

# **Gospel of John Study**

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## **Introduction**

1. What are some of the stories we hear about when we turn on the 6 o'clock news? (wars, drugs, murders, economy...most is bad news).
2. This study is going to introduce us to some "good news"! This news is about a man who walked the earth 2000 years ago.
3. What good news did Jesus bring to us? (Jn.5:24, 6:35, 7:37-38, 8:51,10:27-28, 11:25-26).
4. How could a man make promises like this? He was a very special man!
5. Let's find out more about him as we start our study.

## **Study #1:**

John 1:1-18

1. Who is the "Word"? (v.14)
2. What does this passage teach us about Jesus?
3. How did the people in the world treat Jesus when He walked the earth?
4. How do people treat Jesus Christ today?
5. What is the only proper response to Jesus Christ? (v.12).
6. Is there any benefit to receiving Jesus Christ?
7. Is there any responsibility?
8. Is there any other way by which a person can become a child of God? (Jn:14:6, Gal.3:26)
9. What does it mean to "believe" in Jesus Christ? (compare with Jas.2:19).
10. Are you convinced you are a child of God?

## **Study #2:**

John 1:29-50

1. What does this passage reveal to us about Jesus Christ?
2. What is significant about Him being called "the lamb of God"? (see Is.53:4-7, Ex.12:21-23, Gen.22:1-13).
3. Why do we need Jesus to be our sacrificial lamb? (see Rom.3:23, 6:23).
4. How did Christ become our sacrificial lamb? (see 1Cor 5:7, Rom.5:8-9).
5. What were the various responses to Christ in this passage?
6. How did following Christ change these peoples lives?
7. How will following Christ change your life? Will you choose to follow?

## **Study #3:**

John 2:1-11

1. What is the setting of the passage?
2. Who is present?
3. What problem is encountered?

4. When the time was right how did Jesus resolve the problem? (notice how he used servants and had them do the work as he supervised.)
5. What was end result? (Plain ordinary water turned into choice wine. Notice that the very substance of the water was changed by Jesus).
6. What was the purpose of the miracle?
7. What applications can we make from the passage? (Jesus uses servant today to do His work. Only He has the power to change the very substance of our being. He can change us from having hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. See Ez.36:26-27. He can change us from sinners to saints. See 1Cor.5:17).

#### **Study #4:**

John 3:1-18

1. What do we learn about Nicodemus?
2. Why do you suppose he's coming to Jesus?
3. How does Jesus respond to him?
4. Does Nicodemus understand? (He should have, being Israel's teacher. See Ez.36:24-27).
5. Why does Jesus statements in v.3 and v.5 perplex Nicodemus?
6. What would Nicodemus have to do to embrace Jesus statements? (Forsake his former way of thinking, religious beliefs, self-righteous acts).
7. How would this change Nicodemus's life?
8. How are we like Nicodemus?
9. What will embracing Jesus teaching mean in our lives? What might we have to forsake?
10. What other option do we have? (Reject and suffer the consequences).

#### **Study #5:**

John 4:1-42

1. What do we learn about this woman from the text?
2. When Jesus meets her what does he ask of her?
3. What does Jesus know about her?
4. How is her life a contrast with that of Nicodemus? (See ch.3)
5. What does he offer her?
6. How is Jesus the solution to her problems? (See Jn.10:10).
7. How did this encounter change this woman's life?
8. What effect did she have on her community?
9. What does Jesus know about your life?
10. Is your life more like that of Nicodemus or this woman?
11. How is Jesus Christ the solution to your problems?
12. Once a person has a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, what changes do you think will take place in their life?
13. How might these changes effect their social circles?
14. Are you ready for an encounter with Christ?

#### **Study #6:**

John 5

1. What is the setting of these events?
2. Who are the characters involved?
3. Based on the evidence in the text, how can we be sure the miracle was genuine?
4. What hope did this man have before meeting Jesus?
5. Why do you suppose Jesus asked the man if he wanted to get well?
6. Was Jesus more concerned about the man's physical well being or spiritual well being? (See v.14. What could be worse? Hell!)
7. How did the Jews respond to the miracle?
8. What were the charges against Him?
9. What does this passage reveal about the person of Jesus Christ? (v.18 equal with God, v.19 does the same work God is doing, v.20 loved by God, v.21 has the power to give life, v.23 deserves equal honor with God, v.24 has words that are of eternal significance.)
10. Are there any consequences for rejecting these truths about Jesus?
11. How are we similar to the lame man in this passage? (Sin cripples us. We are unable to heal ourselves. Christ offers us his helping, healing hand. We have to desire to get well. When we yield to him, we'll be changed. People will be amazed.)
12. Do you want to get well?

### **Study #7:**

John 6:1-15

1. Describe the setting. What was it like that day on the far shore of the Sea of Galilee?
2. What do you suppose prompted the crowd to follow Jesus?
3. What problem does Jesus detect?
4. How do the disciples respond?
5. Who came to the rescue? (v.9)
6. What kind of resources could he offer?
7. What other options did he have regarding his lunch? (eat it, sell it)
8. What happened when these meager resources were put in the hands of Jesus?
9. What lessons did this teach the disciples?
10. Was Christ able to meet the need? (v.12)
11. How is this boy an example to each one of us here today?
12. What do you think Jesus could do with one meager life placed in His hands? Are you willing?

### **Study #8:**

John 6:25-71

1. Who are some of the people present?
2. What do you think they are looking for? (v.26)
3. What else, besides food, do people look for to bring them satisfaction?
4. How do these desires deceive us?
5. What solution does Jesus offer to the crowd to satisfy their deepest desires?
6. What promises are made to those who look to Christ for their fulfillment?
7. What reactions do we see in the passage?
8. Where are you looking for your satisfaction?
9. What is your response to Jesus? (v.28-29, v35-36, 40, 47).

### **Study #9:**

John 7:1-52

1. What is the setting?
2. What was it like in Jesus home as his family prepared to attend the ceremony? (see Mt.13:53-58)
3. What other reactions did Jesus bring at the festival?
4. Any of us here ever receive similar reaction for being a follower of Jesus?
5. Why do people respond like this? (see v.7)
6. Despite these responses, what does Jesus offer to them?
7. Is this offer good indefinitely? (see v.34, Heb.3:14-19, Lk.19:41-44)
8. Will God put up with our generation indefinitely? (2Pt.3:10-18, 2Thess.1:6-10)
9. What is it that people are looking for to satisfy them in our day?
10. Where do they need to look?
11. Where do you need to look? (Acts 3:19)

### **Study #10:**

John 8:12-59

1. What does Jesus reveal about himself in this passage?
2. What reactions does this draw from the people?
3. Why is it important to believe in the Jesus of the Bible? (v.24).
4. What does Jesus say to those who would not believe in him?
5. What promises are made to those would believe and follow? (v.51)
6. What side of the fence are you on?
7. What evidences of a true believer are mentioned in the text? (v.31, 42,47,36)
8. What will be true of a person who is not a true believer? (v.34,37,43,44,47)
9. What does the evidence in your life demonstrate about your relationship with Christ?

### **Study #11:**

John 9

1. Identify all of the different characters present at this event?
2. What do the disciples think when they first meet the blind man?
3. What is Jesus initial reaction?
4. What are the responses to the miracle?( neighbors, Pharisees, parents?)
5. What is the response of the man born blind? (see v.11,17,33,38). Progressive faith!
6. Were there any consequences to this man for putting his faith in Christ?
7. Do you think there will be any consequences for us if we put our faith in Christ? (see 2Tim.3:12, Lk.12:4-5, Mt.10:37-39).
8. Have any of us had to endure consequences for following Christ?
9. What are the benefits of walking with Christ?
10. Who are you following and walking with each day?

**Study #12:**

John 10:1-39

1. What statements does Jesus make concerning himself?
2. How did the Jews interpret these statements? (v.31,33,39)
3. What kind of relationship does the good shepherd have with his sheep?
4. How do the sheep respond to the shepherd?
5. Have we found this to be true in our relationship with Jesus?
6. How can we tell true sheep from false sheep?
7. What advantage is there to being in Jesus flock?
8. How do we enter into the fold? (v.9).
9. Take time tonight to praise Him for all he does for us.