

21 Day Journey Into The Bible

“Jesus Claims to Be God” – John 10 – March 18, 2007

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Overview of Our Study Together

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<i>A Chapter by Chapter Study of the Gospel of John</i>				
Outline	Time	Content	Text	Date
Prologue		Introducing Jesus	John 1:1-18	Jan 7
Public Ministry of the Son of God	A Few Years	Jesus Calls His First Disciples	John 1:19-51	Jan 14
		Jesus Changes Water Into Wine	John 2	Jan 21
		Jesus Says, “You Must Be Born Again”	John 3	Jan 28
		Jesus Talks with a Sinful Woman	John 4	Feb 4
		Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man	John 5	Feb 11
		Jesus Walks on Water	John 6	Feb 18
		Jesus Teaches at a Convention	John 7	Feb 25
		Jesus Deals with an Affair	John 8	Mar 4
		Jesus Heals a Blind Man	John 9	Mar 11
		Jesus Claims to Be God	John 10	Mar 18
		Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead	John 11	Mar 25
Private Ministry of the Son of God	A Few Hours	Jesus Receives an Extravagant Gift	John 12	Apr 22
		Jesus Washes His Disciples’ Feet	John 13	Apr 29
		Jesus Promises to Send Help (1)	John 14	May 6
		Jesus Talks About Productivity	John 15	May 13
		Jesus Promises to Send Help (2)	John 16	May 20
Passion of the S.G. Post-Resurrection Appearances of the Son of God	A Few Days	Jesus Prays for His Followers	John 17	May 27
		Jesus Gets Arrested and Crucified	John 18-19	Apr 1
		Jesus is Resurrected from the Dead	John 20	Apr 8
		Jesus Restores Peter	John 21	Apr 15

Sometimes the Bible can be confusing.

- We need to be willing to ask the right questions
- We need to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance and insight

The religious leaders missed the heart of God. (vs 1-6)

- They were focused on rules instead of relationship
- Their motivation was self-centered instead of love-centered
- The religious leaders were destroying the lives they were called to serve

Jesus is the shepherd and gate that leads to life. (vs 7-10)

- There is one true path to a relationship with God the Father.
- (Matthews 7:13&14, Acts 4:12)

- “I know people will go before a just God, but I also know what I must do [share the Good news of Jesus Christ].”
- People finally seek that path when they discover the futility of other options
- Many paths seek to steal our joy and hope.
- Some paths have a sign that reads, “It’s all about you.”
- Stepping onto the path of Christ is about surrender.
- (Luke 9:23-25)
- A surrendered relationship with Jesus gives life!

Jesus’ love is that which enables us to trust him with our lives. (vs 11-18)

- We are kept from full surrender by the question, “But, what if...?”
- Jesus’ sacrifice proclaims, “Trust me.”
- We can reach a point where we recognize the voice of our heavenly “daddy.”

Sometimes faithfulness leads to rejection. (vs 19-21)

The Final four (vs 22-39)

- 1) Why some do not believe and follow Christ? (vs 26)
 - We wait to be intellectually persuaded
 - We have to reach a point we want a relationship with Christ.
 - We are unwilling to leave where we are or go to where Jesus calls.
- 2) What Jesus meant by not “snatching” away. (vs 28&29)
 - Comfort and assurance of God’s presence
 - “The sense of the divine protection is at any moment sufficient to inspire confidence, but not to render effort unnecessary.” (BF Westcott)
- 3) Jesus’ claim to be God
- 4) Pointing to miracles as support of Jesus’ teachings (vs 38)
 - We are a part of the “proof” of the reality of Christ.
 - What do our lives reveal about who Jesus is?

Sometimes we need to return home in order to move on. (vs 40-42)

- Do you need healing in your heart?
- Does the Spirit need to speak words of assurance to you?
- Is there a place to which you can return and hear God’s voice reminding you that you are His precious child?