

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 **worshipped** 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.