

sending Him to save and redeem us from sin and hell. Lord, I place my HOPE and TRUST in Jesus alone and looks forward to receive the same glorified body that You promised me in Christ. Lord, open my eyes to see wonderful things in Your Word and give me the grace to obey it with all my being. Lord, I put my TRUST in Your Word until Jesus returns and take me to be with You forevermore! I pray these in His Name! AMEN!"

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

**Jesus – The Son of
God!**

DAY 1

JOHN 1

JESUS IS THE ETERNAL WORD!

Here the Gospel writer, John, teaches without a doubt that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who is the ETERNAL WORD! Jesus Christ is ETERNAL LIFE!

1) JESUS is the Word who became FLESH. He is the LAMB OF GOD who took away man's sins! (vv. 1-18; 29-34).

John in His unique perspective of Jesus, shows the readers that Jesus is not just a man but a divine person. He is the ETERNAL WORD who became flesh and blood according to the will of the GODHEAD or TRINITY. Jesus is also the Creator of all the things that we see in this universe as taught also by the apostle Paul (See Col. 3:1ffg). In fact, He is the LIFE and LIGHT of men but they refused to acknowledge this truth but to all who believed in Jesus the Father gave them the right to be called children of God (vv. 12-13).

2) JOHN THE BAPTIST is the VOICE who proclaimed the WORD. He is the FORERUNNER of the Son of God! (vv. 19-28).

This truth about Jesus was farther confirmed by the man called John the Baptist who preached repentance to the people of Israel at that time. He himself denied that he was the Messiah or the Christ but that he was the “voice in the wilderness” who will be the forerunner for the Messiah. And that upon seeing Jesus, John proclaimed that Jesus was “*the Lamb of God that will take away the sins of the world*” (v. 29).

3) THE DISCIPLES are FOLLOWERS of the Word. They are to be FISHERS of men! (vv. 35-51).

Here, note how Jesus called His first disciples and challenged them to follow Him wholeheartedly. In the other Gospels, Jesus literally told them that they will be “fishers of men.” What is interesting in their call was how the Lord Jesus knew something about them even when though this was the first time they met Him! Note that Jesus knew the hearts of men and no one could ever fool nor mock Him.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *Is the Lord Jesus my God and my Savior from my sins? Have I already place my full trust in Him as my Savior?*

2) *Am I a voice for the Lord Jesus? Does my life point others to Jesus?*

3) *Am I a faithful follower of Jesus and His Word? Am I deliberately “fishing” men for the Lord Jesus?*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for JESUS, THE MESSIAH whom You sent to save and redeem us from sin and hell. He is our RISEN SAVIOR, OUR HOPE and ETERNAL LIFE! Lord, I place my HOPE and TRUST in Your Words. Open my eyes to see wonderful things in Your Words and obey it with all my being. I pray these in His Name! AMEN!”

DAY 2

JOHN 2

JESUS, OUR ALMIGHTY SAVIOR!

Jesus amazingly demonstrated His supernatural power in His earthly ministry that it left no doubt that He was more than a man. He is the Son of God, He is our Almighty Savior!

1) Jesus demonstrates His supernatural POWER! (vv. 1-11).

It is very interesting to see Mary, Jesus’ mother, prodding Jesus to do “something” in the wedding celebration they attended. But what He did –changing the water to wine, totally surprised them especially the master of the banquet who had raised the problem of lack of wine for the guests. This was the first time Jesus demonstrated and revealed His supernatural POWER. And as John noted His disciples put their trust in Him (v. 11).

2) *Jesus demonstrates His ZEAL for the things of God! (vv. 12-22).*

Notice the zeal of Jesus when He saw what had happened to the Temple and how He drove out all the people and their merchandize away from it. He reminded and taught the people that this was not the original intent of the Temple. It was supposed to be a place of worship and prayer especially a place where the rest of the nations, the Gentiles, could go and worship the Lord Jehovah. When the scribes wanted a sign from Jesus, the Lord told them to destroy His temple (his body) and He will rise again! They misunderstood Him as usual and even misquoted Him later (They will testify that He said “I will destroy this temple...”). But note that He said “Destroy this temple...” The apostle John noted that the disciple remembered the scriptures where it said that the Messiah will show great zeal for the Lord and His Temple (v. 17).

3) *Jesus demonstrates His KNOWLEDGE of man’s heart! (vv. 23-25).*

Notice that the Lord Jesus did not only possess great supernatural power but also knew the hearts of men. Jesus was OMNISCIENT! He knew all men since He is the Creator of man. He knows our heart and thus knows our true problem. He knows that we are sinful by birth and choice and only He could provide the solution to our greatest problem; even the shedding of His Blood on the Cross!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The Lord Jesus is OMNIPOTENT & OMNISCIENT! He is our POWERFUL God and Savior! Let us learn to entrust our life into His Hands and fully trust Him and His Word!*

2) *The Lord Jesus is ZEALOUS for His GLORY & HONOR! Like Jesus let us be zealous for God and the things of the Kingdom!*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for JESUS, our OMNIPOTENT & OMNISCIENT SAVIOR! Jesus like You is ALMIGHTY & GREAT! Teach me continually to entrust my life into His Hands and fully trust His Words. Lord, mold me and like Jesus make me zealous and passionate too in pursuing You and Your will for my life. All these I pray in His Name! AMEN!”

DAY 3

JOHN 3

JESUS & JOHN THE BAPTIST

Jesus in this chapter encounters Nicodemus, a seeker of truth and looking forward to the kingdom of God. Jesus shows us the need of every man whatever maybe your religious standing before men; and that is to be “born again.” He also explains to us what this means and John did testified about this truth about Jesus.

1) Jesus TEACHES that to be BELIEVE in Him is ETERNAL LIFE! (vv. 1-21).

It is very interesting to see Nicodemus coming to see Jesus at night. Perhaps, he was not yet ready to identify himself as a disciple and follower of Jesus but his zeal to know the truth was evident in this story. In fact, he wanted to know how he could enter the kingdom of God. Jesus wasted no time teaching him how he could enter the kingdom of God. Jesus told him that every person who

wished to enter His kingdom must be “born again!” The reply of Nicodemus to Jesus to this revealed his ignorance of the things of Spirit. So Jesus explained to him what he meant by his words. Finally, Jesus summarized and stated his explanation in that famous and unforgettable text, John 3:16, *“For God so loved the world...”* From this text, we learn that every person, if he is to enter heaven, must BELIEVE in Jesus as His Savior from his/her sins. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life! (Jn. 14:6).

2) John the Baptist TESTIFIES that to BELIEVE IN JESUS is indeed ETERNAL LIFE! (vv. 22-36).

John the Baptist affirmed this truth when he testified about Jesus as the Messiah. Firstly, John personally admitted that he was not the Messiah but that he was just a FORRUNNER for Him. John faithfully proclaimed that the Messiah was coming after him and he was to prepare the people for His coming. Secondly, John affirmed that Jesus was indeed the Son of God and the One the Father sent to be our Savior. And He personally proclaimed that to believe in JESUS is ETERNAL LIFE!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) Have you been “born again”? Have you already placed your faith or trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior? As Jesus taught let us be “born again”!

2) Are you faithfully testifying about the Lord Jesus to others? Are you passionate and zealous in seeing His Name glorified and lifted up? Let us seek to magnify and glorify the Name of the Lord all the days of our life!

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for JESUS, Your GIFT OF A SAVIOR to us. You sent Him in order that we

might be “born again” and be able to enter Your Kingdom. Lord, like John the Baptist, mold us to be faithful and passionate in serving and pleasing You in our life and telling others about Your Good News of salvation in Christ. All these I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 4

JOHN 4

JESUS, THE LIVING WATER & THE GREAT HEALER!

Jesus in this chapter encounters the Samaritan woman whose life was transformed with her encounter with the Lord Jesus. Jesus exposed her heart and her need and satisfied it with Himself – the Living Water!

1) Jesus *HEALS* the Samaritan woman’s heart! (vv. 1-42).

Note that the Samaritan woman knew what was “culturally correct” at that time between Jews and the Samaritans. She knew that Jesus was not supposed to be talking to her but to her surprised Jesus even initiated it. But Jesus was intentional in doing this and wanted this woman and His disciples to know (later) that He is the Savior of the world! He came not just for the Jews but for the Gentiles as well. And Jesus used the situation (His being thirsty) to show this woman that there was something much greater that He could give her than water, which could only

temporarily quench her thirst. He showed her that what man needed is the “Living Water” that He alone could give. After exposing her heart and life, the woman could sense that there was SOMEONE extraordinary in front of her. She tried to evade her issue but Jesus showed her that what she needed was not another relationship but a relationship with Him, the Messiah. When she took note of the Messiah whom she said will explain all these to the people, Jesus revealed Himself to her as the One! Because of this, the woman believed and shared her story to her fellow-Samaritans and many of them believed in Jesus.

2) Jesus HEALS the official's son! (vv. 43-54).

When Jesus came back to Galilee, a royal official whose son was sick and dying in Capernaum went to see to Him in Cana and requested Him to come and heal his son. When Jesus told him to go and that his son was already healed, the man believed His Word and went. At home, the man found his son healed and well. And when he inquired he learned that his son got healed at exactly the same time Jesus told him that he was healed already! This was only the second time Jesus did his miracle in Galilee!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) Our Lord Jesus is the Living Water! He alone could quench our spiritual thirst and hunger! Let us covet His Holy Spirit who alone could meet our greatest and deepest needs!

2) Our Lord Jesus is the Great Physician/Healer! He alone could heal us of all our sickness, spiritually, emotionally and physically! Let us come first to Jesus the Healer of our body, soul, and spirit!

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for the Lord Jesus Christ, the Living Water and our Great Healer/Physician! Indeed, He alone could meet our deepest and greatest need – YOU in our heart! Only He could give us Your Spirit who alone could heal our broken and sinful heart. Lord, I praise You because through Jesus’ wounds we were healed! He alone could heal us of all our sicknesses; whether spiritual or physical. Lord, I give You praise and thanks and worship. All these I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 5

JOHN 5

JESUS & THE TESTIMONIES OF HIS DIVINITY!

Jesus in this chapter declares the testimonies that proved His divinity as the Messiah. As God’s Son, He has been sent to all who will believe in His Name as the One sent by the Father!

1) Jesus’ miracles testify that He is the Son of God, the Messiah! (vv. 1-30).

When the religious authorities were questioning Jesus’ authority and were planning to kill Him because He was calling God His Father making Himself equal to God; He pointed to His miracles as one of the proofs that He was the Son of God. After Jesus healed a paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda, He went on to answer their questions once and for all and proclaim that He was the Son of God, the Messiah promised in the Old Testament. He told them that His miracles were done because He was working with the Father and that He will do greater works than these in the days to

come. Most importantly, Jesus declared that those who will believe in Him will receive eternal life (see vv. 24-25).

2) *John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah! (vv. 31-35).*

Jesus noted John the Baptist as another major proof that He was the Son of God. In chapter 1, John himself admitted that he was not the Messiah but Jesus! He even referred to Jesus as the “Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world” (Jn. 1:29).

3) *Our heavenly Father testifies that Jesus is His Son, the One in whom He is pleased! (vv. 36-38).*

In vv. 36-38, Jesus cited His intimacy with the Father and that He had testified to Him as His Son. We will remember that when Jesus was baptized by John, the disciples heard a Voice from heaven that declared that Jesus was His Son and that He is pleased with Him (See Matt.3:13-17; Luke 3:21-23).

4) *The Scriptures & Moses testify about Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah! (vv. 39-47).*

Finally, the Scriptures and Moses testified that Jesus was the Messiah. A casual reading of the Gospel of Matthew will show us that Jesus practically fulfilled the majority of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. Jesus clearly pointed to the Scriptures and Moses as strong evidences of His Messiahship and Sonship. And that if they will only carefully search the Scriptures, especially the things that Moses wrote about concerning the Messiah, they will see the truth that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah the Father promised to send to be our Savior. But since they do not believe in Moses or the Scriptures that point to Jesus as the Messiah, how could they believe in Jesus!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) Our Lord Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah! To believe in Him is ETERNAL LIFE! Let us be sure that we have placed our trust in Jesus as our Savior and have eternal life!

2) Our Lord Jesus loves God the Father and God the Father loves Son! Jesus came to do the Father's will and pleased Him! Like Jesus, let us STOP SINNING but love the Father with all our being and live to please and glorify Him!

3) The Bible, God's Word, reveals to us that Jesus is the Son of God the Messiah! Let us search the Bible diligently and put to practice its teachings in our daily walk with the Lord!

PRAYER:

"Our heavenly Father, thank You for Your Son, Jesus, our Messiah, our Savior and Lord! Through Him we understood Your amazing love for us. Through Him we learn how to relate with You as our Father. Lord, empower us to STOP SINNING and to passionately love and fully obey You. Mold us to be Your loving and obedient children. All for the glory and honor of Your Name and the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom I pray all these. AMEN!"

DAY 6

JOHN 6

JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE!

Jesus in this chapter declares that He is the Bread of Life! After miraculously feeding the 5,000 people by a few bread and fishes, the people thought of making Him King but Jesus eluded them. Then, after seeing them again He exhorted them to pursue not just the bread that they ate earlier but the Bread of Life!

1) *Jesus FEEDS five thousand people! (vv. 1-15).*

When a big crowd of 5,000 people gathered to be with Jesus, John told us that He tested His disciples' faith by asking them to feed the people. They told Jesus that they don't have the resources to do it but they only have a few bread and fishes. Taking these items and telling His disciples to organize the people and making them sit; Jesus thanked Heaven and began distributing the bread and fishes. After they all have eaten and were satisfied, there

were even 12 basketfuls of leftovers. When the people saw this miracle, they thought of making Him king; but Jesus knowing their thoughts, eluded them. After feeding the 5,000, the disciples went to Capernaum, on the other side of the lake in a boat without Jesus. Again, Jesus tested their faith and He went to them by walking on the water and they were terrified at seeing Him thinking He was a ghost. But after telling them that it was Him they welcomed Him into the boat; and note that the boat immediately reached the shore! Through this, Jesus continued to reveal Himself to the disciples and to increase their faith in Him.

2) Jesus CLAIMS to be the BREAD OF LIFE! (vv. 25-71).

The people after learning that Jesus had gone somewhere else searched for Him and they followed Him in Capernaum. Seeing them, Jesus exposed the motives of many and told them that they were following Him because of the food that He provided them the other day. So, Jesus exhorted them to pursue not just physical bread that will not last but instead pursue the “Bread of Life” that will eternally satisfy their hunger and thirst; and that Bread of Life was none other than Himself. But the Jews began to grumble on this because they could not believe that a son of a carpenter in Nazareth was the Christ! So, Jesus told them that only those whom the Father had enabled could come to Him and thus, believe in Him. And since they don’t believe in Him, they don’t belong to those whom the Father has called to come to Him and be part of His family (see vv. 43-51). But they could not understand Jesus that He will give them His flesh and that they have to eat His flesh if they were to live forever or have eternal life. But Jesus was talking about giving His life and that they have to believe in Him as the Messiah who was to die for their sins. Also, because of this hard saying, some of Jesus’ disciples deserted Him. But when Jesus asked the Twelve whether they too will abandon Him, Peter replied, “*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...*” (vv. 68-69).

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) The Lord our God is JEHOVAH JIREH! He is the God who provides our needs! Blessed are those who fully trust in Him! Let us place our full trust in the Lord as our Provider & Sustainer!

2) Our Lord Jesus is the BREAD OF LIFE! He is the One the Father sent to give us life even eternal life. He who “eats” or “believes” in him will live forever!

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for being our JEHOVAH JIREH! You are the PROVIDER of all our needs whether spiritual or physical. We will never lack in You as we trust You and believe Your Promise. Lord, thank You even for Your Son, Jesus, the BREAD OF LIFE. Through His body that was sacrificed on the Cross, we, now who believed in Him have the assurance of eternal life. Father, we love You and praise You and worship You alone. In Jesus’ most precious Name I pray. AMEN!”

DAY 7

JOHN 7

JESUS, THE GIVER OF LIVING WATER!

John here shows us the various opinions of people regarding who Jesus was. Many say that he was demon-possessed but many also believed that He was the Messiah, the Christ. But later in the chapter, Jesus declares that He is the only One who could give us the LIVING WATER; which He meant the Holy Spirit whom He will give to all who will believe in Him.

1) *Jesus' family DOUBTS His authority and motive! (vv. 1-9).*

When the Feast of Tabernacles came; where many Jews will be gathering in the Temple in Jerusalem, Jesus' brothers tried to persuade Him to come right away to the Feast saying that this will be a great opportunity for Him to introduce Himself to the 'world.' They said this because they too still did not believe in Him and they thought that Jesus

was just promoting His own selfish human agenda to be great and known by the people. So Jesus told them that He will come later but not according to their timing. For He was always waiting for the perfect timing, even God's timing! And He did come later on.

2) *The people DEBATE as to who JESUS really was! (vv. 25-71).*

Even before Jesus began teaching in the temple at that time, the people were already discussing among each other as to who Jesus really was. Some were saying that He was a good man. Some were charging that He was demon-possessed. Still others say that He was the Prophet. But many still believed in Jesus as the Messiah. But John noted that the Jews could not explain where Jesus got His great learning and wisdom from the Scriptures knowing that He came from a carpenter's family in lowly Galilee (See v. 15). But Jesus declared that He is the only One who could give them the "Living Water"; that is, the Holy Spirit whom He will give to all who will believe in Him in due time (See Acts 2).

3) *The religious leaders DISCARD Jesus' and His authority! (vv. 25-71).*

When the temple guards whom the religious authorities sent to arrest Jesus returned without Jesus, they berated the guards. They also rebuked Nicodemus who tried to be civil and clear-minded about the matter. Their hatred and unbelief in Jesus and His authority led them to totally discard Him as the Messiah, the Christ the Father promised to send.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The Lord Jesus in OBEYING GOD'S WILL was doubted and misunderstood by His very own family. So let us expect that people will NOT always believe and*

understand us but that we have to be faithful to God in obeying His will!

2) Our Lord Jesus is the LIVING WATER! He is the GIVER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! So let us praise Him and thank Him, and LIVE in step with His Spirit residing in our hearts!

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for JESUS, paving the WAY for us to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, THE LIVING WATER, who alone could fill our spiritual hunger and thirst. Lord, empower me and anoint me to be faithful and diligent in obeying and doing Your will. Fill me always with Your Spirit and direct me to fulfill Your will for my life and for Your work. All these I pray in Jesus Christ most precious Name. AMEN!”

DAY 8

JOHN 8

JESUS & THE CHILDREN OF GOD!

Jesus in this chapter identifies who are truly those who are children of Abraham; that is, true believers of God. They are those who believe in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God and hear His Word, and obey or practice it in their lives.

1) The religious leaders CONSPIRE to trap Jesus! (vv. 1-11).

This chapter opens up with the Jewish religious leaders bringing a woman to Jesus whom they said was caught committing adultery. They asked Jesus what they should do to her. Actually, they were setting a trap for Jesus so that they could accuse Him of a wrongdoing. But He knew their thoughts and He told them that anyone who is without sin is the first to stone her. And when they heard this, each one went away, the older one first, until one no was left.

Jesus forgave the sinful woman but charged her to leave her life of sin!

2) Jesus CLARIFIES who are the true children of the Lord (vv. 12-47).

Jesus, in this chapter also clarified who are the children of the Lord. When the Jews claimed that they were children of Abraham, Jesus refuted them. He told them that if they were so, they would have believed in Him and recognized Him as the Messiah. But when they insisted that they were children of Abraham and thus children of the Father, Jesus told them that they were actually children of the devil for like him, they refused to believe in Him and submit to His Word. Jesus told them that if God is their Father then they would love Him for the Father sent Him to be their Messiah, their Savior!

3) Jesus CLAIMS to be the Messiah, the Pre-existent One! (vv. 25-71).

Jesus also claimed that those who believe in Him will never die but live forever. The Jews charged Jesus as demon-possessed and refused to believe His words. But Jesus told them that He is greater than Abraham and that Abraham rejoiced when he saw Jesus. By saying this, Jesus claimed to be pre-existent or had been existing even before Abraham was. With this, the Jews tried to stone Jesus because they thought that He had blasphemed by making Himself equal with the Lord. But Jesus hid and evaded them.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) The Lord Jesus came not CONDEMN sinners NOR CONDONE their sin; BUT to CALL them to Himself – to repent and put their trust in Him as their Savior and Lord! So let us call sinners to repent and place their trust in Jesus!

2) *The Children of Abraham (Children of God) are those who believe in Jesus Christ as the Christ, the Pre-incarnate One, the Eternal Word. They hear His Word, love Jesus and obey His commands! Do we?*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for JESUS, the Pre-incarnate One and Eternal Word, whom You sent to be our Savior! He came not to condemn us nor condone our sins but to call us to Himself to repent and believe in Him as our Savior and Redeemer. Lord, teach us to love Him with all our being and demonstrate this by obeying His Word. All these I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 9

JOHN 9

JESUS ON SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS!

Jesus in this chapter, after healing a blind man, confronts the religious leaders of the day for their spiritual blindness. Jesus declares that though they see, they were spiritually blind and could not grasp who He really is.

1) *Jesus EXPLAINS the blindness of a man born blind! (vv. 1-12).*

When passing a blind man, Jesus’ disciples asked Him who sinned or who was to be blamed for the man’s blindness, the man or his parents. He told them that neither of them. Jesus said this happened to the man in order that the Lord’s work might be displayed in him. Then, He made some mud from the ground and placed it to his eyes and asks him to go and wash at Siloam. The man obeyed Jesus and he came back healed! The people could not believe that he was the blind man that they knew though he kept on

saying that he was the one! The man told them that a certain Jesus had healed him for he had not yet seen HIM!

2) *The religious leaders EXAMINE the healing of the blind man! (vv. 12-47).*

When the Pharisees and scribes learned that the man was healed on a Sabbath, they proceeded to investigate the matter. He questioned him how he got healed and who healed him; and he told exactly what happened but they would not believe him. They even called his parents to testify whether he was their son born blind but though they admitted that he was indeed their son. Afraid of the earlier threat of the leaders that anyone who believes in Jesus would be thrown out of the synagogue, they told them that their son was of age and he could answer for himself. Again, they went back to the man and asked him again about his healing and about Jesus but he got fed up with them that he told the religious leaders whether they too wanted to be Jesus' disciples. And they were pissed off by the man and they threw him out!

3) *Jesus EXPOSES the spiritual blindness of the religious leaders! (vv. 25-71).*

When Jesus saw the man again He asked him whether he believes in the Son of Man. He asked Jesus who was this man and he will believe in Him. Jesus told him that He was the Man and he believed in Him and worshipped Him! (It is interesting to note that Jesus did not refuse to be worshiped as God!). Then, Jesus declared that He came to bring judgment on people – to make the blind see and those who claim to see to become blind! Jesus was speaking about the judgment of those who are proud in their heart and refuse to believe in Him as the Messiah. But the spiritually 'poor' or humble and believe, they will 'see' Him or understand His truths! For the Lord opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble! (Jas. 4:6).

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) The Lord our God is the SOVEREIGN CREATOR & LORD of the universe! All His creation will give Him glory in due time even in His perfect time! Let us submit to the Lord's sovereign plan and purposes in this world He created. Let us seek to glorify Him!

2) The Lord Jesus is the GIVER OF 'SIGHT' and 'LIGHT'! He opens the eyes of the blind as well as the spiritually blind! He opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble! So let us humble ourselves before the Lord and receive manifold graces and blessings!

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, indeed, You are our SOVEREIGN CREATOR & LORD! Teach us to submit to Your will and plan even in our life. Father, thank You for JESUS who gave us “SIGHT” and LIGHT that we might be able to see You and Your truths. Lord, You deserve all our praise, thanksgivings and worship. You alone are the only true God and Lord. To You, I submit my will and my life. In Jesus' Name! AMEN!”

DAY 10

JOHN 10

JESUS, THE GATE & THE GOOD SHEPHERD!

Jesus in this chapter claims to be the Gate and the Good Shepherd of God's flock. And the Jews are again divided as to their opinion of who Jesus is. Jesus continues to proclaim that He is the Son of God, the Messiah but the Jews keeps on rejecting Him and His claims.

1) *Jesus CLAIMS to be the Way to the Father! (vv. 1-21).*

When Jesus tried to illustrate that He is the WAY to the Father or God's kingdom, the people could not understand Him. So, He again used two more illustration for them to get this. First, He told that that He was the "GATE" or "DOOR" of the sheep pen! No one could enter God's kingdom without coming into the door. Anyone who will try to use other ways to enter was thieves or robbers. But the true owner comes or enters through the door! Second, Jesus told them that He was the "Good Shepherd" of the sheep.

And the sheep knows and listens to their shepherd. The Good Shepherd has only the highest good of His sheep and will do all to protect and take care of them. Unlike hirelings who thinks only of themselves. After hearing this, the Jews were again divided as to who Jesus really was.

2) *The religious leaders CHARGE Jesus with blasphemy! (vv. 22-42).*

At another opportunity, the Jews tried to corner Jesus and pressed Him to tell them whether He was the Christ or not. But Jesus told them that He had already told them but they only refuse to believe. And that proved only that they do not belong to him for if they belong to His sheep, they would believe and listen to Him. For He and the Father are one! By hearing this, the Jews tried to stone Jesus for blasphemy because Jesus, *“a mere man, claim to be God”* (v. 33). Finally, they understood what Jesus was claiming all along; that is, He is the Christ, the Son of the living God! But unfortunately, they do not believe this as their action (stoning Jesus) indicated. Jesus tried to point out to them the scriptures that proved that He is the Son of God. But again, they tried to arrest Jesus but He eluded them. When Jesus came to the place where John the Baptist baptized, many people there believed in Him!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The Lord Jesus is the GREAT DOOR & GOOD SHEPHERD! He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! No one comes to the Father apart from Jesus! Let us be 100% assured that Jesus is our Way to heaven and the Shepherd of our soul!*

2) *The Lord Jesus is indeed the SON OF GOD! He is the Word who came from the Father and they are ONE; that is, they are of the same kind. They have one glory and substance. Thus, Jesus is God! Let us worship Jesus as our Messiah and Savior!*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, indeed, You are our SOVEREIGN & WISE GOD! You sent Your Son and made Him a Man so that we could have a perfect Savior from our sins. He became the Great Door to heaven and our Good Shepherd who led us to You. Father God, this is amazing and beyond our understanding. Yet we believe in Your Word and Your Will. And I praise and worship You Father. All these, in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 11

JOHN 11

JESUS, THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE!

Jesus in this chapter performs perhaps one of His greatest miracles – the raising of Lazarus from the dead! Surely, this miracle led many to believe in Jesus but it also cemented the plan of the Jewish religious leaders to kill Him.

1) Jesus RAISES Lazarus from the dead! (vv. 1-44).

In Bethany, Jesus’ friend and disciple, Lazarus was very sick and his sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus about the condition of their brother and were praying that Jesus would come and heal their sick brother. But Jesus did not come at the “right time” so they thought and Lazarus died. After four days Jesus came and the family was already mourning for the dead body of Lazarus. The sisters told Jesus that if He had come earlier, He could have healed Lazarus. But Jesus told Martha that this thing happened so that His glory might be displayed before them. So, Jesus

went to the place where Lazarus was laid and commanded some to take the stone from the grave. At first, they hesitated but Jesus' order prevailed. Afterwards, Jesus called Lazarus to come out of the grave and to the amazement of all he did! Jesus told them to take off the grave clothes from Lazarus and let him go! And many believe in the Lord Jesus. Indeed, the words Jesus spoke to the sisters that they will see the glory of God were true. Indeed, Jesus is the resurrection and life and he who believes in Him will never die but have eternal life!

2) *The religious leaders RESOLVE to kill Jesus (vv. 45-57).*

But some of those present when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead reported to the Jewish religious leaders what He just did and they were all concerned. They were afraid that the people will believe in Jesus and proclaim Him their King, and that the Romans will not let this happen but will take their temple and their land. But Caiaphas the High Priest at that time said that it is necessary for "one person to die so that the nation would not perish." So, from that time on they resolved to arrest Jesus and kill Him at all cost. Note that John cited Caiaphas prophesying when he said those words being the High Priest that year. Indeed, the Lord uses even wicked people to advance His cause and glory!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The Lord Jesus is the Resurrection & the Life! He who believes in Him will never die but live forever! Let us continue to hold on to Jesus the Giver of Eternal Life!*

2) *The Lord our God is the Sovereign God of the universe! He uses even the wicked to fulfill and advance His purposes and plan in this world. Let us put our full trust and confidence in Him alone!*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for the Lord Jesus from Whom eternal life comes! He is indeed the Resurrection and Life! He alone gives life forevermore. Lord, You are the Sovereign Lord and You are in control of all things even though at times we doubt Your power and presence in our life. But You are indeed a SOVEREIGN & WISE GOD! You even use the wicked to advance Your cause and Your purposes. Lord, to You I put my full trust, hope and confidence. All these, I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 12

JOHN 12

JESUS’ POPULARITY SPREAD

Jesus in this chapter continues to attract many followers as well as detractors and enemies. Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, anointed Jesus with precious perfume and was commended by Jesus. Here, Jesus also entered Jerusalem triumphantly as word about His miraculous deeds spread among the people. But Jesus also continued to develop many enemies among the Jewish religious leaders.

1) *The ANOINTING of Jesus (vv. 1-11).*

When Mary anointed Jesus with a precious perfume worth a year’s wages, Judas Iscariot objected or complained saying that this money could have used to help the poor. But our Lord Jesus knew his heart that he was a thief. Instead, the Lord commended Mary and told them that she as preparing for this for His burial; and that her action will always be remembered every time the Gospel is preached.

From Mary's action we learned that our Lord is pleased with our extravagant love and devotion to Him.

2) *The TRIUMPHANT ENTRY of Jesus (vv. 12-36).*

Because of Jesus growing popularity, the Jewish religious leaders were plotting to get rid of Him. This was especially so when Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly. Large crowds followed Him and even meet Him with branches and shouting, "Hosanna!" Here, Jesus also predicted to His disciples His imminent death but they could not get it yet. Jesus taught us here a very important principle of multiplication and effectiveness as a servant of the Lord. We are to learn to die to self and live for Christ! For it is by dying to self that we will live and gain life (see vv. 23-26).

3) *The UNBELIEF of the Jews (vv. 37-50).*

But in spite the many miracles that Jesus did among the people the Jewish religious leaders continued in the unbelief. Instead of trusting in Jesus, they started on plotting how to eliminate Him. Even though many still of the religious leaders believed in Him but they were afraid to come out in the open for fear of its repercussion. But Jesus assured those who believed in Him that they do not just believe in Him but also to the One who sent Him, even our Father in heaven! And that believing in Him means eternal life!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The Lord Jesus DELIGHTS in our extravagant love and devotion to Him! Let us therefore give Jesus the best that we could Him in our life!*

2) *The Lord Jesus TEACHES us the KEY to spiritual multiplication and power – DEATH TO SELF! A life that seeks to die to self and live for Christ will gain life and God's blessings and favor. Let us therefore daily die to self and live for our Lord Jesus Christ!*

3) *The Lord Jesus is the ONE the Father sent to be our Savior and Lord! To believe in Jesus is to believe in the Father. And to believe in Him means eternal life. Let us therefore believe in Jesus and make Him our Savior and Lord!*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for the Lord Jesus from Whom eternal life comes! He is indeed deserves my extravagant love and devotion even my ALL IN ALL! Lord, teach me daily to die to self and lie for Christ. Use and empower me to preach the Good News that Jesus is the Messiah and to believe in Him is eternal life! All these, I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 13

JOHN 13

JESUS, THE GREAT SERVANT & LOVER!

Jesus in this chapter spends the last night of His life giving valuable instructions to His disciples. Here, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples and sets forth before them the path to true greatness and blessedness.

1) Jesus TEACHES His disciples true greatness and blessedness - Serve one another! (vv. 1-17).

Knowing that this will be the last time He will be with His disciples, Jesus spent His last night with them teaching them true greatness and blessedness in this life as His followers. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with them but after they ate, He washed their feet and then taught them the key to true greatness and blessedness. We learned from the previous chapters that Jesus taught them the value of humility and serving others. But here Jesus set forth before them an example that they need to follow if they want to be

great before God's eyes – Serve one another! Jesus also taught them that doing this will result to true blessedness in their walk in this life (v. 17).

2) *Jesus teaches His disciples the true evidence and demonstration of Christianity – Love one another! (vv. 18-38).*

During their supper Jesus also predicted that one of them was going to betray Him to the religious officials. But He said that this will happen according to God's holy words, the scriptures, fulfilling His great plan of salvation for man. Jesus also clearly revealed to them who would betray Him (see vv. 21-27). From this, we realized that Jesus indeed was not merely human - having known what will happen in the future! It is interesting to note that He let Judas went out first from among them before He gave His personal and solemn instruction to them. He exhorted them to "love one another!" He reiterated the importance of obeying this for this would prove to the world that they were really His disciples and this would convince them that Christianity is true! Thus, Jesus taught us that people don't care much about doctrine or what we believe but much about our treatment of one another or love for one another. While doctrine is important to us, we believe that people are seeking for God's love and this could only be found and demonstrated when God's people demonstrated it in a very practical way as we lovingly relate with one another.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The path to true greatness and blessedness in the Kingdom of God or in our walk with the Lord is servanthood! Let us faithfully serve the Lord and one another from the heart!*

2) *The best evidence of true Christianity and our greatest tool for evangelism (attracting people to Christ)*

is our love for one another! Let us passionately love one another from the heart!

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for showing us the path to true greatness and blessedness in Your Kingdom work. Teach us indeed to be faithful servants of Yours like our Lord Jesus Christ who served You and us! Thank You also for showing us that loving one another is the best way to prove our faith in You. So, mold us to be loving towards one another realizing also that this is the best tool to win others to Christ. Lord, indeed conform us to our Lord Jesus Christ and may You be magnified and glorified in our life. In Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 14

JOHN 14

JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, & THE LIFE!

Jesus in this chapter, after telling His disciples that He is going away and leave them, comforts them with the assurance of a sure place in heaven or God’s house. Jesus emphatically declared to His disciples that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

1) Jesus PROMISES His disciples a sure place in His Father’s house! (vv. 1-14).

Knowing that His disciples were troubled after they heard and learned that He was going away and leaving them, Jesus began to comfort them by telling them of what He was going to do when He leaves them. He told that He was going to heaven or the Father’s house to prepare a place for them and that He will come back again to take them to be with Him! In other words, His departure was only

temporarily but when He returns they will be forever united with Him, spending eternity with the Godhead! Jesus also clarified to them the means to go to heaven. It was not through other ways or means but Jesus! He declared that He is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” and no one comes to the Father except through Him (v. 6). Again, Jesus asserted that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him. In another place, He plainly declared that He and the Father are one. Indeed, Jesus claimed to be the “Son of God”!

2) Jesus *PROMISES* His disciples the coming of the Holy Spirit to replace Him! (vv. 15-31).

Jesus also comforted His disciples by telling them the coming of the Holy Spirit. He promised them that He will give them another Counselor to be with them. Jesus promised that He will not leave them as orphans but the Holy Spirit will come and will guide them to the truth. For the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth! He is also the One who will remind them of His teachings and who will guide and teach them His truths. Jesus also reiterated the importance of obeying God’s Word which is the best and practical proof of our love for Him. For Jesus said that “*If anyone loves Me, he will obey my teachings*” (vv. 15, 23).

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The Lord Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! No one comes to the Father except through Him! Let us come to Jesus and receive life from Him. Acknowledge Him as Savior and Lord of Your life today!*

2) *The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ and God! He is now the Lord of the Church, teaching and guiding us to God’s truths! Let us seek His empowerment and blessings in our life!*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for giving us JESUS, the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Through Him we had access to Your heaven. Father, thank You for the Holy Spirit whom You gave to replace Jesus and to teach and guide us today. Lord, I praise and worship You. To You belong all praise, honor, glory and power! I put my trust and hope in You alone. In Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 15

JOHN 15

JESUS IS THE VINE & WE ARE THE BRANCHES!

Jesus in this chapter teaches that He is the “Vine” and the disciples as His “branches.” Jesus is pointing out that apart from Him or without Him, we can do nothing. We are nothing apart from Him.

1) Jesus DECLARES to His disciples that He is the “Vine” and they are the “Branches”! (vv. 1-8).

Using the metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus pointed out to His disciples that He is the “Vine” and they were the “branches.” In other words, Jesus is their source of life and being! Apart from Jesus they can do nothing and they are nothing. Jesus emphasized the need to ‘remain in him’ or ‘abide in Him’ or to ‘obey His words’ if they were to be fruitful and productive as believers. Jesus also expected that they “bear fruit that last.” And as far as I

know, the only fruits that will last according to the Bible are “souls” and our “character.” They will remain forever with us.

2) Jesus *DECLARES* His disciples to be His “*FRIENDS*” and not “*SLAVES*.” (vv. 9-27).

Jesus also told His disciples that He considered them His “friends” and not as “slaves.” In other words, Jesus saw them now not as outsiders but His very own close family belonging to His household. The reason was that He had already revealed to them the Father and taught His truths and knew Him. He also told them that as the world hated Him because the world doesn’t know the Father; they too will be hated by the world. He told them before it come to pass that they too will be persecuted and opposed just like Him. But He encouraged them to stand firm in their faith and to testify for Him and the Father as He promised that He will never leave them nor forsake them. In fact, He had promised them another Counselor, the Holy Spirit, who will come from the Father to replace Him and to reside in each one of them. And so with these, Jesus encouraged them to stand firm in their faith and to remain or abide in Him!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The Lord Jesus is the Vine and we are His Branches! Apart from Him, we can do nothing. He is the Fountain of Life and Source of all that we have! Let us abide and remain in Him. Let us faithfully obey His words!*

2) *The Lord Jesus is our powerful and gracious FRIEND! He will never leave nor forsake us! He has given the Holy Spirit to assure us of His presence and power in our life. Let us stand firm in our faith and testify of His truth and grace to others!*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for giving us JESUS, our Fountain of Life, the Source of all our blessings! Through Him we become “friends” to You and You became our Father. Lord, I praise and worship You today! Empower me continually to testify of Your truths and Your love for sinners like me. Lord, may You be glorified and magnified through my life and ministry. In Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 16

JOHN 16

JESUS & THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Jesus in this chapter highlights the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the One He promised His disciples to replace Him and whom the Father would send. Among others, the Holy Spirit will be the Teacher of the Church. He will guide us to Christ’s truth and remind us of His teachings.

1) Jesus EXPLAINS the work of the Holy Spirit to His disciples! (vv. 1-16).

His discourse with His disciples, Jesus explained to them the work of the Holy Spirit whom He promised to replace Him. He told them this in order to comfort them knowing that they were depressed when they learned He was going away and leaving them. Jesus told them that unless He goes the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, will not come

to take His place. Jesus assured them that He will come and will minister to them. The Holy Spirit will convict men of their guilt with regards to sin, righteousness, and judgment. He will show them the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ. He will convict men of sin and God's coming judgment to this world. Also, Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and that He will be their Teacher, reminding them of all His teachings and God's truths.

2) Jesus EXPLAINS His origin and mission plainly to His disciples! (vv. 17-33).

Jesus, knowing the grief and sorrow of His disciples after learning His coming departure, explained why He was leaving and where He was going. He told them what will take place before they happen in order that they may understand that He was not just mere man but the One who came from the Father. Jesus told them plainly that they will weep and mourn but their mourning will be turn into joy; for they will see Him again and their joy will never be taken away from them again. He was probably referring to His coming resurrection and ascension to heaven. Jesus also plainly told them that He was going back to the Father where He came from. And that the Father loved them because they believed and loved Him.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ! He was given to the Church to be its Director and Teacher! Let us acknowledge and honor Him as we honor the Father and the Son!*

2) *The Lord Jesus Christ, like the Holy Spirit, came from the Father! The ministry of the Spirit is to continue the ministry of Jesus of calling people back to the Lord. He convicts man of sin, righteousness, and judgment. And He causes people to be born again. Let us ask the empowerment of the Spirit to use us as channels of His*

blessings that people might come to know Jesus through our witness!

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit! We know that He is present with us and reign as Lord of the Church. He is our Teacher and Guide to Your truths. He convicts sinners to turn to You as we faithfully share Your Gospel to people. Lord, empower us with Your Spirit! That we might be Your powerful and effective vessels for people’s salvation. All these I pray in Jesus’ Name! AMEN!”

DAY 17

JOHN 17

JESUS & HIS PRAYER FOR HIS DISCIPLES!

Jesus in this chapter highlights His ministry of prayer and intercession. He prays for His disciples, those who were with Him at that time as well as for those who will yet to believe in Him in the future.

1) Jesus prays to the Father to GLORIFY Him! (vv. 1-5).

In the first section of this high priestly prayer of Jesus, He asks the Father to “glorify Him in His presence with the same glory that He had with Him since the world began. This was because Jesus had completed the mission or task that the Father had given Him.

2) Jesus prays to the Father to FORTIFY His disciples! (vv. 6-19).

In the second section of Jesus' prayer, He prays specifically for His disciples. Note the following requests He made to the Father. First is their protection - He asked the Father to protect them by His Name. Jesus knows that the devil and his minions will all things to stop them from obeying His words so He asked the Father to cover them with His powerful Name. Second is their sanctification. Jesus asked the Father to sanctify them by His holy Word!

3) *Jesus prays to the Father to UNIFY all His disciples! (vv. 20-26).*

Finally, in the third section of Jesus' prayer, He prays to the Father to UNIFY all His disciples, present and future, to be UNITED in spirit and in purpose as the Father and Jesus are one I mind and purpose. And that they will be ONE in love as the Father loved Him and Jesus loved the Father.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega! He is the Eternal God. The Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father. The Father and Jesus are ONE!*

2) *Our Lord Jesus Christ is our Great Prayer Warrior & Intercessor! He prays and intercedes for His people. Let us pray for one another and continually ask the Father to protect and unify us His people!*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank for the Lord Jesus who is not only our SAVIOR but also our PRAYER WARRIOR & INTERCESSOR! Father, mold us to be like

our Lord Jesus Christ to be prayerful and always fully trusting and dependent on You. Lord, teach us to be powerful and effective intercessors for our church and use us for Your honor and glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen!"

Day 18

John 18:1 - 19:27

ISRAEL CONDEMNS JESUS TO DIE!

In this section of John's Gospel, the Israelites led by their religious leaders condemn Jesus to die by crucifixion fulfilling the words of OT prophets.

1) Judas BETRAYS Jesus! (vv. 1-11)

Judas by his own free will fulfilled the words of the Lord Jesus that he will betray His Master (See again John 13:18-29). And when the opportunity came, Judas led a group of soldiers and some of the religious leaders to arrest Jesus. Note that Jesus was not surprised but expected their coming! Peter tried to prevent the arrest from happening but to no avail for God's will prevail! So, they took Jesus and brought Him to Annas and then to Caiphas, the High Priest.

2) Peter *DENIES* Jesus! (vv. 12-27)

Not only did Judas betray Jesus, the rest of the disciples because of fear scattered and abandoned the Lord Jesus and Peter denied Him. Not once but thrice! Note that this also fulfilled the words of the Lord Jesus to Peter in John 13: 31-38. Indeed, His disciples might have abandoned Jesus but not the Father!

3) Pilate *GIVES UP* Jesus! (18:28-19:16)

Not only betrayed, abandoned, and denied, Jesus was also given up by Pilate! Even though he knew that Jesus was innocent of the crime the religious leaders were charging Jesus, Pilate was weak to uphold the truth. He listened not to his conscience but to the voice of the people shouting for Jesus to be crucified. He did find way to rescue Jesus from death but he could not sacrifice his job for Jesus or the truth! He finally gave up Jesus to be killed by the Jews!

4) The people *CONDEMN*S Jesus to die! (19:17-27)

Finally, we see the people condemning Jesus to die by crucifixion. They made Jesus carry a cross and to that cross He was crucified together with two thieves. And even at that time Jesus was fulfilling the words of the prophets as the soldiers tried to tear His clothes and divide them among themselves but his tunic or underclothing was preserved to fulfill the words of Psalm 22:18.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) Our Lord Jesus indeed is the Messiah! As a man He willingly experienced all the pain of humanity and fulfilled God's words. If Jesus willingly suffered for our sake, we too are to willingly and courageously face the troubles of our faith and this life knowing that we will be victorious at the end through Jesus!

2) Our Lord Jesus obeys and fulfills the Father's will! He accomplished His mission and task! We, like Jesus, are to be faithful in obeying our Father's will even the Great Commission!

3) The Lord our God is the Sovereign and Almighty God! All things that happens around us are not mere coincidence but the outworking of the mysterious and sovereign plan of our Father in heaven. Let's put our trust in Him!

PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, indeed you are Almighty God our Sovereign Lord! There's nothing that's happening in this life that is not according to you mysterious and sovereign plan for Your people and Your universe. Lord, open our eyes to understand that we are not at the mercy of things nor of people but You! Thank you that after all our pain is the gain. After all the bleeding is the blessing. After the crucifixion is the coronation. Lord, I bow down to you in worship and praise. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!"

DAY 19

JOHN 19-20

JESUS' DEATH, BURIAL & RESURRECTION!

This chapter highlights the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. With all the miraculous things that happened during Jesus' death, there was no doubt that He was no ordinary man. His resurrection was the ultimate proof that He indeed was the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!

1) Jesus dies and fulfills Old Testament prophecies! (19:28-42).

Note that even in His death, Jesus did fulfill OT prophecies! One was the fact that none of Jesus' bones were broken contrary to the practices of the day! This fulfilled the prophecies found in Exodus 12:46, Num. 9:12, and

Psalms 34:20. Note also that Jesus was pierced on the side of His body fulfilling the words Zechariah 12:10.

2) Jesus rises from the dead and appears to His disciples! (20:1-30).

In this chapter, Jesus fulfills His very words that He will rise from the dead as well as fulfills OT prophecies concerning the Messiah. Noteworthy was the fact that the risen Lord Jesus appeared first to His women disciples before the rest of the disciples. Jesus appeared to His disciples in a miraculous, powerful, and amazing way such as His coming inside their place without entering the door! Not also how the risen Lord confronted Thomas' doubt by showing him his nail-pierced hands and side. And assuring us today of blessedness, who do not see Him and yet believe in Him as our Savior and Lord! Jesus also used these appearances to empower His disciples with the Holy Spirit whom He now gives to every person who believes in Him.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) Our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill the promise of the Father to provide redemption for His people! Thus, Jesus became a man in order to die for His people – to be the atonement for their sins! Let us praise and thank the father for His indescribable and wondrous gift in the person of JESUS!

2) Our Lord Jesus Christ died and rose again from the dead! True to His words, He had the power to lay down His life and power to take it up again. By rising from the dead, He proved once and for all that He was the Messiah and Savior the Father promised to His people. Let us praise and worship the Father and the Lord Jesus

Christ for they are worthy of our praise, honor, and worship!

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for giving us JESUS, OUR SIN OFFERING! The One who died for our sins as well as the One who rose again from the dead! Our Risen Savior! Father, You are indeed marvelous and worthy of our praise, worship and service. Lord, indeed mold us and make the grateful people that You intended us to be. Thank also for the Holy Spirit whom You have given me as an assurance of my salvation and my hope. I bow down to You Father and to Your Son Jesus my Savior and Lord. And through Whom I pray all these things. AMEN!”

DAY 20

JOHN 21

THE RISEN JESUS & HIS MIRACULOUS CATCH!

This chapter highlights probably the last of the risen Lord Jesus’ appearances to His disciple. Here, He reaffirms His disciples’ calling and reinstates Peter’s leadership of His disciples.

1) The risen Lord RE-AFFIRMS His disciples’ calling to be “fishers of men”! (vv. 1-14).

Through a miraculous catch of fish, the risen Lord Jesus reaffirmed His calling to His disciples to be “fishers of men.” By showing them that they could do nothing apart from Him and that through Him nothing is impossible, the risen Lord strengthened the disciples’ faith in Him and

encouraged them to continue the task that He has given them even the Great Commission!

2) *The risen Lord REINSTATES Peter to lead His disciples! (vv. 15-25).*

At the same, the risen Lord Jesus reinstates Peter to be the leader of the group. The risen Lord fulfilled His words to Peter in Luke 22:31-32, where our Lord told Peter that He has prayed for him and that when he returned he will strengthen his brethren. The risen Lord Jesus through this conversation with Peter affirmed His trust and confidence in Peter by entrusting to him His flock for him to feed and to lead. Here, the risen Lord challenges Peter and the disciples to follow Him!

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) *Our Lord Jesus Christ is our LIFE & the SOURCE of all our blessings! Apart from Him, we can accomplish nothing! Let us put our trust and hope in Him alone!*

2) *Our Lord Jesus Christ is our GREAT SHEPHERD & LEADER! He expects us pastors and leaders of His church to be faithful under-shepherds of His church. As pastors of the church, let us be faithful in the task of shepherding God's people! Let us love and take care of God's people the way He took care of them!*

PRAYER:

“Our heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the Lord Jesus Christ, our ETERNAL LIFE & the SOURCE of all our blessings! Thank You for being our Great Shepherd who leads and guides us and for giving us faithful under-shepherds who fulfill Your will for the church. Lord, may You increase their number and bless them. May you mold me to be the faithful and loving

under-shepherd that You intended me to be. In Jesus' Name. AMEN!"

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