

# 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 **Isca**riot) 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.