you have sent.

John 17:4 - I have **brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you** gave me to **do**.

John 17:5 - And **now, Father**, glorify **me in your presence with the glory I had with** you before the **world began**.

¶ John 17:6 - "I **have revealed you to those whom** you gave **me out of the world**. **They were yours**; **you** gave them to me and they **have obeyed your** word.

John 17:7 - Now they know that **everything you** have given **me comes** from you.

John 17:8 - For **I gave** them the **words** you gave me and **they accepted them**. They **knew with certainty that I came** from you, and they **believed** that you sent me.

John 17:9 - I **pray for** them. I am **not praying for** the world, but for those you have given me, for they **are yours**.

John 17:10 - **All I** have **is yours, and all you** have is **mine**. **And glory has** come to me **through them**.

John 17:11 - I will **remain** in the **world no longer, but** they **are still** in the world, and I am coming to **you**. **Holy Father, protect** them by **the power of** your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

John 17:12 - While I **was** with them, **I protected them and kept them safe by that name** you gave me. **None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled**.

¶ John 17:13 - "I am coming to you now, but I **say these things while I am still** in the world, so that they may have the **full measure of my joy within** them.

John 17:14 - I have given **them your** word and the world **has hated them**, for they are not of the **world any more than I am of** the world.

John 17:15 - My prayer is not that you **take them** out of the world but that **you protect** them from **the evil one**.

John 17:16 - They are not of the **world, even** as I am not **of it**.

John 17:17 - **Sanctify them** by the **truth; your word is** truth.

John 17:18 - As you sent me into the world, I have **sent them** into the world.

John 17:19 - For them **I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified**.

¶ John 17:20 - "My prayer is **not for them alone**. I **pray also** for those **who** will believe in me **through their message**,

John 17:21 - that all of **them may** be **one, Father, just** as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us so** that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:22 - I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one --

John 17:23 - I in them and **you in** me--so that they may **be brought to complete unity**. **Then** the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

¶ John 17:24 - "Father, **I want those** you have given me to be with me **where I am, and to see** my glory, the **glory you** have given me **because** you loved **me before the creation of** the world.

¶ John 17:25 - "**Righteous Father, though** the **world does** not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

John 17:26 - I have **made you** known to them, and **will continue to make you known in order that** the **love you have for me may** be in them and that I **myself may** be in them."

¶ John 18:1 - When he had **finished praying, Jesus left** with his disciples **and crossed the Kidron Valley**. **On** the other **side there** was a garden, and he and his disciples **went into** it.

¶ John 18:2 - **Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew** the **place, because** Jesus **had often met there** with his disciples.

John 18:3 - **So Judas came** to the **garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from** the chief priests and the **Pharisees**. They **were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons**.

¶ John 18:4 - Jesus, **knowing all** that was going **to happen to him, went** out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

¶ John 18:5 - "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am **he**," **Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was** standing there with them.)

John 18:6 - When Jesus said, "I am **he**," **they drew back and fell to** the **ground**.

¶ John 18:7 - Again he asked them, "Who is it you **want**?" "**Jesus** of Nazareth," they said.

¶ John 18:8 - Jesus answered, "I **told** you that I am **he**. **If** you are **looking for me, then let these men go**."

John 18:9 - This **happened** so that the **words he** had **spoken would** be **fulfilled**: "I have **not lost one of those** you **gave** me."

¶ John 18:10 - Then Simon Peter, who had **a sword, drew it and struck** the high **priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)**

¶ John 18:11 - **Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given** me?"

¶ John 18:12 - Then **the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him**

John 18:13 - and brought **him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year**.

John 18:14 - **Caiaphas was** the one who **had advised the** Jewish leaders that it would **be good if one man died for** the people.

¶ John 18:15 - Simon Peter and **another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was** known to the high priest, he **went with Jesus into** the high **priest's courtyard**,

John 18:16 - **but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The** other disciple, who was known to the high **priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in**.

¶ John 18:17 - "You aren't one of **this man's disciples** too, are **you**?" **she asked Peter. He** replied, "I am not."

¶ John 18:18 - It **was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself**.

¶ John 18:19 - **Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about** his disciples and **his teaching**.

¶ John 18:20 - "I have **spoken openly to** the **world**," **Jesus** replied. "I **always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where** all the **Jews come together. I said nothing in secret**."

John 18:21 - **Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said**."

¶ John 18:22 - When Jesus said **this, one of the officials nearby slapped** him in the **face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded**.

¶ John 18:23 - "If I **said something wrong**," **Jesus** replied, "**testify as to what is wrong. But** if I spoke the truth, **why did you strike me**?"

John 18:24 - **Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas** the high priest.

¶ John 18:25 - **Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not."**

¶ John 18:26 - One of the high **priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?"**

John 18:27 - **Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow**.

- ¶ John 18:28 - Then the Jewish **leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor**. **By** now it **was early morning**, and to **avoid ceremonial uncleanness they** did not **enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat** the Passover.
- John 18:29 - **So Pilate** came out to them and asked, "**What charges are you bringing against this man?**"
- ¶ John 18:30 - "If **he were not a criminal**," **they replied**, "**we** would not **have handed** him over to you."
- ¶ John 18:31 - Pilate said, "**Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law**." "**But we have no right to execute anyone**," **they objected**.
- John 18:32 - This took **place to fulfill** what Jesus had said about the **kind of death** he was going to **die**.
- ¶ John 18:33 - **Pilate then went** back **inside the palace, summoned Jesus** and asked **him**, "**Are you the king of the Jews?**"
- John 18:34 - "Is that your **own idea**," **Jesus asked**, "**or did others talk to** you about me?"
- ¶ John 18:35 - "**Am I a Jew?**" **Pilate replied**. "Your **own people and chief priests handed you over** to me. What is it you have **done?**"
- ¶ John 18:36 - Jesus **said**, "**My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place**."
- ¶ John 18:37 - "You are a **king, then!**" **said Pilate**. Jesus answered, "You **say** that I am a **king**. **In fact**, the **reason** I was **born and came into the world** is to testify to the **truth**. **Everyone on the side of truth listens** to me."
- ¶ John 18:38 - "What is **truth?**" **retorted Pilate**. **With this** he went **out again** to the Jews **gathered** there and said, "**I find no basis for a charge** against him.
- John 18:39 - But it is **your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover**. **Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews?'**"
- ¶ John 18:40 - They **shouted back**, "**No, not him! Give us Barabbas!**" **Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising**.
- ¶ John 19:1 - **Then Pilate took** Jesus and **had him flogged**.
- John 19:2 - The **soldiers twisted together a crown** of thorns and put it on his **head**. **They clothed him in a purple robe**
- John 19:3 - and went up to **him again and again, saying**, "**Hail, king of the Jews!**" **And they slapped him in the face**.
- ¶ John 19:4 - **Once more Pilate** came out and said to the Jews **gathered there**, "**Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know** that I find no basis for a charge against him."
- John 19:5 - When Jesus came **out wearing the crown** of thorns and **the purple robe**, **Pilate** said to **them**, "**Here is the man!**"
- ¶ John 19:6 - As **soon** as the chief priests **and their officials saw** him, they **shouted**, "**Crucify! Crucify!**" **But Pilate** answered, "You take him **and crucify him**. **As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him**."
- ¶ John 19:7 - The Jewish **leaders insisted**, "**We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed** to be the Son of **God**."
- ¶ John 19:8 - When Pilate heard this, he was **even more afraid**,
- John 19:9 - and he went **back inside the palace**. "**Where do you come from?**" **he** asked Jesus, but Jesus **gave him no answer**.
- John 19:10 - "Do you **refuse to speak to me?**" **Pilate said**. "**Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?**"
- ¶ John 19:11 - Jesus answered, "You would have **no power over me if it were not given** to you from **above**. **Therefore** the one **who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin**."
- ¶ John 19:12 - **From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting**, "**If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar**."
- ¶ John 19:13 - When Pilate heard this, he **brought Jesus out** and **sat down on the judge's seat at a place known** as the **Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha)**.
- John 19:14 - It was the day of **Preparation of the Passover**; it was about **noon**. "**Here is your king**," **Pilate** said to the Jews.
- ¶ John 19:15 - But they **shouted**, "**Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!**" "**Shall I crucify your king?**" **Pilate asked**. "**We have no king but Caesar**," **the chief priests answered**.
- ¶ John 19:16 - **Finally Pilate handed** him over to them to **be crucified**.

- ¶ John 19:17 - **Carrying his own cross**, he went out to the place of **the Skull** (which in Aramaic is called **Golgotha**).
- John 19:18 - There **they crucified him**, and with **him two others** --one on each side and **Jesus in the middle**.
- ¶ John 19:19 - **Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross**. It read: **jesus of nazareth**, the king of the jews.
- John 19:20 - **Many** of the **Jews read this sign**, for the place where Jesus was **crucified was near the city**, and the **sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek**.
- John 19:21 - The chief **priests of the Jews protested to Pilate**, "**Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.**"
- ¶ John 19:22 - Pilate **answered**, "**What I have written, I have written.**"
- ¶ John 19:23 - When the **soldiers crucified Jesus**, they **took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining**. This garment was **seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom**.
- ¶ John 19:24 - "**Let's not tear it**," they said to one **another**. "**Let's decide by lot who will get it.**" This **happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, 'They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.'** So this is what the **soldiers did**.
- ¶ John 19:25 - Near the **cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene**.
- John 19:26 - When Jesus **saw his mother there**, and the disciple **whom he loved standing nearby**, he said to her, "**Woman, here is your son,**"
- John 19:27 - and to the **disciple**, "**Here is your mother.**" From that **time on**, this **disciple took her into his home**.
- ¶ John 19:28 - **Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled**, Jesus said, "**I am thirsty.**"
- John 19:29 - **A jar of wine vinegar was there**, so they **soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips**.
- John 19:30 - When he had **received the drink**, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**" With that, he **bowed his head and gave up his spirit**.
- ¶ John 19:31 - Now it was the day of Preparation, and the **next day was to be a special Sabbath**. **Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down**.
- John 19:32 - The **soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other**.
- John 19:33 - But when they came to Jesus **and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs**.
- John 19:34 - **Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water**.
- John 19:35 - The man **who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe**.
- John 19:36 - **These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken,'**
- John 19:37 - and, **as another scripture says, 'They will look on the one they have pierced.'**
- ¶ John 19:38 - **Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away**.
- John 19:39 - He **was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds**.
- John 19:40 - **Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs**.
- John 19:41 - At the place where Jesus was **crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid**.
- John 19:42 - Because it was the **Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there**.
- ¶ John 20:1 - **Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance**.

John 20:2 - **So she came running to** Simon Peter and the other **disciple, the one Jesus loved, and** said, "They have taken the **Lord out** of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

¶ John 20:3 - **So Peter** and the other **disciple started for** the tomb.

John 20:4 - **Both were running, but** the other **disciple outran Peter and reached** the tomb first.

John 20:5 - **He bent over and looked in at** the strips of linen lying there **but did not go in.**

John 20:6 - Then Simon **Peter came along behind him** and **went straight into** the tomb. **He** saw the strips of linen lying there,

John 20:7 - as **well as** the **cloth that** had **been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.**

John 20:8 - **Finally** the other disciple, who **had reached** the tomb **first, also went inside. He saw and** believed.

John 20:9 - (They still did not **understand from Scripture that** Jesus had **to rise from the dead.**)

John 20:10 - Then the disciples went **back** to where they **were staying.**

¶ John 20:11 - **Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look** into the tomb

John 20:12 - and **saw two angels in white, seated where** Jesus' **body had been, one at the head** and the **other at the foot.**

¶ John 20:13 - They asked her, "Woman, why are you **crying?**" "**They have taken my Lord away,**" she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

John 20:14 - At this, she **turned around and** saw **Jesus standing** there, **but she did not realize** that it was Jesus.

¶ John 20:15 - He asked her, "Woman, why are you **crying? Who** is it you are **looking for?**" **Thinking he** was the **gardener, she** said, "**Sir, if** you **have carried him away, tell** me where you have put him, and I will **get him.**"

¶ John 20:16 - Jesus said to **her, "Mary."** **She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").**

¶ John 20:17 - Jesus said, "Do **not hold on** to me, for I have not **yet ascended to** the **Father. Go instead to my brothers** and tell them, 'I **am ascending to** my Father and your **Father, to** my God and your God.'"

¶ John 20:18 - Mary Magdalene went to the **disciples with** the **news: "I have seen the Lord!"** **And she told them that** he had said these **things to** her.

¶ John 20:19 - On the **evening of that first day of the week, when** the disciples were **together, with** the **doors locked for fear** of the **Jewish leaders, Jesus** came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:20 - **After** he said this, **he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when** they saw the Lord.

¶ John 20:21 - Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father **has sent** me, I **am sending you.**"

John 20:22 - And with that **he breathed on** them and **said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.**

John 20:23 - If **you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if** you do **not forgive them,** they are **not forgiven.**"

¶ John 20:24 - **Now Thomas** (also **known as Didymus**), **one** of the **Twelve**, was not with the **disciples when** Jesus came.

John 20:25 - So the other **disciples told** him, "We have seen the **Lord!**" **But** he said to **them, "Unless** I see **the nail marks in** his hands and put **my finger where the nails were, and** put my **hand into his side, I** will not believe."

¶ John 20:26 - **A week later his** disciples were in the **house again, and Thomas was with them. Though** the **doors were locked, Jesus** came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:27 - Then he said **to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand** and put **it into my side. Stop doubting and** believe."

¶ John 20:28 - Thomas said to **him, "My Lord and my God!"**

¶ John 20:29 - Then Jesus told him, "**Because** you have seen me, you have **believed; blessed are those** who have **not seen** and **yet have** believed."

¶ John 20:30 - Jesus **performed many other signs** in the **presence of** his **disciples, which are not recorded in this book.**

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

¶ John 21:1 - **Afterward Jesus** appeared again to his **disciples**, **by** the **Sea** of **Galilee**. **It happened this way**:

John 21:2 - Simon **Peter**, **Thomas** (also known as **Didymus**), **Nathanael from Cana** in Galilee, **the sons of Zebedee**, and **two other** disciples were **together**.

John 21:3 - "**I'm going out to fish**," **Simon Peter told** them, and they **said**, "**We'll go with you**." So they went out **and got** into the **boat**, **but that night they caught nothing**.

¶ John 21:4 - **Early in the morning**, **Jesus stood on** the **shore**, **but** the disciples did not **realize** that it was Jesus.

¶ John 21:5 - He **called out** to **them**, "**Friends**, **haven't you any fish?**" "**No**," **they** answered.

¶ John 21:6 - He **said**, "**Throw your net on** the **right side** of the boat and you will **find some**." **When** they did, they **were unable to haul the net in** because of **the large number** of fish.

¶ John 21:7 - Then the disciple whom Jesus **loved said to Peter**, "**It is the Lord!**" **As soon as Simon Peter heard** him **say**, "**It is the Lord**," **he wrapped his outer garment around** him (for he had **taken it off**) **and jumped into** the **water**.

John 21:8 - The other **disciples followed in** the **boat**, **towing the net full of fish**, for they were **not far from shore**, **about a hundred yards**.

John 21:9 - When **they landed**, they saw a **fire of burning coals there with fish on it**, and **some bread**.

¶ John 21:10 - Jesus said to **them**, "**Bring some** of the **fish you** have **just caught**."

John 21:11 - **So Simon Peter climbed back into** the boat **and dragged the net ashore**. **It was full of large fish**, **153**, **but even with so many the net was not torn**.

John 21:12 - Jesus said to **them**, "**Come and have breakfast**." **None** of the **disciples dared ask** him, "Who are you?" They **knew it** was the Lord.

John 21:13 - Jesus **came**, **took** the **bread and gave** it to them, **and did** the **same** with the fish.

John 21:14 - This **was now** the third **time Jesus appeared to** his **disciples after** he was **raised** from the **dead**.

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

¶ John 21:16 - Again Jesus **said**, "**Simon** son of John, do you love me?" He **answered**, "**Yes**, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "**Take care of** my sheep."

¶ John 21:17 - The third time he said to **him**, "**Simon** son of John, do you love **me?**" **Peter was hurt because** Jesus asked him the third **time**, "**Do** you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know **all** things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:18 - **Very truly I tell you**, **when** you **were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted**; **but** when you are **old you will stretch out your hands**, **and someone else will dress you and lead you where** you do not want to go."

John 21:19 - Jesus said this **to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God**. **Then** he said to him, "Follow me!"

¶ John 21:20 - **Peter turned and** saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved **was following them**. (This was the one who **had leaned back against** Jesus **at the supper and** had said, "Lord, who is going to **betray you?**")

John 21:21 - **When Peter saw** him, he asked, "**Lord**, **what** about him?"

¶ John 21:22 - Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You **must** follow me."

John 21:23 - Because of this, **the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die**. **But** Jesus did not say that he would not **die**; **he only said**, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

¶ John 21:24 - This is the disciple who **testifies to these** things and **who wrote them down**. **We** know that his **testimony** is **true**.

¶ John 21:25 - Jesus **did many other things as well**. **If every** one of **them were written down**, **I suppose that even the whole world would not have room** for **the books that would be written**.