

Gospel of John Schedule

Date:	Lesson:	Reading:
Jan 7	1) <i>Introduction to John's Gospel</i>	Any Intro or The Bible Project Video
Jan 14	2) The Prologue	1:1-18
Jan 21	3) John the Baptist & Jesus' Disciples	1:19-51
Jan 28	4) Jesus Replaces the Temple	2:1-25
Feb 4	5) The New Birth & John's Role	3:1-36
Feb 11	6) Jesus in Samaria & Galilee	4:1-54
Feb 18	7) Healing & Teaching in Jerusalem	5:1-47
Feb 25	8) <i>Catch-Up & Review</i> or <i>Jesus' Enemies</i>	
Mar 3	9) Feeding 5,000 & Walking On Water	6:1-71
Mar 10	10) Jesus & The Feast of Tabernacles	7:1-53
Mar 17	11) The Light of The World	8:1-59
Mar 24	12) Healing the Man Born Blind	9:1-41
Mar 31	13) The Divine Shepherd	10:1-42
TBA	14) Lazarus Is Raised From the Dead	11:1-57
TBA	15) The End of Jesus' Public Ministry	12:1-50
TBA	16) Jesus Washes Feet	13:1-38
TBA	17) Farewell Discourse (Part One)	14:1-15:17
TBA	18) Farewell Discourse (Part Two)	15:16-16:33
TBA	19) <i>Catch-Up & Review</i> or <i>The Holy Spirit in John</i>	
TBA	20) The Prayer of Jesus	17:1-26
TBA	21) Peter at Jesus' Trial	18:1-27
TBA	22) Jesus Before Pilate	18:28-19:16
TBA	23) Jesus' Crucifixion & Burial	19:17-42
TBA	24) Jesus' Resurrection	20:1-31
TBA	25) Epilogue	21:1-25
TBA	26) <i>Conclusion & Review of John's Gospel</i>	

Some of the Works Consulted: (All are available in my office for further study if interested.)

- Beasley-Murray, G. R. Word Biblical Themes Series: John (Wipf & Stock Publishers)
- Bruce, F. F. The Gospel of John (Baker Commentary)
- Carson, D. A. The Gospel of John (Pillar NT Commentaries)
- Foster, R. C. Studies in the Life of Christ
- Hailey, Homer That You May Believe (Baker Books)
- Jenkins, Ferrell The Gospel & Epistles of John (FC Press)
- Petty, Dan God So Loved: Studies in the Gospel of John (FC Press)
- Thompson, M. M. "John" Dictionary of Jesus & the Gospels (Inter-Varsity Press)
- Woods, Guy The Gospel According to John (Gospel Advocate Co.)

Jan 7 1) Introduction to John's Gospel (Any Intro or Summary)

Before reading/watching a brief summary or introduction of The Gospel of John please think about & answer these two questions:

1) What is your favorite part of John's Gospel?

2) What do you anticipate gaining from this class on John?

For this workbook I failed to produce a satisfactory brief introduction. Perhaps it will be better that we all read from different ones so we will all gain from multiple introductions rather than a very limited one from me.

Most introductions will help you answer the following questions:

3) Who is the author of this gospel? Who is the *beloved disciple*? What do we know of him/them?

4) When was John written? Why was John written?

5) Who is John written too?

6a) What makes John different from the other gospels?

6b) What similarities does John have to the other gospels?

7) What minor themes are emphasized in John's Gospel?

1) Who is John speaking of in v1-5?

2a) What is important to note about him?

2b) What often gets left out when discussing the Prologue?

3) Why does John not use Jesus' name right away? When does he mention it first?

4) According to this text, what was the role of the person discussed in v6-7, 15?

5) What role did *'the word'* play in creation?

6) What significant phrases stand out to you in John's description of Jesus?

What do the following phrases mean?

'the word became flesh'

'he dwelt among us'

'full of grace & truth'

7) What is the purpose of John's "prologue"?

8) What great blessing or right has God given us through Jesus Christ according to v12?

What are the implications of this concept? How should this change our life?

Jan 21 3) John the Baptist & Jesus' Disciples 1:19-51

- 1) Who goes to talk with John the Baptizer? What do they ask him?
- 2) How does he answer? What titles or positions does he reject? What OT verse does he accept?
- 3) What does Jesus later explain about one of these figures? Mt 17:10-13
- 4) How does John describe Jesus as he approaches the Jordan river? What does he mean?
- 5) What is the purpose of recording John's testimony concerning Jesus?
- 6) How do Andrew & Simon Peter become some of the first disciples of Jesus?
- 7) How do Philip & Nathanael become disciples of Jesus?
- 8) How does Nathanael describe Jesus? What does he mean?
- 9) What is Jesus' response?

- 1) Who of the new disciples was from Cana? 21:2
- 2) What is going on in the conversation between Jesus, his mother, & the servants?

- 3) How much water did Jesus turn into wine? What kind of wine was it?

- 4) Why did Jesus do this miracle? &/or Why did John record it as the first?

- 5) During what festival did Jesus cleanse the Temple in this chapter?

- 6) What OT verse did Jesus' disciples remember as explaining Jesus' actions?

- 7) What vague prophecy does Jesus offer as a response to the Jews' question?

- 8) What do Jesus' disciples realize later when Jesus was raised from the dead?

- 9) Why did John record this cleansing of the Temple?

- 10) Were people convinced by Jesus' signs?
How did Jesus respond to their *'belief'*?

Feb 4 5) The New Birth & John's Role 3:1-36

1) Who was Nicodemus? When did he come to Jesus? What does he admit about Jesus?

2) What does Jesus tell Nicodemus must happen to see God's Kingdom?

3) What is Jesus trying to explain to Nicodemus?

4) Why does Jesus further explain this to Nicodemus in the plural?

5) What does Jesus refer to in v14-15?

6) Who sent Jesus? Why did he send Jesus?

7) What final testimony does John give about Jesus?

8) What from this chapter can change your daily walk in Christ?

- 1) Why might Jesus have not personally baptized people?
- 2) What shows Jesus' humanity in the scene by Jacob's well?
- 3) How did Jesus initiate a deeper conversation? How might this scene affect our evangelism efforts?
- 4) What shows Jesus' divinity in the scene?
- 5) What question does she have for Jesus? How does Jesus respond?
- 6) How did Jesus say that true worshipers will worship?
- 7) What conclusion about Jesus motivates her to go tell others about him?
- 8) What does Jesus mean by His private conversation with the disciples?
- 9) What was the end result of the woman's evangelism?
- 10) What was John's second sign proving Jesus' power & authority?
- 11) What does Jesus say about the desire for signs in order to believe?

Feb 18 7) Healing & Teaching in Jerusalem 5:1-47

- 1) When is Jesus at the Bethesda pool? What does Jesus find there?
- 2) What details make this third sign of Jesus so incredible?
- 3) What upsets the Jews about this scene?
- 4) Did the healed man understand what had happened? What does Jesus later do for the man?
- 5) What charges did the Jews make against Jesus?
- 6) How does Jesus explain His relationship with God the Father?
- 7) What does Jesus say about the resurrection & judgment?
- 8) Who or what does Jesus appeal to as testifying to Jesus' identity?
- 9) What mistakes did Jesus say they had made?
- 10) How can this lengthy speech of Jesus change our lives today?

Feb 25 8) Catch-Up & Review or "Jesus' Enemies"

- 1) How many signs of Jesus have we seen so far?
- 2) How many OT citations have we seen so far?
- 3) What have we learned about Jesus so far?

If time allows we will discuss some of these questions:

- 1) Who does John describe as Jesus' enemies in this gospel? Consider Jn 18:19-24.
- 2) Why does John refer to the Jews with broad strokes in this gospel?
- 3) Is John's gospel anti-Semitic?
- 4) Were the first Christians Jewish? Did any Jewish leaders end up believing Jesus?
- 5) What was Judaism like in the time of Jesus? At the time this gospel was written?
- 6) How was this early Christian book received by Jews?
- 7) MOST IMPORTANT: What can we learn from Jesus' enemies in this gospel?

Mar 3 9) Feeding 5,000 & Walking On Water 6:1-71

- 1) Why were crowds flocking to Jesus?
- 2) What about this miracle stands out to you?
- 3) What mistaken notion did the people get from this miracle?
- 4) What does Jesus do immediately after this miracle? What happens that night?
- 5) What do the people discover the next day? What do they do?
- 6) What does Jesus say to them? What does Jesus mean by God's seal?
- 7) What does Jesus' teaching to the people about '*bread out of heaven*' mean?
- 8) What is their response to Jesus' teaching? Subsequently, how does Jesus' address their complaint?
- 9) What did the disciples think of this back & forth? What did Jesus say to them?
- 10) What does Jesus predict at this point about '*one of them*'?
- 11) What do we do with Jesus' difficult sayings? Does our shame indict us as devils?

Mar 10 10) Jesus & The Feast of Tabernacles 7:1-53

1) What do Jesus' brothers ask Jesus to do? How does He respond? Does He change His mind?

2) What did the Jews think of Jesus? How did Jesus answer their questions about His learning?

3) Why did they think He had a demon? Was He right? What does He cry out to them?

4) Why was He not arrested? What does 'His hour' mean? What did some think of Jesus?

5) What does Jesus refer to when He tells the Jewish officials they'll seek Him but can't get Him?

6) What did Jesus teach about The Spirit on the last day of the Feast?

7) Why do the Jewish officials not grab Jesus for the Chief Priests & Pharisees?

8) Who defends Jesus at the end of chapter 7? Does the OT anticipate anything from Galilee?

9) In what ways can this part of John's gospel impact our discipleship?

Many of the oldest copies of John's Gospel do not include the story of the adulterous woman.

- 1) Why did the Pharisees bring this woman to Jesus? What famous line stumped them?

- 2) What did Jesus tell the woman?

- 3) What does Jesus say next that provokes the Pharisees?

- 4) What did Jesus mean when He accused them of not knowing The Father?

- 5) Where did Jesus say they were from & why? When did Jesus say they would find out who He was?

- 6) When Jesus spoke of the Father, what Father did they think of? Who did Jesus say their Father was?

- 7) How did Jesus address their charges of demon possession?

- 8) What did Jesus say about the afterlife that upset the Jews?

- 9) What did Jesus say about Abraham? Why did they want to stone Jesus?

- 10) How does this discussion impact our walk with God?

- 1) How does Jesus describe Himself & His followers? What don't they understand?

- 2) What contrast does Jesus make to show His superiority?

- 3) Who are the '*other sheep*' Jesus refers to?

- 4) How do the Jews respond to Jesus' words at this point?

- 5) When the Jews cornered Jesus, what did they ask Him? Why?

- 6) What does Jesus mean by saying 'no one is able to snatch them out of my hand'?

- 7) Why did they believe they ought to stone Jesus? How does He respond?

- 8) What OT verse does Jesus quote? How does Jesus use this verse? What does it mean?

- 9) How intimate are we with our Shepherd's voice? Do we display the unity He desired?

TBA *Catch-Up & Review* or “John’s Use of the OT”

- 1) How many signs of Jesus have we seen so far?

- 2) How many references to the Holy Spirit have we seen so far?

- 3) What have we learned about Jesus so far?

If time allows we will discuss some of these questions:

- 4) How many OT citations have we seen so far?

- 5) How many prophecies of Jesus are in the OT? How many in the NT are fulfilled?

- 6) How common is it to appeal to these prophecies as proof that Jesus is The Christ?

- 7) Is this the best method of proof? Did it work on Jews of the 1st century?

- 8) What was the purpose of John’s OT citations? Are they evidence that demands a verdict?

- 9) Were OT prophecies about The Messiah vague? What does John show us?

- 10) MOST IMPORTANT: How does John change the way one should read the OT?

Two books of essays on the gospel are written by brethren many of you may know so I decided to include these indexes for your resources. The essays vary in length & difficulty, but many would be a good starting point for further study.

Index of For God So Loved: Studies in the Gospel of John: Ed. Dan Petty (FC Press)

John among the synoptic gospels / Ray Madrigal
Old Testament citations in the gospel of John / Martin Pickup
Archaeology and the gospel of John / Phil Roberts
The word was God: the deity of Christ / Melvin Curry
The master's men / Patrick Farish
The new birth / Arrigo Corazza
Symbolism and the feasts in the gospel of John / Steve Wolfgang
Worship in spirit and truth / Frank Jamerson
Statements of Peter / Brooks Cochran
Jesus: the great I am / M. Thaxter Dickey
The light of the world / Wilson Copeland
That they may have life / Mike Wilson
No man ever yet spake / Weldon E. Warnock
The signs of Jesus in the gospel of John / Daniel W. Petty
Belief in Jesus Christ, the son of God / Gary Henry
The disbelievers: they turned and walked with him no more / Dale Smelser
Jesus washes the disciples' feet / Dee Bowman
The true vine and the branches / Gary Fisher
Another comforter / C.G. "Colly" Caldwell
The enemies of Jesus in the gospel of John / David McClister
The trial and crucifixion of the ages / Jefferson David Tant
John's case for the resurrection / Shane Scott

Index of essays in The Gospel & Epistles of John: Ed. Ferrell Jenkins (FC Press)

That You May Believe / C.G. Caldwell III
John: His Life & Writing / Clark Dugger
The Word Was God / Wayne Goff
The Word Became Flesh / Max Dawson
The Lamb of God / Gardner Hall
Jesus: "I Am the Good Shepherd" / Ferrell Jenkins
The Progress of Belief & Unbelief / Jack Owen
Signs & Claims of Jesus / Rick Lanning
Jesus & the Holy Spirit / Lewis Willis
Jesus & the Individual / Larry Houchen
Jesus: "I Am the True Vine" / Ralph Walker
Life, Light & Love / Jerry Earnhart
Knowing That You Have Eternal Life / William B. Norris
Fellowship & the Apostolic Teaching / Ray Ferris
Love Not the World / Michael Grushon
Jesus: "I Am the Resurrection & the Life" / Don Truex