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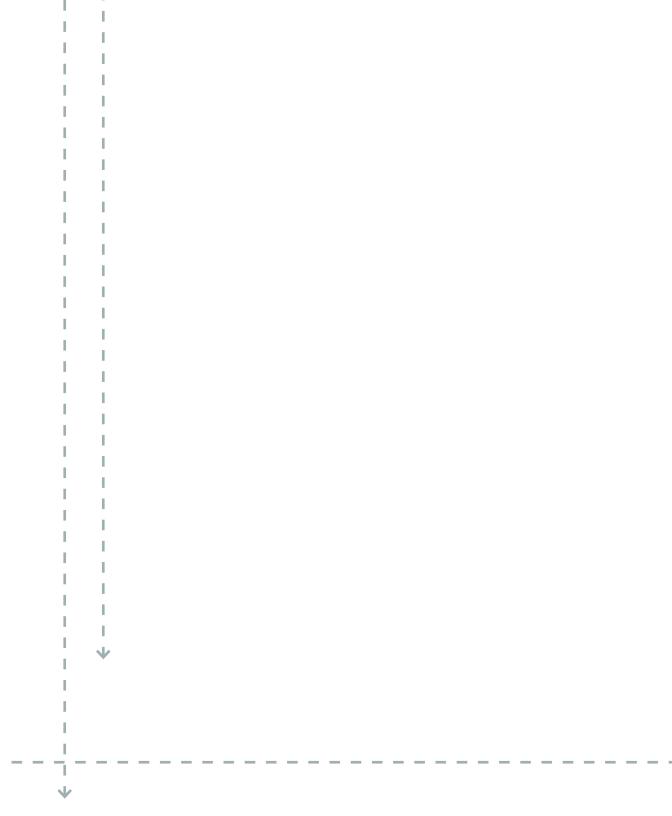


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For many of the early church fathers, John's gospel was their favorite account of Jesus' earthly ministry, in part due to its beautiful literary structure, as well as its clear emphasis on the dual nature of the Messiah: fully God, yet fully man. In "Behold the Lamb of God," an 18-week sermon series on the Gospel of John, we will walk through John's gospel and see Jesus' identity and mission through the unique vantage point of the disciple whom Jesus loved. We'll encounter Jesus' own self-proclamation of His identity through the 7 "IAm" statements he makes, and also examine the 7 specific signs John recorded, each of which bore witness to Jesus' divine mission. Throughout these discussions, we invite you to behold Jesus anew, and respond to His call with increased faith and adoration.

Title _____ Date____

Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

The first chapter of John begins with a clear, expressive description of Jesus as God. It then segues to the ministry of John the Baptist, and the local religious leaders who questioned him. By the end of the chapter, Jesus has collected the first five disciples: John, Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael. The first 18 verses of John form a prologue, setting the tone for the rest of the gospel. Jesus is described using the Greek word logos, meaning "logic, word, order, or definition." Jesus is the message, the logic, the "word" of God. John's gospel only discusses seven miracles, but each is explained to prove that Christ is who He claimed to be. Chapter 1 is just the introduction to these amazing events. (BibleRef.com)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V1: Genesis 1:1; 1 John 5:7; Revelation 21:6; Psalms 45:6; Isaiah 9:6

V11: Acts 3:25-26; Romans 9:5; Luke 19:14; Isaiah 53:2-3

V23: Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-6; Isaiah 40:3-5

V45: Genesis 22:18; Micah 5:2; Zechariah 6:12; Acts 2:22; Mark 6:3

Do More:

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

In John 2, Jesus' "hour" is the time of his crucifixion, when his saving work is completed. Because of people's misconceptions about the coming Messiah, Jesus chooses not to reveal himself at this point in his ministry. Still, he performs numerous messianic "signs." Miracles point to Jesus' identity as Messiah and Son of God and lead unbelievers to faith. The statement that [turning water to wine] was the first of his signs indicates that Jesus did not do any miracles during his childhood or early adulthood but lived as an ordinary man with his divine identity hidden. This miracle showed the glory of Jesus as the sovereign Creator and ruler of the universe and also as the merciful Provider for his people's needs. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V2: Luke 7:34-38; Colossians 3:17; Matthew 25:40; Hebrews 13:4

V8: John 2:9; Proverbs 3:5-6; Ecclesiastes 9:6; Romans 13:7

V12: Matthew 12:46; Acts 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 9:5; Galatians 1:19

V19: Mark 14:58; Acts 2:24; Romans 8:11; Colossians 2:12

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

The third chapter of John contains two related stories. First, Jesus is visited at night by a Pharisee, Nicodemus, who is curious about His teachings. Afterwards, John the Baptist explains why he's content to see his own ministry fade into the background. This chapter contains the most recognizable verse in the entire Bible, John 3:16. This one-sentence summary of the gospel is the most famous portion of Christian Scripture, and probably the most often-memorized and often-quoted portion of any holy text in human history. God loved mankind enough to send His Son to save them, but those who reject Jesus remain condemned. It's easy to [...] forget that God's judgment and holiness are just as real as His love and mercy. (BibleRef.com)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V5: Ezekiel 36:25-27; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:4-7

V10: Isaiah 29:10-12; Deuteronomy 30:6; Jeremiah 31:33;

Philippians 3:3

V21: Psalms 119:105; Hosea 14:8; Galatians 6:8; 3 John 1:11

V33: Romans 3:3-4; 2 Corinthians 1:18; Titus 1:1-2; Hebrews 6:17

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

Jesus knew that because of His rising prominence and popularity, there would soon be a confrontation with the religious establishment. Yet, Jesus knew that the time was not yet right...so He returned to Galilee. Although the road through Samaria was the shortest route from Jerusalem to Galilee, pious Jews often avoided it. They did so because there was a deep distrust and dislike between many of the Jewish people and the Samaritans. Because the Samaritans had a historical connection to the people of Israel, their faith was a combination of commands and rituals from the Law of Moses, put together with various superstitions. Most of the Jews in Jesus' time despised the Samaritans, disliking them even more than Gentiles – because they were, religiously speaking, "half-breeds" who had an eclectic, mongrel faith. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V9: John 4:27; Luke 10:33; 2 Kings 17:24-41; Ezra 4:1-24

V20: Genesis 33:18-20; Deuteronomy 27:12; Judges 9:6-7

V34: Job 23:12; Psalms 40:8; Luke 15:10; Acts 20:35; Hebrews 12:2

V48: Numbers 14:11; Matthew 16:1; Luke 16:31; Acts 2:22

V53: Psalms 107:20; Matthew 8:13; Acts 2:39; Acts 16:34

Do More:

Title _____ Date____

Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

Chapter 5 presents John's first record of Jesus directly confronting His enemies. Most of this passage is taken up by the words of Christ Himself, responding to Jewish critics. Many of John's recurring themes are found in this passage. Among these are the miraculous "signs" of Jesus, His claims of divinity, and the warped perspective of those who reject Him. Jesus' response in this chapter comes in two major parts. First, He describes the authority which He was given by God; He...points out that eternal life comes only to those who believe in Him. In the second part of Jesus' response, He focuses on evidence; Jesus gives three specific lines of evidence which prove the truth of His claims. These are human witnesses, the miracles He is performing, and the written Scriptures. (BibleRef.com)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V3: Luke 7:22; 1 Kings 13:4; Zechariah 11:17; Proverbs 8:34

V14: Leviticus 7:12; Isaiah 38:20; Ezra 9:13-14; 1 Peter 4:3

V22: Psalms 9:7-8; Ecclesiastes 11:9; Romans 2:16; 2 Timothy 4:1

V37: Exodus 20:19; Deuteronomy 4:12; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 John 4:20

V46: Galatians 3:10; Genesis 18:18; Numbers 21:8-9; Romans 10:4

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Title _____ Date____

Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

John now records some of the acts and words of Jesus in the Galilee region, north of Judea. John mainly recorded things that Jesus did and said in Judea and Jerusalem, but sometimes included material that the other gospel writers also wrote of, mainly in the Galilee region. This miracle [His signs which He performed on those who were diseased] is also recorded in the other three Gospel accounts. Luke mentioned that on this occasion Jesus went out to a deserted place to be alone, yet the crowds followed Him there. In spite of this imposition, Jesus still served the multitude with great compassion. John is the only one of the four Gospel writers who told us this took place near the time of the Passover. Perhaps this great multitude was made up of Galilean pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V7: Numbers 11:21-22; 2 Kings 4:43; Mark 6:37; Matthew 18:28

V13: 1 Kings 7:15-16; 2 Kings 4:2-7; Proverbs 11:24-25; Philippians 4:19

V26: Psalms 78:37; Ezekiel 33:31; Philippians 3:19; James 4:3-4

V51: Titus 2:14; Hebrews 10:20; 2 Corinthians 5:19; 1 John 4:14

V63: Galatians 5:25; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; James 1:18

Do More:

John 7-8

Title _____ Date____

Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

Chapters 7 and 8 represent the beginning of the end of Jesus' public ministry. In [the passages of Chapter 7], He will openly challenge the spiritual errors of the Jewish leaders and declare His role in the salvation of mankind. In response, the religious officials will turn deeper towards a plot for murder. [In Chapter 8], Jesus also demonstrates that simply having power does not mean using it is always the best choice...Instead, Jesus both demonstrates mercy and fully applies the letter and intent of the Law, as God intended: with "right judgment." Jesus explicitly claims to be God by declaring "before Abraham was, I am," using the same name God applied to Himself when speaking to Moses. The reaction, as one would expect, was not only angry, but violent. Jesus' enemies once again try–unsuccessfully–to kill Him. (BibleRef.com)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V1 (Ch. 7): Romans 8:2; 1 Timothy 4:8; 2 Corinthians 3:6-8

V24: Psalms 58:1-2; Proverbs 17:15; Isaiah 5:23; James 2:4

V48: Jeremiah 5:4-5; Matthew 11:25; 1 Corinthians 1:22-28

V11 (Ch. 8): Luke 9:56; Job 34:31; Ezekiel 18:30-32; 2 Peter 3:15

V27: Isaiah 6:9; Romans 11:7-10; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

Suffering is not always a direct result of a person's sin. God sometimes allows people to suffer so that they can experience his mercy and power in delivering them. We often suspect that where there is a more than ordinary sufferer, there is a more than ordinary sinner. Birth defects and other such tragedies are sometimes due to sinful behavior of the parents. Yet far more often – and in the case Jesus spoke of here [about the blind man] – it is due simply to sin and our fallen condition in general, not due to any specific sin. The sin of Adam set the principle of death and its associated destruction in the world and we have had to deal with it ever since. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V18: Genesis 19:14; Isaiah 26:11; Luke 16:31; Hebrews 4:11

V24: 1 Samuel 6:5-9; Psalms 50:14-15; Romans 10:2-4; Luke 7:39

V34: Galatians 2:15; Exodus 2:14; 2 Chronicles 25:16; 3 John 1:9

V39: Jeremiah 1:9-10; Acts 26:18; 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:10

V41: Proverbs 26:12; Jeremiah 2:35; Hebrews 10:26; 1 John 1:8-10

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

As this chapter opens, Jesus is still speaking to those critics (of Chapters 7, 8, and 9) and attempting to explain truth to them. Jesus lays out three analogies in the first half of this chapter. These are all centered on shepherding, a topic with which His audience would have been familiar. These teachings are all separate. They carry slightly different symbolism and slightly different implications. Along the way, Jesus also makes the third and fourth of seven "I am" statements found in this gospel, where He stakes a claim to divinity. This chapter makes clear, yet often-disputed, statements about doctrinal questions such as salvation through means other than Jesus, if salvation can be lost, and whether the Bible contains errors. (BibleRef.com)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V3: Colossians 4:3; Song of Solomon 8:13; Philippians 4:3

V11: Micah 5:4; Zechariah 13:7; 1 Samuel 17:34-35; Titus 2:14

V27: Revelation 3:20; 2 Timothy 2:19; 1 Kings 18:21; Revelation 14:4

V36: Isaiah 49:6-8; Romans 8:3; Galatians 4:4; Luke 1:35

V41: Matthew 4:23-25; Mark 1:37; Luke 7:26-28; John 3:29-36

Do More:

John 11-12

Title _____ Date____

Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

Chapter 11 begins perhaps the most remarkable miracle Jesus performed: [the raising of Lazarus from the dead]. One might say that it is foolish to think one miracle is more difficult than another, but this seventh sign of John's gospel is unique. Jesus...knew that the events recorded in this chapter would set the religious leaders in determination to kill [Him]. This meant the end result would be that the Son of God may be glorified in His death and resurrection. [Chapter 12 begins with a] time marker, telling us that this was the last week before the death and burial of Jesus...In [His] last speech to the multitude...Jesus emphasized the themes of all His previous preaching in John. It included a reminder of His teaching, a challenge to decide, a warning to those who decided against Him, and a promise to those who decided for Him. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Study More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V1 (Ch. 11): Genesis 48:1; 2 Kings 20:1-12; Acts 9:37; Mark 11:1

V19: Ecclesiastes 7:2; Jeremiah 16:5-7; Lamentations 1:16

V7 (Ch. 12): Psalms 109:31; Zechariah 3:2; John 19:38-42

V24: Psalms 22:15; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:9-10; Revelation 7:9-17

V43: Psalms 22:29; 1 Samuel 2:30; 2 Corinthians 10:18; 1 Peter 1:7-8

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As we move through our study on the Gospel of John, "Behold the Lamb of God," we invite you to stick around after each service concludes for a special Whiteboard. This will be different from our typical lesson/topic format and will focus instead on open discussion. Participants will be able to dive deeper into the morning's message by asking questions directly of the elder who preached that morning, as well as share insights from their own personal reading as we go through the Gospel of John together as a church family. Whether you're new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, your thoughts and questions are welcome!

Scan for more information!



READING PLAN

APRIL 13^{тн} - APRIL 27^{тн}John 1

APRIL 28TH - MAY 4TH
John 2

May 5™ - May 11™John 3

May 12[™] - May 18[™] John 4

May 19[™] - May 25[™]
John 5

May 26[™] - June 1st John 6

JUNE 2ND - JUNE 8THJohn 7-8

June 9[™] - June 15[™]
John 9

JUNE 16™ - JUNE 22™John 10

June 23RD - June 29TH
John 11-12

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John 13

JULY 7™ - JULY 13™John 14

JULY 14™ - JULY 20™John 15

JULY 21ST - JULY 27THJohn 16

July 28[™] - August 3[™] John 17

August 4[™] - August 10[™]
John 18

August 11[™] - August 17[™]
John 19

August 18TH - August 24TH
John 20

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Next Step

Our Next Steps process is designed to help you get into the flow and ministries of Fellowship Bible Church more quickly.

If you are new, we'd love to see you at Lunch With Our Leaders. Our website can tell you when the next one is, and you can register there!

Stop by the Welcome Center or go to our website for more information!

