

2026-2027 CMA John Reference Materials

John 1

The Word Became Flesh

- ¶ 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 the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah

- ¶ 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 Testifies About Jesus

- ¶ 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's Disciples Follow Jesus

- ¶ 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**).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

- ¶ 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

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

- ¶ 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**.

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

- ¶ 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

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

- ¶ 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 Testifies Again About Jesus

- ¶ 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

Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

- ¶ 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."**

The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

- ¶ 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**."

Many Samaritans Believe

- ¶ 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**."

Jesus Heals an Official's Son

- ¶ 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

The Healing at the Pool

- ¶ 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**.

The Authority of the Son

- ¶ 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.**

Testimonies About Jesus

- ¶ 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

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

- ¶ 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**.

Jesus Walks on the Water

- ¶ 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.

Jesus the Bread of Life

- ¶ 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.**

Many Disciples Desert Jesus

- ¶ 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 **Iscaiot**, **who, though one** of the Twelve, was **later** to betray him.)

John 7

Jesus Goes to the Festival of Tabernacles

- ¶ 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.

Jesus Teaches at the Festival

- ¶ 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**."

Division Over Who Jesus Is

- ¶ 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.

Unbelief of the Jewish Leaders

- ¶ 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

- 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**."

Dispute Over Jesus' Testimony

- ¶ 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.

Dispute Over Who Jesus Is

- ¶ 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.

Dispute Over Whose Children Jesus' Opponents Are

- ¶ 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."

Jesus' Claims About Himself

- ¶ 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

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

- ¶ 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.

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

- ¶ 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.

Spiritual Blindness

- ¶ 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

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

- ¶ 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**?"

Further Conflict Over Jesus' Claims

- ¶ 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

The Death of Lazarus

- ¶ 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."

Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus

- ¶ 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?**"

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

- ¶ 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.**"

The Plot to Kill Jesus

- ¶ 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

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

- ¶ 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.

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

- ¶ 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!"**

Jesus Predicts His Death

- ¶ 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**.

Belief and Unbelief Among the Jews

- ¶ 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

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

- ¶ 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 **Iscariot, 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.

Jesus Predicts His Betrayal

- ¶ 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.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

- ¶ 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

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

- ¶ 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."

Jesus the Way to the Father

- ¶ 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.**

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

- ¶ 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

The Vine and the Branches

- ¶ 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.

The World Hates the Disciples

- ¶ 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.'**

The Work of the Holy Spirit

- ¶ 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

- ¶ 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."**

The Disciples' Grief Will Turn to Joy

- ¶ 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

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

- ¶ 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**.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

- ¶ 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**.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

- ¶ 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

Jesus Arrested

- ¶ 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.

Peter's First Denial

- ¶ 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.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

- ¶ 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.**

Peter's Second and Third Denials

- ¶ 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.**

Jesus Before Pilate

- ¶ 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

Jesus Sentenced to Be Crucified

- ¶ 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.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

- ¶ John 19:16 - **Finally Pilate handed** him over to them to **be crucified**. So the **soldiers took charge** of Jesus.
- 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**.

The Death of Jesus

- ¶ 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.'**

The Burial of Jesus

- ¶ 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

The Empty Tomb

- ¶ 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.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

- ¶ 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.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

- ¶ 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."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

- ¶ 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."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

- ¶ 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

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

- ¶ 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.

Jesus Reinstates Peter

- ¶ 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.