

# A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN Part 1: John 1-10

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## **FOREWORD:**

Have you ever thought about how amazing it is that the God of the universe, the One who breathed entire galaxies into existence, the God who out of the dust of the ground formed and fashioned humans into His image and likeness has written a book and preserved it to this day so that you and I might open its pages and begin to discover Him as He has revealed Himself? From *"In the beginning God…"* to *"Amen, Come, Lord Jesus…"* page after page reveals God and His unfolding plan of redemption for a world that has been plunged into darkness. And you and I are invited by its Divine Author to open its pages and begin a journey of discovery!

The Bible is unlike any other book written."All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man [and woman] of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV). Because of its Divine Author we can have confidence that it is the unchanging truth of a God who loves us and calls us to Himself. We can trust the word that is spoken to be good and right and true and we can gladly place ourselves under its authority.

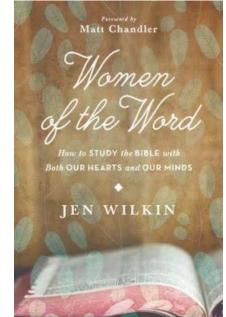
So let us embrace the journey of discovering the God of the Bible as He reveals Himself to us through His written Word!

#### ABOUT OUR PROCESS

Even though I was raised in the church and had a solid knowledge of the Bible, I was still living

in spiritual darkness. In 2010 God miraculously and graciously awakened me out of this darkness and brought me into His marvelous light. He began to grow in my heart a hunger to know Him and I began to study the Bible with earnestness under the teaching of Jen Wilkin, a women's Bible study teacher from Texas. For the first time the Bible became a living book and I began to understand the gospel for the first time. I began to grow to know God through consistent and faithful study of His Word. And knowing Him began to change me. A longing began to grow in my heart for other women to know my God through His Word. And thus began the Rockhill Women's Bible Study.

Because it was through Jen's ministry that I was discipled in the study of Scripture, I use the same process in RWBS that she uses in her classes. If you would like to read more about the process, I



highly recommend her book: *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and our Minds*.

While the Bible is made up of two parts: the Old and New Testament with a total of 66 separate books written over hundreds of years, it is woven together and is one book with one story to tell. Just as in any other piece of literature that is read, we want to read the Bible with in its context and with care.

What I mean is this: The Bible, while it is ultimately written by a Divine Author, was also written by men chosen by God to bring us His Word. 2 Peter 1:21 says *"For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."* So the Bible was written by a specific person, to a specific people, at a specific time, and for a specific purpose. Some of its books are historic narratives, some are poetry, some are prophetic books and others are letters. And to fully comprehend what the author is trying to communicate, we need to try to understand as much as possible the historical and cultural context of what we are reading so that we can understand what it has to say to us.

Another part of the process of our Bible study is to read repetitively. So often as we are reading, we don't really digest what we are reading. This study guide is written in such a way to help us slow down, read repetitively and begin to digest the words that are on the page. Our goal by reading repetitively is to move through three critical stages of understanding: comprehension, interpretation and application.

- Comprehension Reading comprehension is asking the question: "What does the text say?" This is not always an easy thing to do. Sometimes in order to help us comprehend what the text says we will look up words in the dictionary, we will observe the setting that is described and make a list, or we will re-write passages of Scripture in our own words.
- 2. Interpretation Once we know what the text says, we ask the question "What does the text mean?" Now I want to point out that we are not asking the question, "What does it mean to me?" The meaning of the text is determined by the original author and discovered by the reader.
- 3. Application Once we know what the text says and discover what it means, then we are ready to finally ask the question, "How should this change me?" "The Bible does tell us who we are and what we should do, but it does so through the lens of who God is. The knowledge of God and the knowledge of self always go hand in hand." (Jen Wilkin, Women of the Word) We need to see ourselves in light of who God is. To do this we approach our study through a God-centered perspective by asking these questions:

- What does this passage teach me about God?
- How does this aspect of God's character change my view of myself?
- What should I do in response?

These are extremely challenging questions to answer but they are important questions. In your workbooks I have these questions at the end of each lesson. You may struggle each week to answer those questions, but I do want you to try. I want you to wrestle with these questions in your thoughts and think them through and do your best to answer them.

#### Words of Encouragement

In conclusion I have some words of encouragement that I want to give you before we start this journey...

- Have Fun Enjoy yourself. Delight yourself in God's Word. In Jeremiah 15:16 the prophet Jeremiah says, "When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies." Isn't that a great encouragement to us?? Bible study is serious work. It's hard work. But don't ever forget that these words are words that are meant to be our joy and our heart's delight!
- 2. Don't Stress You can't have fun if you are stressed! This format of Bible study may be new to you and you may find the questions difficult or annoying or even unanswerable. I don't want you to stress about the homework! I'm a "Type A" personality. I have the propensity that if I don't answer all the questions in a workbook, or if they are not correct, I will have a personal crisis. I've had to learn to get over that. The point of many of these questions is to get you to think about what you are reading. I want to get both your mind and heart engaged in the Bible and wrestling with what you are reading. Don't stress if you can't figure out the answers. Don't stress about whether your answers are right or wrong. Study. Read. Wrestle. Discuss. Learn. Have fun. But DON'T stress!
- 3. **Store Up Treasure** When we approach the study of God's Word with a God-centered perspective and seek to faithfully read it within its context over a period of time, we are storing up treasure in our hearts. There are days when this may not *feel* beneficial. We may not get the sense of comfort we are looking for, or we may not have an "aha" moment of deep spiritual insight. However, faithfully reading and faithfully studying is faithfully abiding in the Word and there will be fruit. You are storing up treasure in your heart for the day when you will need it. I have found that there are seasons of life that we experience darkness and the Holy Spirit will take some of this cumulative treasure that you have been

storing up, and will bring it to your memory to bring healing and comfort to your soul. So be encouraged to faithfully study and treasure up God's Word in your heart.

Thank you for joining me on this journey in Bible Study! I am praying that this study will be a source of encouragement and discovery and that through your labor to study well, your knowledge and love for the God who wrote this book will widen and deepen! May we together grow to be more like Christ as we behold Him in Scripture!

To God Be All Glory!

Cherié Leatherman

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## **COLORING KEY**

We LOVE to color here at the Rockhill Women's Bible Study. Why? Coloring the text slows down our reading and highlights words that are repeated often in the text. This helps us think more deeply about what the author is trying to get across.

In your Appendix you will find a copy of the John 1-10. Use this coloring key each week as you are reading the weekly portion of the text.

life/living	Draw a green box around the words life/living	
<mark>light</mark>	Highlight in yellow the word Light	
Darkness	Squiggly Underline in black the word darkness	
Witness	Circle the Word "Witness" in Blue	
<b>B</b> Believe	Underline Believe in green and write a "B" above	
Know	Draw a red box around the word know	
Receive	Highlight in green the word receive	

Glorify/Glorified High

Highlight in orange the word glorify/glorified



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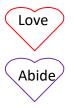
Draw an orange triangle around the word grace

<u>Truth</u> Double Underline the word Truth, True, Truly in purple and write a "t" above

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See/seeing/

Look/Behold Draw a blue eye over the words see/seeing/look/behold



Draw a red heart around the word love

Draw a purple heart around the word abide

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# Week 1: Introduction "Introduction to the Word and to THE Word" John 1:1-5

I. Introduction to the Word: How We Read & Study the Bible

II. Setting the Context

- A. Who wrote the gospel of John?
- B. When was the gospel of John written?
- C. Who is the intended audience?

- D. In what style is the book written?
- E. What are the central themes of the book?

III. Introduction to THE Word – John 1:1-5

## Week 2: John 1:6-34 "Behold the Lamb"

This week as you study...

- If you haven't already, please take a few moments to read the Foreword.
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes that you may see wondrous things in God's Word! (Psalm 119:18)
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 1:1-5
- In the appendix on page 87 is the Names of Jesus chart that you will fill out as you study through John. Fill in the Name that is given to Jesus or that He describes of Himself, along with the Bible reference it is found in and what this name means.

 In the introductory lesson we were introduced to THE Word ~ Jesus ~ in John 1:1-5. Rewrite verses 1-5 in your own words.

2. What do we learn about who Jesus is in verses 1-5?

- 3. *In your Appendix you will find a copy of John 1-10.* Read John 1:1-18 (the Prologue) and let's do a little coloring. As you read through the passage use the Coloring Key found at the front of your workbook as your guide to highlight the words found in this passage.
- 4. In verses 1-5, what is the significance of light and darkness in the text?

5. In verse 6 who, is this man called John? List any information you find about him in the text. (For additional information read Luke 1:5-17; 57-66.)

6. Look up the word *witness* in the dictionary. Write the definition in the space below.

What was God's purpose for John's ministry? Look up Acts 19:4 for help.

7. Application: In our hearts we are often glory stealers. Rather than bearing witness to the Light, we try to steal the show and draw attention to ourselves. What are some signs that we may be trying to be the "light" rather than "bear witness" to the Light?

What are some practical ways that we can be more like John and point people to the Light so that they might believe in Him?

8. In verses 9-10, why would Jesus, the Living Word, be considered the True Light?

9. Does "the world" mean the same thing consistently in verses 9-11? If no, explain the possible meanings the author has in mind.

10. Look up the word *receive* in the dictionary. Write the meaning below.

What does it mean to receive Jesus according to verses 11-13? Be specific.

11. Conversely, what does it mean to NOT receive Him? Be specific.

12. Who specifically are given the right to be the children of God? (vv. 12, 13)

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13. Application: What are the implications of you being a child of God?

14. In verses 1-5, we were introduced to Jesus being fully God. In verses 14-18, we are introduced to the Word made flesh. What more do we learn in this section about who Jesus is?

- 15. Read John 1:19-34 marking the text as you read according to the Coloring Key provided at the beginning of the workbook.
- 16. There is great confusion surrounding John the Baptist. Who did the people of the day think John could be?
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17. Look up the following Scriptures passages to help us understand why there was this confusion about who John the Baptist was.

Old Testament Prophecies	What was being prophesied in the passage?
Genesis 49:10	
1 Chronicles 17:11-14	
Malachi 4:5	
Deuteronomy 18:15-18	

Based on these passages in the Old Testament, what is your conclusion about why the religious leaders questioned John the Baptist about whether he was the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?

- 18. How would you describe John the Baptist's character from verses 19-28?
- 19. What does John mean when he calls Jesus the Lamb of God in verses 29-34? Look up Genesis 22:1-14 to help with your answer.

20. What evidence does John give that Jesus is the Christ, the Lamb of God?

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#### Wrap up:

What have you learned in this portion of Scripture about God?

Knowing that God is \_\_\_\_\_\_ shows me that I am

What are some practical steps that you can take to live in light of this truth?

**Example:** Knowing that God is <u>eternal</u> shows me that I <u>have a beginning and I have an end</u>.

(Practical steps to live in light of this truth: I am limited, both in the number of my days and in the time I have in each day, so I want to make the best use of my time, not wasting it on things that have no eternal value but rather filling it with things that have eternal value. Evaluate opportunities through the lens of 1) Would God be pleased with this (does this go against Scripture)? 2) Will doing this thing stir my affections for Jesus or rob me of the time spent with Him? 3) Spend more time in God's Word and in prayer than I spend on Facebook.

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## WEEK 2 NOTES: JOHN 1:1-34

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## Week 3: John 1:35-2:25 "Come and See!"

This week as you study...

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see with eyes of faith as you study this week.
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 1:1-5.
- Fill in the Names of Jesus Chart found in your appendix.
- Read John 1:35-51 marking the text as you read using the Coloring Key found at the beginning of your workbooks.
- 2. Look up the word *disciple* in the dictionary. What is the meaning of this word?

3. In verse 38, Jesus asks the question of the two disciples, "What are you seeking?" Jesus with His question gets below the surface to the motives of the two disciples. We all have ulterior motives in seeking Jesus. What are some of the reasons people might seek Him?

4. While the reasons for seeking Jesus are varied, He is who He is and not who we want Him to be. Jesus invites these disciples to "Come and See" Him. In our study of the book of John, we too are invited to Come & See Jesus – for who He is. What do you think it means to "come and see"?

5. After spending a day with Jesus, Andrew, one of the two previously unnamed disciples, believes that Jesus is the Messiah and goes and gets his brother. What would the title "Messiah" have meant to a first century Jew? What do you think their expectation would have been for this Messiah?

6. In verses 43-51, what does Philip do after receiving his call to follow Jesus?

Why is this significant?

7. What is Nathanael's response to Philip?

8. What is unusual about Nathanael's first meeting with Jesus?

What do you think Nathanael felt when Jesus said that He saw Him under the fig tree?

9. Application: Have you ever felt like you were unseen?

What would it mean to you to know that the God of the Universe sees you? How does this change the way you live your life?

10. Read through John 2:1-12 marking the text as noted in the Coloring Key.

11. Why do you think John included this story in his account of the life of Jesus?

12. Describe the scene of the wedding with as many details as you possibly can.

13. Verse 6 says that there were 6 water jars and each of them held 20 or 30 gallons of water. How many gallons of water were turned into wine at this wedding? 14. What are your observations about Jesus at this wedding?

15. What is significant about Jesus' first miracle?

16. As you have observed Jesus in this setting, is there anything about His actions that takes you off guard that you did not expect of Jesus? Why or why not?

#### 17. Read John 2:13-22 marking the text as your read according to the Coloring Key provided.

18. What Jewish holiday was around the corner? What is the significance of this holiday? Look up Deuteronomy 16:1-6.

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- 19. The moneychangers and merchants had set up shop in the Gentile Court to CASTLE ANTONIA exchange money for travelers to make offerings at the temple and to sell animals for sacrifices. Highlight the Court of the Gentiles on the map provided. COURT OF BE AUT 1F . . GATE WOMEN SOLOMON'S PORCH Why would this have been a problem for 100 13 Jesus? COURT OF THE GENTILES BRIDGE TO ZION ROYAL PORCH OPHEL GATE PLAN OF TEMPLE
- 20. Look up the word *zeal* in the dictionary and write the definition below. Rewrite verse 17 in your own words.
- 21. What was the significance of Jesus' actions at the temple? What do we learn about Jesus as we observe this scene?

22. As you have observed Jesus in the temple, is there anything about His behavior that surprises you, that is not what you expect from Jesus? Why or why not?

23. Application: Jesus was zealous or passionate for His Father's house. What are the passions that consume you?

#### 24. Read John 2:23-25 marking the text according to the Coloring Key as you read.

- 25. What signs did the people see Jesus doing?
- 26. Did everyone who saw the signs believe? Why or why not?
- 27. What does it mean when it says that Jesus knew what was in man?
- 28. What do you learn about Jesus from these verses?

#### Wrap Up:

What have you learned in this portion of Scripture about God? List as many things as possible.

Knowing that God is \_\_\_\_\_\_ shows me that I am

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What are some practical steps that you can take this week to live in light of this truth?

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## WEEK 3 NOTES: JOHN 1:35-2:25

## Week 4: John 3 "You Must Be Born Again!"

This week as you study...

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see with eyes of faith as you study this week!
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 3:35-36
- Review John 1:1-5.
- Fill in the Names of Jesus Chart in the appendix as you read this week.

We've been invited by Jesus to come and see Him...to learn about who He is and what He is all about. Last week we saw Jesus at a wedding and in the temple. And frankly He is a bit surprising. Jesus is not always what we expect Him to be. I think, however, that the Jesus that IS is far greater than what we would expect Him or could create Him to be! Let us continue to follow Jesus and observe Him this week as He spends some time in a lengthy conversation with one of the Pharisees.

- 1. Read John 3:1-15 marking the text according to the Coloring Key at the beginning of the workbook.
- 2. Describe the setting.
- 3. What do you observe about Nicodemus?

Do you think Nicodemus was testing Jesus and trying to trick him with questions or do you think He was honestly open to understanding who or what Jesus was all about? What is the reason for your answer?

4. Jesus often teaches spiritual truths by using familiar every day experiences that His audience would be familiar with. In this encounter with Nicodemus, he uses the birthing process to teach spiritual truths. What does Jesus mean when He says that Nicodemus must be born again?

What is Jesus implying to Nicodemus by telling Him this?

- 5. What is Nicodemus' response to Jesus?
- 6. Application: How about you? What do you think YOUR response would be to this message from Jesus?
- 7. What do think "water and the Spirit" mean in verse 5? (Do your best to answer this remember it's okay to not know but to wrestle and think about it!!! ⓒ)

8. Write in the space below the story of how you were born again. What people, circumstances, and tools did God use in your life?

9. In verse 9, Nicodemus is still struggling to understand what Jesus is talking about. Does Jesus' response to his confusion surprise you? Why or why not?

- 10. Why should Nicodemus understand what Jesus is telling him?
- 11. In verse 14-15, Jesus is referring to an Old Testament story from the book of Numbers. Read Numbers 21:4-9. How does this story connect to what Jesus is telling Nicodemus?

#### 12. Read John 3:16-21 marking the text according to the Coloring Key.

13. Read through the text a second time. This time fill in the following chart to show the contrast between believers and unbelievers. (I gave you the first answer.)

Believers	Unbelievers
Believe in the Son	Does not believe in the Son

- 14. What does John mean by "the world" in verse 16?
- John 3:16 is probably the most famous verse in the Bible, but rarely do people know verses 17-18. These three verses when kept in context present a powerful explanation of the gospel. Rewrite John 3:16-18 in your own words.

16. In verses 19-21, there are two kinds of "works" talked about. What are they?

#### 17. Read John 3:22-36 marking the text according to the Coloring Key.

18. A discussion has arisen between John the Baptist's disciples and a Jew. What is this discussion about? Why do you think there was a discussion about these things?

19. The discussion between John's disciples and the Jews leads to a discussion between John and his disciples. What seems to be at the heart of the disciples' question?

What do you think John's disciples were feeling?

20. How does John respond to his disciples?

- 21. What does John's response reveal about John's character?
- 22. Look up Matthew 11:7-11. What does Jesus say about John the Baptist?

Why do you think that Jesus had such high praise for John?

23. Application: Have you ever felt dissatisfaction or discontentment in your heart about your role or calling in life?

What does this discontentment/dissatisfaction reveal about your heart?

24. Summarize verses 31-36 below in your own words.

25. Verse 36 compares 2 types of people. Using the words in the verse, write down the description of each in separate columns.

Type 1	Туре 2

Note below any observations you have about the meaning of this verse.

#### Wrap Up:

What have you learned in this portion of Scripture about God? List as many things as possible.

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What are some practical steps that you can take this week to live in light of this truth?

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## WEEK 4 NOTES: JOHN 3

## Week 5: John 4:1-42 "Living Water"

This week as you study...

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes as you study and deepen your understanding of who Jesus is.
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 4:13-14
- Review previous memorization passages.
- Fill in the Names of Jesus Chart in the appendix as you read this week.

"John may intend a contrast between the woman of this narrative and Nicodemus of chapter 3. He was learned, powerful, respected, orthodox, theologically trained; she was unschooled, without influence, despised, capable only of folk religion. He was a man, a Jew, a ruler; she was a woman, a Samaritan, a moral outcast. And both needed Jesus." (The Gospel According to John, D.A. Carson)

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- 1. Read John 4:1-26 marking the text according to the Coloring Key.
- 2. What did the Apostle John mean in verse 4 when he said that Jesus "had to pass through Samaria"?
- 3. On the map to your right, chart Jesus' and the disciples' route according to the text.
- 4. For what reason did Jesus stop and sit at the well of Jacob? (v. 6)

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5. Application: Scriptures teach us that Jesus is fully God and at the same time fully man. This is sometimes difficult to wrap our heads around. Here in this passage we see Jesus' humanity. He is weary. Isaiah 40:28 says – *"The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary..."* And yet here is Jesus, seated by a well because He is weary. This same God who does not faint or grow weary, in taking on human form knows what it means to be tired. How does seeing Jesus' humanity and knowing that He can sympathize in our weakness, strengthen you when you feel weary?

6. Why was this woman surprised that Jesus would ask her for a drink of water?

7. What does Jesus mean by the phrase "living water"?

8. In verses 15-16, it appears that Jesus immediately changes the subject when the woman asks for living water. Why do you think Jesus asks this question about her husband?

9. How do you think the woman is feeling about the turn in the conversation? Explain your reasons for thinking this way.

10. In the next part of the conversation with the Samaritan woman, how does Jesus describe the Father? (vv. 21-24)

- 11. What does it mean to worship in spirit and truth?
- 12. Read John 4:27-38 marking the text according to the Coloring Key as you read.
- 13. What has surprised the disciples?
- 14. Application: The Samaritan woman was surprised by Jesus and now the disciples are surprised by him. Jesus rarely fits within our expectations. In what ways has he surprised you in this narrative?

15. "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did." (v. 29) Why would the fact that Jesus knew all there was to know about her past be the message that this woman would bring back into the town?

16. Application: "To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything..." (Timothy J. Keller)

How does knowing that God fully knows you and at the same time truly loves you change you?

- 17. What is the significance of Jesus' claim in verse 32: "I have food to eat of which you do not know"?
- 18. Application: How is doing the will of God filling and satisfying to you personally?

19. Summarize verses 35-38 in your own words.

#### 20. Read John 4:39-42 marking the text according to the Coloring Key provided.

21. What is so compelling about this woman's testimony that the town's people would believe in Jesus?

- 22. Jesus remained in this town for two more days. What do you think He did in those two days?
- 23. What was the response of the people of the town? What reason is given for their belief?

24. Look up Romans 10:13-15 and 1 Peter 1:23-25. What do these texts teach us about what is necessary for people to come to saving faith?

- 25. Application: In light of this truth, what should be the <u>primary focus</u> of the Church (as individual members and the corporate gathering)?
- 26. Application: Personal testimonies are important and have a place in building faith. However, they should not take the place of God's Word. The testimony of the Samaritan woman was the springboard that led many of this village to *come and see Jesus* where they could hear His Word and come to personal faith in Him. Write your testimony in the space provided that could serve as such a springboard – inviting others to *come and see Jesus*.

## Wrap Up:

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## WEEK 5 NOTES: JOHN 4: 1-42

# Week 6: John 4:43-5:47 "The Sent One"

This week as you study...

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes that you may see wondrous things in God's Word!
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 5:39
- Review previous memorization passages.
- Fill in the Names of Jesus Chart in the appendix as you read this week.

After His divine appointment with the woman at the well, Jesus leaves Samaria to return to His "home" territory. We continue to learn who Jesus is and what He has come to do.

- 1. Read John 4:43-54 marking the text according to the Coloring Key provided.
- 2. After a brief stay in Samaria, Jesus continues his journey to Galilee. What does it mean that Jesus has no honor in his hometown? (see also Matthew 13:53-57)
- 3. What feast is referred to in John 4:45? Look back to John 2:23-25.
- 4. Why do you think John reminds us that this is the location where Jesus turned the water into wine?

- 5. An "official" comes to Jesus because of a personal crisis. What was his request of Jesus and how did Jesus respond to his request? (vv. 47-48)
- 6. In light of Jesus' initial response to the request of the official, what do you think was going on in the mind of this man?

7. Jesus then tells him to "go." What happens next in the story?

8. Application: Do you struggle to take Jesus at His Word and instead look for "signs and wonders" to help you believe? Give an example.

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#### 9. Read John 5:1-18 marking the text according to the Coloring Key as you read.

- 10. From the information provided for us in verses 1-8, why were there many disabled people by this pool?
- 11. What do we know of the man in this section?
- 12. How did Jesus cure this sick man? What is significant about this?
- 13. What is similar with this healing and the healing of the official's son? What is different?

14. What is the response of the Jews to the man's healing?

15. What are your observations about the man following his healing? What does he do? What does he say?

16. What reason is given in verse 18 as to why the Jews were seeking to kill Jesus?

17. Read John 5:19-29 marking the text according to the Coloring Key provided.

18. How does Jesus describe His relationship with the Father?

19. How does one receive eternal life according to John 5:24? Is this consistent with what we learned in John 3:36?

20. John has referred to Jesus as the Word, the Lamb of God, the Son of God, the Messiah and the Christ. Now for the second time, we see the title "Son of Man" (v 27) used by Jesus to describe Himself. Look up Daniel 7:13. What is the significance of the title "Son of Man." What is Jesus saying about Himself when He uses this title?

21. In verses 28-29, is Jesus telling us that salvation is by works? Why or why not?

#### 22. Read John 5:30-47 marking the text according to the Coloring Key as you read.

23. In these verses Jesus sets before His hearers 4 witnesses to validate His testimony. In the chart below note each of the witnesses and how each of their testimonies validated His claim, and which verse(s) referenced. (The first one is completed for you.)

Verse(s)	Witness	What the Witness Proclaimed
32-33	John	The Truth

24. Look up the word *glory* in the dictionary and write the definition that best fits the context of verses 43-44 below.

25. In light of the meaning of the word "glory," re-write verses 43-45 in your own words.

26. Application: How might seeking glory from others hinder our ability to believe the testimony of Jesus?

## Wrap Up:

What have you learned in this portion of Scripture about God? List as many things as possible.

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What are some practical steps that you can take this week to live in light of this truth?

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A Study in the Gospel of John - Part 1

## WEEK 6 NOTES: JOHN 4:43-5:47

# Week 7: John 6 "The Bread of Life"

This week as you study...

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a hunger for the Bread of Life!
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 6:35
- Review previous memorization passages.
- Fill in the Names of Jesus Chart in the appendix as you read this week.

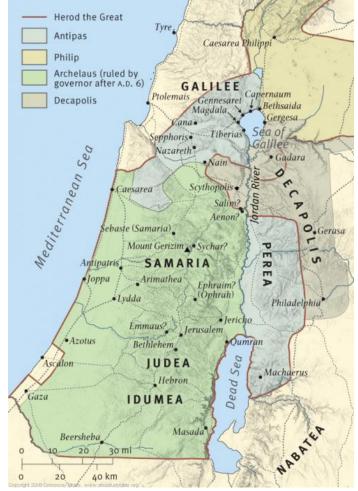
"If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great." John Piper, <u>A Hunger For God</u>

- 1. Read John 6:1-15 marking the text as you read.
- 2. What was the reason there was a large crowd and why were they following Jesus?

3. Why do you think John felt it was important to include that the Passover was near at hand?

4. The story of the feeding of the Five Thousand is the only miracle that is found in all four gospels. You can find it in Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, and Luke 9:10-17. Take some time to read each of these accounts and note any additional information that we can learn from these parallel accounts.

- Based on your reading of the four gospel accounts, place a star on the map in the region where this miracle took place.
- 6. What was Jesus intent for withdrawing to the mountains with His disciples?
- Why do you think Jesus tested Philip in verse 5?
- 8. What do you think is in Andrew's thoughts as he tells Jesus what food is available?



- 9. What is your reaction to this miracle? What is most impressive to you?
- 10. What is the reaction of the crowd?
- 11. Look up Deuteronomy 18:15-19. How does this shed light on your understanding of the people's reaction in verse 14?

#### 12. Read John 6:16-24 marking the text as you read.

- 13. Picture yourself in the boat with the disciples. You look up and see Jesus coming toward you walking on the water. What is your reaction? Why?
- 14. Why did the disciples not recognize Jesus? Look up Mark 6:45-56. What additional information do you learn about this scene from Mark's gospel account? What does the hardness of heart have to do with their reaction?

- 15. Look up Psalm 107:23-32. How is Jesus the fulfillment of this Psalm?
- 16. Go back to the map of the region and put another star in the location where the crowds traveled seeking Jesus.
- 17. Read John 6:25-51 marking the text according to the Coloring Key as you read.
- 18. Why are the crowds seeking Jesus?
- 19. Instead of seeking food to eat, Jesus tells the crowd to pursue food that leads to eternal life? What do you think He means?

20. What are the works of God? List below as many as you can find.

21. What do people typically think the works of God are?

- 22. The crowds ask Jesus for yet another sign to prove He is who He says He is. And they refer to a story very familiar to the Jewish people. It comes from Exodus 16:1-36. Read this story. In the shadow of this story, what is Jesus claiming to be when He says that He is the bread of life?
- 23. Seeing is not necessarily believing. Why is this so?

24. According to John 6:35-44, who is ultimately responsible for our salvation? What are the implications of this?

#### 25. Read John 6:52-59 marking the text according to the Coloring Key as you read.

26. What does it mean to feed on his flesh and drink his blood? Is this literal or figurative language?

27. In verse 58, Jesus' use of the word "feeds" implies that this is something that occurs continually. In your life as a believer, how do you feed on the flesh and blood of Jesus continually?

#### 28. Read verses 60-71 marking the text as you read.

- 29. What is the response of those listening to Jesus' message?
- 30. What do you observe about Jesus in this scene? How does He react to the crowd's rejection?
- 31. Application: Have you ever shared the gospel with someone and experienced the sting of rejection? What was your reaction to that experience? How should you react to rejection?

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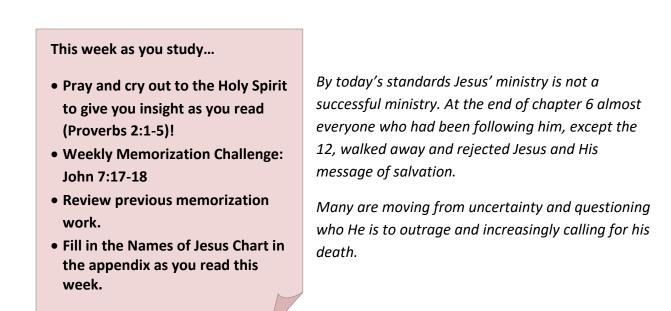
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## WEEK 7 NOTES: JOHN 6

## The Gospel of John Part 1

John 1-10

# Week 8: John 7:1-8:11 "Can This Be the Christ?"



- 1. Read John 7:1-24 marking the text according to the Coloring Key as you read.
- 2. Refresh your memory and look back into chapter 5. Write a brief synopsis about what happened the last time Jesus was in Jerusalem.

In light of that, why was Jesus reluctant to return?

3. What did Jesus' brothers think about Him? Give examples from the text for your conclusions. (Also look up Mark 3:21 for a little more insight.)

- 4. Why do you think Jesus tells his brothers he is not going to the feast and then proceeds to go at a later time?
- 5. Once again in verses 11-13 we see crowds searching for Jesus and in a state of confusion about who He is. Would you say that this is the same or different to people's reaction to Jesus today? Explain your answer.

6. What is the response of the crowd to Jesus' teaching? (v 15)

7. How does Jesus say His Word or His teaching is verified? (v 17)

- 8. What was the one work to which Jesus refers in verse 21?
- 9. What is Jesus' point in comparing the Jews circumcising on the Sabbath to Jesus' healing on the Sabbath?

10. "Judge with right judgment" — what are the implications of this statement? List as many as you can think of.

#### 11. Read John 7:25-36 marking the text as you read.

- 12. What seems to be causing confusion among the people?
- 13. There seems to be an awful amount of muttering going on in this chapter! And all the muttering surrounds trying to figure out who this Jesus is. What kind of "muttering" do we hear today surrounding Jesus' identity?

14. How does Jesus' additional statements in verses 32-36 just make more confusion?

15. Read John 7:37-52 marking the text as you read.

16. What is significant about what Jesus is saying on the last day of the feast (vv. 37-38)? Look up Isaiah 55:1 for additional insight.

17. And what does verse 38-39 specifically say the living water is?

18. What do you think "out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" means? How would this look in the life of a person who believes in Jesus?

19. Look up Luke 12:51. How do verses 40-52 picture what Jesus says about Himself in Luke?

20. Why is there "division among the people" over Jesus in these verses?

21. What is your reaction to the fact that Jesus brings division? Why?

22. What was the specific reason the officers did not arrest Jesus? Why do you think that would be a reason to not arrest someone?

23. What was the reaction of the Pharisees to the officers? Note everything you observe: attitudes, actions, etc.

24. Who is Nicodemus? (Memory refresher: John 3) What more information do we learn about him?

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#### 25. Read John 7:53-8:1-11 marking the text as you read.

26. List everything you observe about this scene.

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#### Fast Fact: John 7:53-8:11

"The best manuscripts from antiquity do not include this story in the Gospel of John. The overwhelming consensus of textual critics is that it was not part of the original Gospel of John, at least not this portion of John. At the same time, the overwhelming consensus is that this account is authentic, it's apostolic, and it should be contained in any edition of the New Testament. Whether it belongs here in John's Gospel, in Luke's Gospel (where some ancient manuscripts place it), or somewhere else is a question I leave for the ages. But I believe it is nothing less than the very Word of God..."

R.C. Sproul, Commentary on John

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27. What was the reason given for bringing this woman before Jesus?

28. What do you think Jesus wrote in the sand? Why?

29. What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?

## Wrap Up:

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A Study in the Gospel of John - Part 1

## WEEK 8 NOTES: JOHN 7:1-8:11

# Week 9: John 8:12-59 "The Light of the World – Part 1"

This week as you study...

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a longing for the Light of the World.
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 8:31-32
- Continue to review previous memorization work.
- Fill in the Names of Jesus Chart in the appendix as you read this week.

If you can't see the sun you will be impressed with a street light. If you've never felt thunder and lightning you'll be impressed with fireworks. And if you turn your back on the greatness and majesty of God you'll fall in love with a world of shadows and short-lived pleasures.

– John Piper –

- 1. Read John 8:12-20 marking the text as you read.
- 2. What does it mean to walk in darkness? How does Jesus change this?
- 3. Look up the following verses and note what each one says about 'light'.

	What does it say about light	What was the purpose of the light
Exodus 13:21-22		
Exodus 14:19-21		
Psalm 27:1		
Isaiah 42:6-7		

- 4. How does Jesus fulfill these Old Testament promises of the coming of the "light of salvation and the light of God"?
- 5. As we have studied through John, Jesus has been making some very bold claims about who He is and what His purposes are. He is also giving signs that validate those claims. However, the Pharisees continue to challenge Jesus at every turn.

-According to Jesus what is the reason for their unbelief? (v. 15)

- In verses 13-18 how does Jesus respond to their challenge?

6. What further claim does Jesus make in verses 19-20?

#### 7. Read John 8:21-30 marking the text as you read.

8. In verses 21-24, according to Jesus what will happen if you do not believe Him?

- 9. Skim through John 8:12-30. With a highlighter, highlight each time Jesus says "I am" or "I am He". How many times does he say this in the section?
- 10. Look up the following passages and note what they say about the great I AM:

Exodus 3:13-15 -

Isaiah 43:10-11 -

In light of these passages of Scripture, re-read verses 24-29. What claim is Jesus making when He says, "I AM He"?

11. Application: In our culture, it is common to hear that all religions lead to God. According to the Bible and the claims of Jesus we know that this cannot be true. How do we as Christians navigate in a society and a culture that insists on the opposite of the claims of Jesus? How can we speak truth with grace to those around us?



12. Read John 8:31-59 marking the text as you read.	• • •
13. Who specifically is Jesus talking to in verses 31-38? Why do you think that John notes this?	Fast Fact: Disciple
	The word disciple comes from the Greek word <u>mathetes</u> from <u>manthano</u> = to learn and describes a person who learns from another by instruction, whether formal or informal. Discipleship includes the
14. What discipline does Jesus say is evidence that we are truly His disciples?	idea of one who intentionally learns by inquiry and observation

- 15. Look up the word *abide* in the dictionary. Write the definition below that best fits the context of the verse.
- 16. Rewrite verses 31-32 in your own words.

on her ler the by ion and thus *mathetes* is more than a mere pupil.

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17. When you see the word *disciple* in the Bible, have you previously thought of it as a person who is primarily a learner or a doer? Why?

18. Application: We live in a culture where we do not have down time. Responsibilities pull at us from all different directions. How do we discipline ourselves to abide in God's Word as disciples of Jesus? List some specific steps you will take beginning this week to be an abider.

- 19. What are the results of abiding in Jesus' Word?
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- 20. Immediate response to what Jesus is saying is rejection rejection that they are enslaved to anyone. What is the slavery Jesus is referring to?

21. Look up the word *practices* in the dictionary. Rewrite verse 34 in your own words based on that dictionary definition.

22. Application: Is there something in your life that has enslaved you? What steps do you need to take to be set free?

23. How does Jesus contradict the Jews' claim to have Abraham and God as their Father (vv. 39-47)?

24. What are the reasons that Jesus gives for their lack of understanding? (vv. 43-47)

25. In verses 48-59, as you observe the exchange between Jesus and the Jews, how would you describe the mood of the crowd?

26. In light of this entire exchange, beginning all the way back in verse 12, how would you describe Jesus' attitude toward His questioners? What does that tell you about Jesus?

27. In verse 57 Jesus said that Abraham saw Jesus' day and was glad. How is this possible if Abraham lived thousands of years before Jesus was born?

28. Who was seeking to stone Jesus and why?

#### Wrap Up:

What have you learned in this portion of Scripture about God? List as many things as possible.

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A Study in the Gospel of John - Part 1

## WEEK 9 NOTES: JOHN 8:12-59

# Week 10: John 9 "The Light of the World – Part 2"

This week as you study...

- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your heart as you study so that you can see Jesus.
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 8:31-32
- Continue to review previous memorization work.
- Fill in the Names of Jesus Chart in the appendix as you read this week.

Last week we learned that Jesus is the Light of the world. As the Light, He shines in the darkness guiding our steps, showing us truth, leading us to freedom. Light also exposes our unbelief and wrong assumptions. In John 9 we have a story of a man born blind and we see Jesus, as the Light, come into this man's life bringing healing and restoration and in the process exposing the spiritual darkness of the religious leaders.

- 1. Read chapter 9 marking the text as you read.
- 2. What relationship did the disciples assume between sickness and/or disability and sin?
- **3.** Application: Does this assumption still exist today in religious circles? How would this belief possibly sound today?

4. Jesus sheds light and exposes their (and perhaps our) wrong assumptions. What reasons does He give for this man's disability?

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5. Application: Living in a fallen world brings with it sickness and disability in a variety of ways. Suffering touches all of our lives. And like the disciples, we usually are looking for someone to blame. How does Jesus' explanation for this man's suffering shed light on your own suffering and maybe some false assumptions that you have had? How does it change how you view your circumstances? How should it change your response?

- 6. In verse 4, what do you think Jesus is referring to when he talks of day and night?
- 7. What process did Jesus use to heal the man? List as many details that you see in the text.

8. Why do you think that Jesus went through this process rather than simply speaking healing to this man?

9. In verse 13, who is the "they" who brought the man to the Pharisees?

10. What controversial fact about the healing does John reveal in verse 14? Why is this information noteworthy?

11. Read through John 9:8-34. In the boxes below note your observations:

Individual/Group	Response/Reaction to Healing	Believe or Not Believe	
Man born blind			
Parents			
Neighbors/Friends/ Observers			
Pharisees			

- 12. Why were the parents of the man afraid of the Jews (v. 22)?
- 13. How does the man respond to being questioned for a second time? Has his tone and response changed with the continued questioning? (vv. 24-34)

14. In verses 31-33, what are three reasons the man gives in defense of Jesus?

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- 15. How did the Pharisees respond to this?

16. Application: Have you ever thought that if you could just see a miracle, it would be so much easier to believe in Jesus? The Pharisees and Jews had just seen a great miracle, and yet they still did not believe. What truth is revealed by their unbelief in the face of the miraculous that can be a lesson to you today?

17. Why does Jesus seek out the man? (vv. 35-38)

18. In John 5:1-17 we had seen Jesus heal another man on the Sabbath. Refresh your memory of this story by re-reading the account. Both of these men encountered Jesus, were healed by Jesus, and then were confronted by the Pharisees. What was different about the response in the 1<sup>st</sup> story compared to the blind man's response regarding Jesus?

What do you think could be the reason for the different responses of these two men?

19. Compare verses 37-39 and 5:22. How do these verses deepen your understanding of their meaning?

Now look up John 3:17. How does this verse complement the others?

- 20. What kind of blindness is Jesus talking about in verses 39-41?
- 21. Rewrite verses 39-41 in your own words.

22. In verse 3 Jesus explained that the man was born blind so "that the works of God might be displayed in him." Note in the space below the ways in which the "works of God" were displayed in this man and his healing.

23. Application: As the self-proclaimed light of the world, Jesus brings the light of truth into the darkness of people's hearts. In what area of your life do you sense the Light of the World speaking uncomfortable truth to your heart? How will you respond?

### Wrap Up:

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## WEEK 10 NOTES: JOHN 9

# Week 11: John 10 "The Good Shepherd"

This week as you study...

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your ears that you may know the voice of the Good Shepherd.
- Weekly Memorization Challenge: John 10:27-28
- Continue to review previous memorization work.
- Fill in the Names of Jesus Chart in the appendix as you read this week.



#### Just a little context ...

The sheepfold was a rock wall enclosure of loosely stacked stones, and this provided protection against "thieves and robbers" (John 10). The enclosure also provided protection from wolves and other animals of prey. The enclosure also contained the door of the sheepfold, an opening for the sheep to come in and go out. It was at this opening that the shepherd would lay. In order for a thief or wolf to come in he would have to climb over the shepherd at the door. The shepherd would also inspect each of the sheep as it passed under the rod at the door of the sheepfold. In the morning the shepherd would call his sheep and they would exit the fold because they knew his voice. (www.bible-history.com)

#### 1. Read John 10:1-21 marking the text as you read.

2. In this chapter Jesus is using metaphor. A metaphor is a figure of speech using something that is tangible and familiar to represent an idea.

On the chart on the next page, explain what each of these images represent (vv. 1-10):

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The Sheepfold	
The Sheep	
The Shepherd	
The Thief	
The Door	

- 3. In verses 11-15 how does Jesus care for His sheep?
- 4. In verse 16 Jesus says that He has other sheep that are not of this fold. To whom is He referring? Look up Isaiah 56:8 and Ephesians 2:11-22 for help.
- 5. In verses 1-21 circle each time Jesus says He lays down His life for the sheep. How many times did He say this?

Why do you think He says this repeatedly?

6. Who gave Jesus the authority to lay down/take up His life?

\*What do you learn about the relationship between the Father and the Son in this statement?

\*Why is it important for us to know this?

- 7. What coming event is Jesus referring to in this passage?
- 8. In verses 19-21 there is again division among those who are listening to Jesus' claims. Describe the different reactions.
- 9. Application: What is YOUR reaction to these particular claims of Jesus?

#### 10. Application: If Jesus submitted to authority, what does that mean for us?

#### 11. Read John 10:22-42 marking the text as you read.

12. Jesus calls on the works that He does in His Father's name to bear witness about Himself. These works include all of His ministry and His teaching. But let's refresh our memory by reviewing some of the works that John has included in his account thus far that validate Jesus' claim as Messiah. Look up the reference and write the "work" in the space.

Reference	Testifying Work
John 2:1-11	
John 4:46-54	
John 5:1-15	
John 6:5-13	
John 6:16-21	
John 9:1-7	

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### Fast Fact: Feast of Dedication

The 8-day Feast of Dedication celebrates the rededication of the Jewish temple by Judas Maccabeus in December 164 BC after its desecration by Seleucid ruler of Antiochus Epiphanes IV in 162 BC. (ESV Study Bible Notes)

Today this feast is known as Hanukkah.

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13. What reason does Jesus give for their unbelief?

14. Describe those who are Jesus' sheep (v. 27).

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15. What gift does the sheep receive from Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28)

Jesus expounds on this gift. What truth does He want us to understand about this gift? (vv. 28-30)

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- 16. Application: Based on verses 27-30, how would a person be able to have assurance that they are one of Jesus' sheep?
- 17. Application: Additionally, what can those who are Jesus' sheep be confident about?

18. Why did the Jews seek to kill Jesus?

Have they rightly understood Jesus' claims?

- 19. In verse 34, Jesus quotes Psalm 82:6. Look up this verse for context. What do you think Jesus is saying in verses 34-36.
- 20. In verse 41 the people said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." Think back to the beginning of our study. What were the things that John the Baptist said about Jesus that were true that caused many to believe in Him?

21. Application: Our lesson for this week ends with these words: "And many believed in Him there." What beautiful words! The question for all people is this – Do you believe in Jesus? Write below about your belief in Jesus.

How does belief in Jesus change you? How does it change the way you live your life? Explain.

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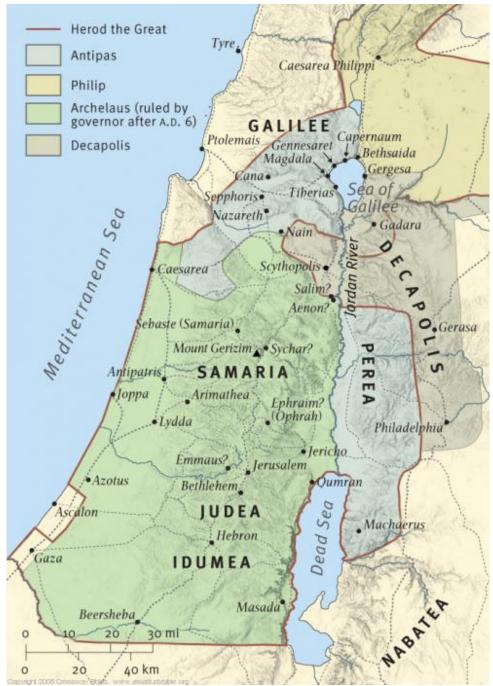
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## WEEK 11 NOTES: JOHN 10

APPENDIX I: MAPS & CHARTS

### THE SETTING OF JOHN

The events of the Gospel of John take place in Palestine, incorporated into the Roman Empire in 63 B.C. Appointed by the Romans as king over the Jews in 37 B.C., Herod the Great ruled until his death in 4 B.C. The Romans divided his kingdom among his descendants. The predominantly Gentile region of the Decapolis, or "Ten Cities," was a loose confederation of semiautonomous cities administered by the Roman legate of Syria.



\*Taken from ESV Study Bible Notes

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# NAMES/TITLES OF JESUS

Passage Reference	Name	Significance of Name

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# **APPENDIX II:**

#### JOHN 1-10 English Standard Version (2016)

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

<sup>19</sup> And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup> (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup> They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I

baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under

the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

2 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
<sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a

house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup> Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

**3** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from

heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

<sup>22</sup> After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. <sup>23</sup> John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized <sup>24</sup> (for John had not yet been put in prison).

<sup>25</sup> Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification.
<sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." <sup>27</sup> John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' <sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease."

<sup>31</sup> He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. <sup>33</sup> Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup> For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his

hand. <sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

**4** Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup>(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

<sup>43</sup> After the two days he departed for Galilee. <sup>44</sup> (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) <sup>45</sup> So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

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<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup> The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

**5** After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup> In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" <sup>7</sup> The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." <sup>9</sup> And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." <sup>11</sup> But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" <sup>12</sup> They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" <sup>13</sup> Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. <sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it

was Jesus who had healed him. <sup>16</sup> And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

<sup>18</sup> This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

<sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

<sup>25</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

<sup>30</sup> "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. <sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the

Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

**6** After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

<sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

<sup>22</sup> On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

<sup>41</sup> So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup> not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the

bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"
<sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup> And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

<sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." <sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." <sup>71</sup> He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

7 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. <sup>2</sup> Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. <sup>3</sup> So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. <sup>4</sup> For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup> For not even his brothers believed in him. <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. <sup>7</sup> The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup> You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup> After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

<sup>10</sup> But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. <sup>11</sup> The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" <sup>12</sup> And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others

said, "No, he is leading the people astray." <sup>13</sup> Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

<sup>14</sup> About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. <sup>15</sup> The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" <sup>16</sup> So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. <sup>17</sup> If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. <sup>18</sup> The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. <sup>19</sup> Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" <sup>20</sup> The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" <sup>21</sup> Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. <sup>22</sup> Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. <sup>23</sup> If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? <sup>24</sup> Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

<sup>25</sup> Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? <sup>26</sup> And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? <sup>27</sup> But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." <sup>28</sup> So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. <sup>29</sup> I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." <sup>30</sup> So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. <sup>31</sup> Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

<sup>32</sup> The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. <sup>34</sup> You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." <sup>35</sup> The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we

will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup> What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

<sup>40</sup> When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet."
<sup>41</sup> Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? <sup>42</sup> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" <sup>43</sup> So there was a division among the people over him. <sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

<sup>45</sup> The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" <sup>46</sup> The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" <sup>47</sup> The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? <sup>48</sup> Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, <sup>51</sup> "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" <sup>52</sup> They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

**8**<sup>53</sup> [[They went each to his own house, <sup>1</sup> but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst <sup>4</sup> they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. <sup>7</sup> And as they continued to ask him, he stood up

and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." ]]

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. <sup>18</sup> I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." <sup>19</sup> They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

<sup>21</sup> So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." <sup>27</sup> They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, "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 authority, but speak just as

the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup> And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup> As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup> I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. <sup>38</sup> I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

<sup>39</sup> They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, <sup>40</sup> but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. <sup>41</sup> You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me? <sup>47</sup> Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup> The Jews said to him,

"Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup> But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

**9** As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I

washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe,"

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and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

**10** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

<sup>19</sup> There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. <sup>20</sup> Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?" <sup>21</sup> Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

<sup>31</sup> The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" <sup>33</sup> The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? <sup>35</sup> If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— <sup>36</sup> do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? <sup>37</sup> If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; <sup>38</sup> 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 am in the Father." <sup>39</sup> Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

<sup>40</sup> He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. <sup>41</sup> And many came to him. And they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." <sup>42</sup> And many believed in him there.