

Class Schedule

4th Quarter 2011

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1st Quarter 2012

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JOHN

The Gospel of John has long held a place of high honor and devotion among Christians. The profundity of its message—focusing on the mystery of the Person of Christ and the incarnation, His relationship to the Father, and the importance of belief in Christ—together with the relative simplicity of its construction makes it frequently the first portion of Scripture to be translated into another language.

Author

While the Gospel of John does not specifically designate its author, many factors support the long-held belief that he was John the apostle, the brother of James and son of Zebedee. According to 20:21, 24, this Gospel was written by “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” and, of the inner circle of Jesus’ disciples (Peter, James, and John), John is the only probable candidate. That the author was a Palestinian Jew and an eyewitness of the events he describes also supports Johannine authorship.

Early written sources and persistent tradition about the apostle John point to Ephesus as the most likely place for the origin of the Gospel. John is believed to have lived and worked in the area of Ephesus for many years, and a tomb discovered there is reputed to be his. In addition, several key terms and ideas contained in the Gospel would have been especially fitting for this area of Asia Minor.

Date

The church father Irenaeus explicitly testifies that John wrote the Gospel while residing in Ephesus (A.D. 66–98), and there is little reason to challenge a date within this period. Although some scholars in the past have argued that John’s Gospel was composed during the middle of the second century A.D., the discovery in Egypt of a papyrus fragment of the Gospel of John dating to c. A.D. 125 makes a first-century date almost certain.

Themes and Literary Structure

The Gospel of John is built around seven miracles and seven “I am” statements of Christ. The five basic sections of this Gospel are: the incarnation of the Son of God (1:1–18); the presentation of the Son of God (1:19–4:54); the opposition to the Son of God (5:1–12:50); the preparation of the disciples by the Son of God (13:1–17:26); and the crucifixion and resurrection of the Son of God (18:1–21:25).

That John’s Gospel is significantly different from the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) has been noticed from the earliest days of church history. It is probable that John wrote after the Synoptics had been completed, and that he was aware of them. That being the case, John wrote to supplement the Synoptics and to provide a theological interpretation of the Person and work of Christ especially suited for his Hellenistic audience.

Unlike the Synoptics, which present Jesus' teaching in the form of short sayings and parables, John presents Jesus' teaching in the form of longer theological discourses: the discourse on the bread of life (6:41–59), the good shepherd and His sheep (10:1–30), the vine and the branches (15:1–8), and the priestly prayer (17:1–26). In these discourses, contrasting pairs of ideas are frequently utilized, such as light/darkness, belief/unbelief, love/hate, and earthly/heavenly. In contrast to the Synoptic Gospels' focus upon the Galilean ministry, John emphasizes events in Judea and he records three or four Passover visits by Jesus to Jerusalem.

Although the Synoptics are full of the raw material for Christological doctrine, John displays a more intense conviction of the centrality of the Person of Christ. For John, the activity of Christ is not understandable apart from the fact that He is the Messiah, the Son of God, and God Himself (1:1–18). This emphasis upon the Person of Jesus is highlighted by John's inclusion of seven "I am" sayings.¹

The "I AM" Statements

Twenty-three times in all we find our Lord's meaningful "I AM" (*ego eimi*, Gk.) in the Greek text of this Gospel (4:26; 6:20, 35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12, 18, 24, 28, 58; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 13:19; 14:6; 15:1, 5; 18:5, 6, 8). In several of these He joins His "I AM" with seven tremendous metaphors which are expressive of His saving relationship toward the world.

"I AM the Bread of life" (6:35, 41, 48, 51)

"I AM the Light of the world" (8:12)

"I AM the Door of the sheep" (10:7, 9)

"I AM the Good Shepherd" (10:11, 14)

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life" (11:25)

"I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life" (14:6)

"I AM the true Vine" (15:1, 5).

Thomas Nelson Publishers, *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts : Old and New Testaments.*, Rev. and updated ed. (Nashville, Tenn.: Thomas Nelson, 1996).

Outline of John

Part One: The Incarnation of the Word

- I. 1:1-5 The Pre-existent Word
- II. 1:6-8 John's Witness of the Word
- III. 1:9-13 The Light comes into the World
- IV. 1:14-18 The Word Becomes Flesh

Part Two: The Presentation of the Son of God

- I. 1:19-34 The Presentation of Christ by John the Baptist
- II. 1:35-51 The Presentation of Christ to the Disciples
- III. 2:1-12 The Presentation of Christ in Galilee
- IV. 2:13-3:36 The Presentation of Christ in Judea
- V. 4:1-42 The Presentation of Christ in Samaria
- VI. 4:43-54 Christ's Return to Galilee

Part Three: The Opposition to the Son of God

- I. 5:1-47 Opposition at feast in Jerusalem - Jesus Heals Lame Man
- II. 6:1-71 Opposition in Galilee - Feeds 5000 - Walks on Sea
- III. 7:1-53 Opposition at Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem
- IV. 8:1-10:42 Opposition to: "I AM" - Healing Blind Man- Good Shepherd
- V. 11:1-12:50 Opposition Because Jesus Raises Lazarus From Dead

Part Four: The Preparation of the Disciples

- I. 13:1-16:33 Jesus Prepares His Disciples in the Upper Room
- II. 17:1-26 Jesus Prays For Himself, His Disciples and All Believers

Part Five: The Crucifixion & Resurrection

- I. 18:1-19:16 Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest in Garden of Gethsemane
- II. 19:17-37 The Crucifixion of Christ
- III. 19:38-42 The Burial of Christ
- IV. 20:1-10 The Resurrection of Christ
- V. 20:11-21:25 The Appearance of Christ to His Disciples

Lesson 1 – Oct 5th: John 1:1-18

OVERVIEW

John begins his Gospel by talking about the deity of Christ, then describes the ministry of John the Baptist.

- I. THE WORD WAS IN THE BEGINNING (1:1–5)
- II. JOHN’S WITNESS OF THE LIGHT (1:6–13)
- III. THE WORD BECOMES FLESH (1:14–18)

EXPLORE IT

1. What does John teach us about the Word? (1:1-5)
2. What was John’s purpose? (1:6-8)
3. What does the True Light give to all mankind? (1:9)
4. What does the True Light give to those who receive Him? (1:12)
5. Who are those whom receive Him? (1:12-13)
6. What was the glory of the Word that became flesh? (1:14)
7. What did John bear witness to? (1:15)
8. What has the only begotten Son declared? (1:18)

GET IT

9. What does it mean that “without Him nothing was made that was made”? (1: 3)
10. Who is the light and who is the darkness? (1:5)
11. What is the difference between the world and His own? (1:10-11)
12. Why is Jesus compared to Moses? (1:17)

APPLY IT

13. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 2 – Oct 12th: John 1:19-51

OVERVIEW

John prepares Israel for the coming of the messiah, then Jesus begins to tell people to follow Him.

- I. A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS (1:19–34)
- II. JESUS BEGINS TO CALL DISCIPLES (1:35–51)

EXPLORE IT

1. What did John say about who he was? (1:20-23)
2. Why did John call Jesus the Lamb of God? (1:29)
3. How did John know who Jesus was? (1:31-34)
4. What did John's disciples do when John identified Jesus? (1:36)
5. What was the first thing Andrew did after he had followed Jesus? (1:40-42)
6. What nickname did Jesus give to Simon? (1:42)
7. How did Philip respond to Jesus' invitation? (1:44-46)
8. Why was Nathanael skeptical that Philip had found the Messiah? (1:46)
9. What convinced Nathanael that Jesus was the Son of God? (1:47-50)

GET IT

10. What does the phrase "make straight the way for the Lord" mean? (1:23)
11. What did John mean that Jesus surpassed him because He was before him? (1:30)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 3 – Oct 19th: John 2:1-25

OVERVIEW

Jesus performs his first miracle and drives the merchants and money changers out of the Temple. When the Jewish leaders challenge his authority, Jesus says he will restore the temple (his body) in three days.

- I. JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE (2:1-12)
- II. JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE (2:13-25)

EXPLORE IT

1. What did Jesus' mother say to Him? (2:3)
2. What was Jesus' response to His mother? (2:4)
3. What did Jesus tell the servants to do? (2:7-8)
4. What did Jesus find in the temple courts? (2:14)
5. How did Jesus respond to those selling and changing money in the temple? (2:14-16)
6. What did Jesus' disciples remember? (2:17)
7. What did the Jews demand from Jesus? (2:18)
8. What temple did the Jews think Jesus was talking about? (2:20)
9. When did the disciples remember what Jesus had said? (2:22)
10. What was Jesus' response to those who believed in Him? (2:24-25)

GET IT

11. Why did Jesus perform this miracle? (2:11)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 4 – Oct 26th: John 3:1-21

OVERVIEW

Jesus meets with Nicodemus and tells him in order to be saved, all people must be born again.

I. JESUS EXPLAINS THE NEW BIRTH (3:1–21)

EXPLORE IT

1. At what time did Nicodemus visit Jesus? (3:2)
2. Why did Nicodemus believe Jesus was from God? (3:2)
3. What is the qualification for seeing the kingdom of God? (3:3)
4. What is required to enter the kingdom of God? (3:5-6)
5. About what category of things did Jesus say He was talking? (3:12)
6. What is the result of believing in the Son of Man? (3:15, 18)
7. Why did God send His Son into the world? (3:16,17)
8. How does the person who lives by truth respond to the light? (3:19-21)
9. Why does a person not come to the light? (3:19-21)

GET IT

10. Why should Nicodemus have understood what Jesus said? (3:10)

APPLY IT

11. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 5 – Nov 2nd: John 3:22-36

OVERVIEW

John the Baptist tells his disciples that Jesus is the Messiah.

I. JOHN BEARS WITNESS TO THE CHRIST (3:22–36)

EXPLORE IT

1. What did Jesus do with His disciples in the Judean countryside? (3:22)
2. What took place between John's disciples and some Jews? (3:25)
3. Who did John say he was, as well as who he wasn't? (3:28)
4. How did John describe Jesus becoming more important than himself? (3:29)
5. What did John say about his and Jesus' future status? (3:30)
6. What did He whom God sent do? (3:34)
7. What is the result of either believing or rejecting the Son? (3:36)

GET IT

8. Why were Jesus and John baptizing people? (3:22-26)
9. Why does John answer his disciples like he does in verse 27? What does he mean? (3:27)
10. Why does “no one” receive the testimony of Jesus? (3:31-36)

APPLY IT

11. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 6 – Nov 9th: John 4:1-26

OVERVIEW

Jesus meets a Samaritan woman by a well and offers her living water.

I. JESUS TEACHES SAMARITAN WOMAN (4:1–26)

EXPLORE IT

1. Who was baptizing more disciples than John? (4:1-2)
2. Why did Jesus sit down by Jacob's well? (4:6)
3. Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her? (4:9)
4. How did Jesus answer the Samaritan woman's question? (4:10)
5. What did Jesus say would be the result of drinking the water He offered? (4:13-14)
6. Who did Jesus tell the Samaritan woman to go and get? (4:16)
7. How did the Samaritan woman respond to Jesus' statements about her situation? (4:19-20)
8. How did Jesus say people would worship God? (4:21-23)
9. Who did Jesus say He was? (4:25-26)

GET IT

10. Why did Jesus have to travel through Samaria? (4:4-5)
11. Why did Jesus ask the Samaritan woman for a drink? (4:7)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 7 – Nov 16th: John 4:27-54

OVERVIEW

Many Samaritans in the woman's village believe in him. He heals the son of a government official in Capernaum.

- I. JESUS TEACHES DISCIPLES TO REAP (4:27–38)
- II. JESUS TEACHES SAMARITAN VILLAGE (4:39–42)
- III. JESUS HEALS NOBLEMAN'S SON (4:43-54)

EXPLORE IT

1. How did the disciples respond when they saw Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman? (4:27)
2. How did the townspeople respond to what the Samaritan woman told them? (4:29,30,39)
3. How did the disciples respond to what Jesus told them about food? (4:33)
4. What did many Samaritans believe about Jesus? Why? (4:39-42)
5. Why did the Galileans welcome Jesus? (4:45)

GET IT

6. Why does Jesus teach his disciples about food, the harvest, laboring and reaping? (4:32-38)
7. What kind of crop is the reaper harvesting? (4:36)
8. Whose labor are the disciples entering into? (4:38)
9. Why are prophets given no honor in their own country? (4:44)
10. What is wrong with having to see signs in order to believe? (4:48)

APPLY IT

11. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 8 – Nov 23rd: John 5:1-23

OVERVIEW

Jesus heals a lame man at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath. Jesus tells the Jews he is the Son of God.

- I. JESUS HEALS LAME MAN (5:1–15)
- II. HONOR THE FATHER AND THE SON (5:16–23)

EXPLORE IT

1. Who came to the pool named Bethesda? Why? (5:1-4)
2. What does the lame man think Jesus is implying with his question? (5:7)
3. What did the Jews say to the healed man? Why? (5:10)
4. What did Jesus teach the man he had healed on their second encounter? (5:14)
5. Why did the Jews persecute Jesus? How were they persecuting Him? (5:16)
6. Why did certain Jews want to kill Jesus? (5:18)
7. What did Jesus say that the Son could do? (5:19)
8. What did Jesus say He was able to do? (5:21)
9. To whom did God entrust all judgment? Why? (5:22-23)

GET IT

10. Why would Jesus ask the lame man if he wanted to get well? (5:6)

APPLY IT

11. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 9 – Nov 30th: John 5:24-47

OVERVIEW

After Jesus healed the lame man on the Sabbath, many Jews wanted to kill Him. Jesus answer was to explain He follows the Father and they should listen to the testimony about Jesus.

- I. JESUS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE JUDGMENT (5:24-30)
- II. JESUS POINTS TO WITNESSES ABOUT HIMSELF (5:31-47)

EXPLORE IT

1. What happens when you hear Jesus word and believe the Father? (5:24)
2. Who are the dead that Jesus is referring to? (5:25)
3. What did Jesus say the Father has in Himself that He has granted to the Son? (5:26)
4. Why is Jesus' judgment righteous? (5:30)
5. Who had been witness to Jesus? Whose testimony is valid and whose is not? (5:31-38)
6. Why did the Jews study the Scriptures? (5:39)
7. What did the Jews miss in their study of the Scriptures? (5:39-40)
8. Whose praise did the Jews neglect to seek? (5:43-44)
9. What effect should Moses' writings have had on the Jews? (5:46-47)

GET IT

10. What does it mean to hear Jesus' word? (5:24)
11. Who will be resurrected? Is he talking about the same people as in vs. 25? (5:28-29)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 10 – Dec 7th: John 6:1-40

OVERVIEW

Jesus performs two miracles that expand peoples interest in Him. Jesus teaches about Himself being the true bread from heaven and questions the faith of many who have seen Him.

- I. TWO MIRACLES: FEEDING 5000 & WALKING ON WATER (6:1-21)
- II. THE TRUE BEAD OF HEAVEN (6:22-40)

EXPLORE IT

1. Why did the crowd of people follow Jesus? (6:2)
2. What miracle did Jesus perform? (6:10-11)
3. Why did Jesus separate himself from the crowd of people? (6:14-15)
4. How did the disciples react to what they saw? (6:19)
5. What miraculous event took place once Jesus entered the boat? (6:21)
6. What did the crowd do when they realized that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there? (6:24)
7. What did Jesus say was the work of God? (6:28-29)
8. What did Jesus say would be the result of coming to Him? (6:35)
9. What did Jesus say is the Father's will? (6:39-40)

GET IT

10. Why did Jesus test Philip with this question? (6:6)
11. Why did the crowd seek Jesus? (6:26)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 11 – Dec 14th: John 6:41-7:9

OVERVIEW

We see the rejection of Jesus by many and the disbelief that many had about Him.

- I. JEWS MURMUR ABOUT THE BREAD OF HEAVEN (6:41-59)
- II. MANY DISCIPLES OF JESUS TURN AWAY (6:60-71)
- III. JESUS BROTHERS DO NOT BELIEVE HIM (7:1-9)

EXPLORE IT

1. Why did the Jews begin to grumble? (6:41-42)
2. Who did Jesus say could come to Him? (6:43-44)
3. What is the difference between manna and the bread of life? (6:48-51, 58)
4. How did many of Jesus' disciples respond to His teaching? (6:60)
5. What kind of words did Jesus speak to His audience? (6:63)
6. What did many of Jesus' disciples do after Jesus spoke these words? (6:66)
7. What was Peter's reply to Jesus' question to the disciples? (6:67-69)
8. Why did Jesus' brothers tell Him to go public with His works? (7:1-5)
9. Why would the world not hate Jesus' brothers? (7:6-8)

GET IT

10. Why were Jesus words hard to listen to for many of His disciples? (6:51-60)

APPLY IT

11. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 12 – Dec 21st: John 7:10-53

OVERVIEW

There is great debate in Jerusalem about who Jesus is.

- I. JESUS TEACHES OPENLY IN THE TEMPLE (7:10-24)
- II. THE PEOPLE AND AUTHORITIES QUESTION WHO HE IS (7:25-52)

EXPLORE IT

1. Why were the multitudes grumbling about Jesus? (7:10-13)
2. Why did the Jews marvel at Jesus' teaching? (7:15)
3. How could they know whether or not His teaching came from God? (7:17-19)
4. What point did Jesus make using circumcision? (7:22-23)
5. Why did the Pharisees and chief priests want to seize Jesus at that time? (7:25-32)
6. Where did the Jews think Jesus was going to go? (7:33-36)
7. What conclusions did the people come to about Jesus? (7:40-41)
8. Of what did the Pharisees accuse the temple guards? (7:47)

GET IT

9. Why did the people get confused over Jesus' identity? (7:41-42)
10. Why did the temple guards not bring Jesus to the chief priests and Pharisees? (7:45-46)

APPLY IT

11. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 13 – Dec 28th: John 8:1-59

OVERVIEW

Jesus defends a woman caught in adultery by reminding her accusers that they, too, are sinners. He says that he is the eternal light of the world and existed before Abraham was even born..

- I. JESUS DEALS WITH A WOMAN ACCUSED OF ADULTERY (8:1-11)
- II. JESUS ANSWERS THE PHARISEES ACCUSATIONS (8:12-59)

EXPLORE IT

1. What did the Law of Moses say about someone caught in adultery? (8:5)(See Lev 20)
2. What did Jesus answer to the Pharisees' question mean? (8:6-8)
3. What did Jesus tell the woman to do? (8:11)
4. Why did the Pharisees challenge Jesus? (8:13)
5. Why did Jesus say His judgments were right? (8:15-16)
6. Which two witnesses did Jesus claim testified on His behalf? (8:17-18)
7. Why didn't anyone seize Jesus? (8:20)
8. When would people know who Jesus was? (8:27-28)
9. What did the Jews attempt to do to Jesus? Why? (8:58-59)

GET IT

10. What does it mean that “the truth will set you free”? (8:32)
11. Why were they unable to understand Jesus' words? (8:44-47)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 14 – Jan 4th: John 9:1-41

OVERVIEW

Jesus heals a man born blind.

- I. JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN (9:1-12)
- II. PHARISEES INTERROGATE THE BLIND MAN (9:13-34)
- III. JESUS AND HIS NEW DISCIPLE (9:35-41)

EXPLORE IT

1. What question did Jesus' disciples ask Him about the blind man's condition? (9:2)
2. What did Jesus tell the blind man to do? (9:7)
3. How did the blind man's neighbors respond to his healing? (9:8-10)
4. Why did the Pharisees send for the blind man's parents? (9:18)
5. What did the blind man's parents fear? (9:22)
6. What did the blind man say was remarkable? (9:30)
7. What did the Pharisees do to the man who was born blind? (9:34)
8. What did the blind man do when Jesus told him who He was? (9:38)
9. Why did Jesus say that the Pharisees' guilt would remain? (9:41)

GET IT

Why was the blind man taken to the Pharisees? (9:13)

Why was there a division amongst the Pharisees? (9:16)

APPLY IT

What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why? (20:31)

Lesson 15 – Jan 11th: John 10:1-42

OVERVIEW

Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd. He also says that he is the Son of God and that his Father and he are one.

- I. JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD (10:1-21)
- II. JESUS AND THE FATHER ARE ONE (10:22-42)

EXPLORE IT

1. Why won't sheep follow a stranger? (10:5)
2. What type of relationship did Jesus say He had with His sheep? (10:11-14)
3. What did Jesus do for His sheep? (10:15-18)
4. Why did the Jews question who Jesus was? (10:22-24)
5. How did Jesus answer the Jews' question? (10:25-26)
6. What did Jesus say that no one could do to His sheep? (10:28-29)
7. How did Jesus respond to the Jews' accusation of blasphemy? (10:34-36)
8. Why did Jesus say that the Jews should believe in Him? (10:37-38)
9. Why did the people across the Jordan believe in Jesus? (10:41-42)

GET IT

10. What does it mean that Jesus is the door of the sheep? (10:7)

APPLY IT

11. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 16 – Jan 18th: John 11:1-57

OVERVIEW

Jesus raises His friend Lazarus from the dead. The Jews plot to Kill Jesus.

- I. DEATH & RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS (11:1-44)
- II. SOME WITNESSES BELIEVE AND SOME PLOT AGAINST JESUS (11:45-57)

EXPLORE IT

1. What did Jesus do when He heard about Lazarus? (11:6)
2. Why was Jesus glad He wasn't with Lazarus? (11:15)
3. What did Martha say to Jesus about His having come after Lazarus had died? (11:21-22)
4. What did Martha and the others learn about Jesus' identity? (11:25)
5. How did Mary respond when she saw Jesus? (11:32)
6. How did Jesus respond to the weeping by Mary and the others? (11:33-35)
7. How did Jesus show Martha the importance of her belief? (11:40)
8. What did Jesus say to the Father? Why? (11:41-42)
9. What did the Sanhedrin fear? (11:47-48)
10. How did Caiaphas prophesy? (11:51-52)

GET IT

11. What does Jesus' answer to His disciples mean? (11:9-10)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why? (20:31)

Lesson 17 – Jan 25th: John 12:1-50

OVERVIEW

Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume, and Jesus defends her action when Judas condemns it. Jesus fulfills prophecy by riding triumphantly into Jerusalem. He predicts his death.

- I. JESUS ANOINTED BY MARY (12:1-11)
- II. JESUS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM (12:12-26)
- III. JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH (12:27-36)
- IV. WHO HAS BELIEVED THE REPORT OF JESUS? (12:37-50)

EXPLORE IT

1. What did Mary do to Jesus? (12:3)
2. What motivated Judas's response to Mary's act? (12:6)
3. Why did Jesus say that Mary had anointed Him with perfume? (12:7)
4. How did the crowd greet Jesus when He arrived in Jerusalem? (12:13)
5. When did Jesus' disciples realize the significance of these events? (12:16)
6. What did Jesus say about a kernel of wheat? (12:24)
7. What was Jesus' attitude about the coming events? (12:27)
8. What did Jesus say would happen when He was lifted up? (12:32)
9. What was significant about the response of the Jews to Jesus' ministry? (12:38)
10. Why didn't the leaders who did believe in Jesus admit their faith? (12:42-43)
11. What did Jesus say would condemn the person who did not accept His words? (12:48)

GET IT

12. What did the chief priests plan to do? Why? (12:10-11)
13. Why was it significant that many did not believe in spite of the many signs of Jesus? (12:37-41)

APPLY IT

14. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 18 – Feb 1st: John 13:1-38

OVERVIEW

Jesus washes his disciples' feet and predicts both Judas's betrayal and Peter's denial.

- I. THE WASHING BY JESUS (13:1–17)
- II. THE WARNING BY JESUS (13:18–38)

EXPLORE IT

1. What did Jesus do that surprised Peter? (13:3-6)
2. What did Jesus say about the person who shared His bread? (13:18)
3. Why did Jesus tell His disciples He would be betrayed? (13:19)
4. How did Jesus' disciples respond when He said one of them would betray Him? (13:22)
5. What did the other disciples think Jesus was telling Judas to do? (13:28-29)
6. What did Jesus command His disciples to do? (13:34)
7. How did Jesus say people would know His disciples? (13:35)
8. What did Peter pledge to do? Was he prepared to die? (13:37)
9. What blunt statement did Jesus make about Peter? (13:38)

GET IT

10. Why did Jesus wash His disciple's feet? (13:4-16)
11. Why did Peter declare he would never allow Jesus to wash his feet? (13:8)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 19 – Feb 8th: John 14:1-31

OVERVIEW

Jesus tells the disciples He is going away but that He will send a Helper to them..

- I. THE CONSOLATION HE GIVES TO HIS DISCIPLES (14:1–4)
- II. THE CONVERSATION HE HAS WITH HIS DISCIPLES (14:5–31)

EXPLORE IT

1. What is in God's house? (14:2)
2. What promise did Jesus make to them? (14:3)
3. Whom did Philip ask Jesus to show them? (14:8)
4. How did Jesus respond to Philip's request to be shown the Father? (14:9)
5. How did Jesus characterize His relationship with the Father? (14:10-11)
6. Why did Jesus say that He would do whatever His believers asked in His name? (14:13)
7. Whom did Jesus promise to send? (14:16)
8. Why could the world not accept the Spirit of Truth? (14:17)
9. What did Jesus say the Counselor would do? (14:25-26)
10. Why did Jesus tell His disciples about the future? (14:29)

GET IT

11. Why does Jesus scold Philip a little after his response? (14:7-11)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 20 – Feb 15th: John 15:1-16:4

OVERVIEW

Jesus speaks to his disciples about bearing fruit, loving, suffering, and witnessing.

- I. JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE (15:1-8)
- II. JESUS COMMANDS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER (15:9-17)
- III. THE WORLD WILL HATE YOU (15:18-16:4)

EXPLORE IT

1. How does a gardener tend to the branches that bear fruit and the branches that do not? (15:2)
2. What must the branches do in order to bear fruit? (15:4)
3. Who are the branches? (15:5)
4. What privilege is given to the branches that remain in the vine? (15:7)
5. How were Jesus' disciples to remain in His love? (15:10)
6. What is the greatest manifestation of love? (15:13)
7. Why did Jesus call His disciples friends? (15:15)
8. Why does the world hate Jesus' disciples? (15:19)
9. What did Jesus want His disciples to remember? (15:20)
10. For what reason did Jesus tell the disciples these things? (16:1,4)

GET IT

11. What is Jesus' commandment to His disciples? (15:9-17)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why? (20:31)

Lesson 21 – Feb 22nd: John 16:5-33

OVERVIEW

Jesus tells His disciples He is going away but He will send a Helper to guide them into all truth. He tells them their sorrow will turn to joy because He has overcome the world.

I. JESUS PREPARES THE DISCIPLES FOR HIS DEPARTURE (16:5-33)

EXPLORE IT

1. Why was it beneficial that Jesus was leaving? (16:7)
2. What would the Helper do for the world when He came? (16:8-11)
3. What would the Spirit of truth do for Jesus' disciples when He came? (16:12-14)
4. In what way would the Spirit bring Jesus glory? (16:14-15)
5. How did the disciples react to Jesus' "in a little while" statement? (16:17-18)
6. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen to them? (16:19-20)
7. Why did the Father love the disciples? (16:26-27)
8. From where did Jesus come and to where was He going? (16:28)
9. What did Jesus predict the disciples would do? (16:31-32)
10. Why did Jesus tell the disciples to take heart? (16:33)

GET IT

11. How can we have peace and tribulation simultaneously? (16:33)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 22 – Feb 29th: John 17:1-26

OVERVIEW

Some refer to this prayer by Jesus as the High Priests Prayer. He prays for His return to glory with the Father, safekeeping for the Disciples and Unity for all Believers.

I. JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF, THE DISCIPLES AND ALL BELIEVERS (17:1-26)

EXPLORE IT

1. Why did Jesus want the Father to glorify the Son? (17:1)
2. For what purpose did God grant Jesus authority over all people? (17:2)
3. What had Jesus done by completing the work the Father had given him? (17:4)
4. With what glory did Jesus ask the Father to glorify Him? (17:5)
5. What did Jesus say His disciples knew? (17:7-8)
6. What did Jesus ask His Father to do for His disciples? (17:11)
7. Why did the world hate Jesus' disciples? (17:14)
8. For whom did Jesus pray? (17:20)
9. What did Jesus want the world to know? (17:23)

GET IT

10. Why did Jesus pray for His disciples? (17:9)
11. How did Jesus want believers to be unified? (17:22)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 23 – Mar 7th: John 18:1-40

OVERVIEW

Jesus is betrayed by Judas into the hands of a battalion of Roman soldiers and Temple guards. The high priest questions Jesus. Peter denies Jesus, as the Savior predicted. Jesus stands trial before Pilate.

- I. JESUS ARRESTED IN GETHSEMANE (18:1-11)
- II. JESUS TRIED BEFORE HIGH PRIESTS AND PILATE (18:12-40)

EXPLORE IT

1. How did the troops react when Jesus identified Himself? (18:6-7)
2. Why did Jesus tell the soldiers to release His disciples? (18:8-9)
3. How did Peter respond to the threat to Jesus? (18:10)
4. How was Jesus treated by His captors? (18:12-13)
5. Who followed Jesus? (18:15)
6. What did the girl at the door of the courtyard ask Peter? (18:17)
7. How did the Jews introduce Jesus to the governor Pilate? (18:28-30)
8. What did Pilate want the Jews to do with Jesus? (18:31)
9. What did Jesus tell Pilate about His kingdom? (18:36)
10. What choice did Pilate present to the Jews? (18:38-39)

GET IT

11. To whom was Jesus taken first? Why? (18:13)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why? (20:31)

Lesson 24 – Mar 14th: John 19:1-42

OVERVIEW

Pilate gives in to the crowd and sentences Jesus to death. After Jesus dies on the cross, Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate for permission to bury Jesus' body and places it in a new, previously unused tomb.

- I. JESUS TRIED BEFORE PILATE AND CROWD (19:1-16)
- II. JESUS CRUCIFIED (19:17-37)
- III. JESUS BURIED IN JOSEPH'S TOMB (19:38-42)

EXPLORE IT

1. Why did Pilate tell the Jews to look at the man (Jesus)? (19:5)
2. Why was Pilate afraid? (19:8)
3. Why did Pilate relent and have Jesus crucified? (19:16)
4. What upset the Jews about the charge against Jesus written over His head? (19:19)
5. Why does John tell us that Jesus tunic was one woven piece without seam? (19:23)
6. What did Jesus know during His last moments on the cross? (19:28)
7. Who buried Jesus? (19:38-39)

GET IT

8. Why did Pilate scourge Jesus if he found no fault in Him? (19:1-4)
9. What son did Jesus tell his mother to behold? (19:26)
10. Why was it important that Jesus die when he did? (19:30)

APPLY IT

11. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why? (20:31)

Lesson 25 – Mar 21st: John 20:1-31

OVERVIEW

Jesus rises from the grave and appears to Mary Magdalene and the disciples, except for Thomas. Thomas doubts the truth of the Resurrection until Jesus appears again the next week to him and the rest of the disciples.

- I. THE EMPTY TOMB (20:1-10)
- II. JESUS APPEARS TO MARY AND DISCIPLES (20:11-31)

EXPLORE IT

1. What did Mary Magdalene tell Peter and John? (20:2)
2. What did John and Peter discover when they arrived at the tomb? (20:4-7)
3. What did Peter and John not understand even after they visited Jesus' empty tomb? (20:9)
4. How did Mary answer the angels' question? (20:13)
5. Who comforted Mary? (20:14-16)
6. What did Jesus tell Mary to tell His brethren? (20:17)
7. What did Jesus say to the disciples? (20:19-23)
8. What did Thomas need to see in order to believe that Jesus was alive? (20:25)
9. What did Jesus say about seeing and believing? (20:29)

GET IT

10. How did John respond to what he found in the tomb? (20:8)
11. Why did Jesus tell Mary not to cling to Him? (20:17)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)

Lesson 26 – Mar 28th: John 21:1-25

OVERVIEW

The resurrected Christ appears to His Disciples by the Sea of Galilee.

- I. JESUS PROVIDES BREAKFAST BY THE SEA (21:1-14)
- II. JESUS ASKS PETER TO FEED HIS SHEEP (21:15-25)

EXPLORE IT

1. How successful had Peter and the others been at fishing that night? (21:3)
2. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do? (21:6)
3. What happened when the disciples did what Jesus had told them to do? (21:6)
4. What did Peter do when he realized that it was the Lord who was talking? (21:7)
5. How many times had Jesus appeared to His disciples? (21:14)
6. What did Jesus tell Peter to do? (21:15-17)
7. What did Jesus predict about Peter's future? (21:18-19)
8. What concern did Peter raise? (21:20-21)
9. With what did Jesus want Peter to concern himself? (21:22)
10. What rumor spread as the result of Jesus' talk with Peter? (21:23)

GET IT

11. Why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him three times? (21:15-17)

APPLY IT

12. What passage helps you believe Jesus is the Son of God? Why?(20:31)