

Hope Today
January – April 2022

Daily Study

for Program Series



discovering Jesus

a study of The Gospel of John

Week 6: February 7-11

The following series of daily readings, questions, and prayers have been designed by Pastor Tom Cullen to lead up to the program for the coming week. There are five daily studies for each week. Allow about 20 minutes a day to complete each one.

A video that will take you deeper into the text is available at lightnlife.ca

Program Schedule
Discovering Jesus

February 13 - Discovering Jesus the miracle worker (John 5:1-15)

February 20 - Discovering Jesus at a great feast (John 7:37-39)

February 27 - Discovering Jesus with eyes wide open (John 8)

March 6 - Discovering Jesus the good shepherd (John 10:11-21)

March 13 - Discovering Jesus at a funeral (John 11:1-16)

March 20 - Discovering Jesus in a parade (John 12:12-19)

March 27 - Discovering Jesus in an act of service (John 13:1-17)

April 3 - Discovering Jesus at Prayer (John 17:1-8)

April 10 - Discovering Jesus on Trial (John 18:28-40)

April 17 - Discovering Jesus in the resurrection (John 20:1-18)

April 24 - Discovering Jesus in second chances (John 21)

Program Series Study Guide

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Monday

Read

❖ John 5:16-30 (we examined 5:1-15 on Friday of last week)

Study

1. This chapter begins a time of persecution for Jesus. Two accusations are made against Him: He disobeyed God's law by working on the Sabbath (*verse 16*) and He made "*Himself equal with God.*" Jesus responds to His critics in verses 19-30. John, the author, gives us some help in breaking down Jesus' answer by repeating a phrase throughout. Did you notice it in verses 19, 24, and 25? In verses 19-23 how does Jesus describe His relationship with the Father? How does He claim to be equal with God?

2. Write out the promise given to us in verse 24 in your own words. What has happened to the one who believes? What do the verb tenses tell you about the nature of eternal life?

3. What two titles does Jesus use to describe Himself in this passage? (see verses 25 and 27) What does Jesus do as the Son of _____? (see verse 26 and 21) What does Jesus do as the Son of _____? (see verse 27 and 22)?

4. How does Jesus describe His judgment and His motivation? (verse 30)

Notes

- ❖ John 5:17 *My Father is always at work...* "The Father's Sabbath rest was broken in Genesis 3 when Adam and Eve sinned. Since that time, God has been at work seeking and saving the lost."¹ God the Son joins Him in this work.

¹ Warren Wiersbe, *Wiersbe's Expository Outlines On The New Testament* (U.S.A.: Scripture Press Publications, 1992), 224.

- ❖ John 5:25 *time is coming and now is ...* "Which is it?" we ask. Is this judgment now, or is it to come? The truth is, it is both. Because Jesus is the revelation of God He brings judgment now and those who believe in Him now are not condemned but cross over from a spiritual death to life. But Jesus will also be the judge on the Day of Judgment and He will judge all those who have rejected Him.

Reflect

- ❖ Notice how dependent the Son is on the Father. Does this describe your relationship with God? Do you depend on Him as fully? How? Why not?
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Pray

- ❖ As you reflect on your dependence upon God pray this verse to God, *"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty*" (Zechariah 4:6)

Memory Verse for the Week

John 5:24

Read

❖ John 5:31-47

Study

1. Throughout this section you will notice that the words “witness” and “testimony” occur again and again. Take a moment to mark down the verses in which these two words are used. Jesus says that His “*own testimony is not valid*” (verse 31). That does not mean He is a liar who can’t be trusted. No, He is the embodiment of truth (see John 14:6). What He is saying is, if all He does is in obedience to the Father (see 5:19), there must be other evidence that validates Him and what He does.

2. Who testifies and witnesses to the truth of Jesus in verses 32, 33, 36, 37, 39, 46?

3. Why didn't the people recognize Jesus for who He was? (see verses 37-40)

4. In verses 40-44 Jesus finds fault with the people. List the faults He discusses.

5. In verses 39, 46 and 47, what does Jesus say is the purpose of the Old Testament?

Reflect

❖ Think of verse 39 and 40 of our text. With what emotion do you think Jesus said these words? Do you think He feels the same way today about those who don't believe? Do you?

Pray

- ❖ Pray for one person in your circle of influence who does not know Jesus Christ as Lord. Pray that you will be able to model the faith and articulate the faith for them so that they can see Jesus.

Memory Verse for the Week

John 5:24

Read

❖ John 6:1-21

Study

1. This is the fourth “sign” that is recorded in this gospel (6:1-15), but the first one that Jesus involves his disciples. What does Jesus ask of Philip (notice the plural)? How does Philip respond?

2. Miracles have two purposes – an immediate purpose and a spiritual purpose. What do we learn about Jesus from this miracle?

3. What do we learn about the blessings of obedience from this miracle? (*verses 12-13*)

4. What do the disciples learn about Jesus in verses 16-21?

Reflect

Think about Philip's answer to Jesus. Is there something that Jesus is inviting you to do with Him? How are you responding? Are you responding like Philip? When invited into ministry do you immediately think of the human obstacles or do you look to the Lord who has promised to supply all our needs?

Pray

- ❖ God is a God who gives abundantly. Give thanks to God for all the blessings that are yours today. Take time to specifically list some of them.

Memory Verse for the Week

John 5:24

Reading

❖ John 6:22-59

Study

1. Describe what the people want from Jesus (*verse 26*). What are their priorities? (*verses 26, 27*)

2. What does Jesus offer to the people in the following verses:

Verse 27 _____

Verse 35 _____

Verse 39 _____

Verse 49-51 _____

3. What does Jesus require?

Verse 27, 29, 35, 40, 47 _____

Verse 51 _____

Verse 53-56 _____

4. I once had a professor who said that he wished that Jesus never had said the words recorded in verses 52-56 because they are so difficult understand and to explain to new believers. But clearly Jesus is using exaggerated language to describe commitment to Himself. From these verses how completely must we identify with Him? How much of your life should be involved in a commitment to Jesus? What will be the result (*verses 56,57*)?

Notes

- ❖ “The amazing verse 37 is often quoted, and needs some thoughtful meditation. It tells us that those who come to Christ and believe in Him are numbered with those who have been given to the Son by the Father. They are called “the elect”. But it is plainly stated that each elect one must come to Christ and believe in Him by receiving Him as personal Saviour and Lord. Let this fill you with wonder, and let this lead you to worship the One who has loved you with an everlasting love, and has drawn you to Himself with the bands of loving kindness and tender mercy. (Jeremiah 31:3).”²

Reflect

How is your spiritual appetite? What is it that you hunger for? Are you hungry for the bread of heaven?

² Dr. John Moore, *Plug into Power, the Gospel of John* (Stouffville, Ontario: John Moore Evangelistic Ministries Association, 1996), 19.

Read

❖ John 6:60-71

Study

1. All through his gospel it's as if John says, "There's seeing and then there's seeing; there's believing and then there's believing; there's following and then there's following." Here he seems to say that there are "disciples and then there are disciples". Describe the first set of disciples and their reactions (*verses 60-66*). Describe the second set of disciples and their reaction (*verses 67-69*).

2. If people are offended by the words of Jesus what will offend them even more? (*verse 62*)

3. What three reasons does Peter give for following Jesus?

Notes

❖ John 6:63 Jesus speaks of the "flesh". We know that the flesh *has some* significance, after all "*the Word became flesh*" (John 1:14). What He is saying is that in comparison to the Spirit which He gives, the flesh counts for nothing.

Reflect

- ❖ Think of verse 63. Is that how you feel about the “flesh”? Is that how you feel about the Holy Spirit?

Pray

- ❖ Pray the words of the song:

“Give me one pure and holy passion;
And give me one magnificent obsession!
Give me one glorious ambition for my life,
To know and follow hard after you.”

Memory Verse for the Week

John 5:24
