

# Gospel of John Syllabus

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Reading:</b>
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 &amp; 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
Apr 7	14) Lazarus Is Raised From the Dead	11:1-57
Apr 14	15) The End of Jesus' Public Ministry	12:1-50
Apr 21	16) Jesus Washes Feet	13:1-38
Apr 28	17) The Farewell Discourse	14:1-16:33
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Evangelism Workshop with Ken Craig</b>	
May 12	18) <i>Catch-Up &amp; Review</i> or <i>John's Use of the OT</i>	
May 19	19) The Prayer of Jesus	17:1-26
May 26	20) Peter at Jesus' Trial	18:1-27
June 2	21) Jesus Before Pilate	18:28-19:16
June 9	22) Jesus' Crucifixion & Burial	19:17-42
June 16	23) Jesus' Resurrection	20:1-31
June 23	24) Epilogue	21:1-25
June 30	25) <i>Concluding &amp; Reviewing 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
- Guthrie, D. "John" New Bible Commentary (Inter-Varsity Press)
- Hailey, Homer That You May Believe (Baker Books)
- Jenkins, Ferrell The Gospel & Epistles of John (FC Press)
- Morris, Leon "John" International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (Eerdmans)
- 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)
- Willis, Mike John: Bible Text Books (Truth Foundation)
- Woods, Guy The Gospel According to John (Gospel Advocate Co.)

**April 7 14) Lazarus Is Raised From the Dead 11:1-57**

- 1) What was Jesus relationship with Lazarus' family? What news does Jesus receive?
- 2) How does Jesus respond to the news?
- 3) What were the disciples afraid of? What does Jesus try to teach them?
- 4) What does Thomas think will happen on their trip?
- 5) What does Martha mean by her comments to Jesus? What does Jesus teach her?
- 6) What does Mary mean by her comments to Jesus? Why does Jesus respond the way He does?
- 7) What stands out about Jesus' prayer? What results from His prayer?
- 8) What does Caiaphas do unknowingly? What are the consequences for Jesus?
- 9) What was the talk of the nation at the end of Ch 11?
- 10) How should we approach death? Does God use evil people for His plans?

**April 14 15) The End of Jesus' Public Ministry 12:1-50**

- 1) What home does Jesus go to six days before Passover? What happens there?
- 2) What does Jesus' response to Judas about the poor mean?
- 3) What happened as Jesus entered Jerusalem? Did Jesus' disciples understand it at first?
- 4) What did Jesus' enemies think? Who came to see Jesus at this point? Why?
- 5) How does Jesus answer their question?
- 6) What question does the crowd ask next? How does Jesus answer? Why?
- 7) How does John explain the unbelief of some of the Jews there? Did some still believe?
- 8) How does Jesus explain His relationship to The Father & The Judgment?
- 9) What makes these words of Jesus special? How do they affect a modern day disciple?

**April 21 16) Jesus Washes Feet**

**13:1-38**

1) What teaching method does Jesus use as a final push for His disciples? How does it affect us?

2) What does Jesus predict during His last supper with the disciples? Why?

3) Who is the disciple that Jesus loved?

4) What does it mean that "*Satan entered into*" Judas? What does Jesus say "*do it quickly*"?

5) What does Jesus then tell the disciples? What is new about Jesus' command?

6) What prediction does Jesus make about Peter's commitment? Would Peter die for Jesus?

8) Is "religious zeal" enough to be in harmony with God's plans?

9) What is the purpose of "the new command" towards unbelievers?

## April 28 17) Farewell Discourse 14-16

- 1) Why & how does Jesus try to encourage the disciples?
- 2) What does Jesus have to further explain for Thomas? What does Jesus mean?
- 3) To whom is Jesus making these promises about the Father? In ch 13, who was at the supper?
- 4) What does Jesus promise to give His audience? To these people, how does Jesus define love?
- 5) Why should His audience rejoice at the words He is speaking?
- 6) Did Jesus obey the Father's commands?
- 7) What does this chapter teach us about 'The Way, The Truth, The Life'? What must we do?
- 8) How is Jesus the "*true vine*"? Who are the branches? Why can the branches NOT be churches?
- 9) What does Jesus want to give His followers? What did Jesus call His disciples?
- 10) Are we bearing fruit? Are we abiding in Him? Are we being pruned?

## **Farewell Discourse (Continued)**

**15:16-16:33**

- 1) Who is Jesus speaking to in this long farewell discourse? Who was w/ Him from the beginning?
- 2) What did Jesus tell His audience to expect from the world? Why did He warn of this?
- 3) Do unbelievers have an excuse for their sin? What OT passage have they fulfilled?
- 4) Why did Jesus say His departure was a good thing? What had to happen to convict the world?
- 5) What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do for this audience? Did they understand everything?
- 6) What figurative speech does Jesus use to try & teach? What is He trying to teach them?
- 7) Did Jesus think their belief would carry them through the difficult times ahead?
- 8) Does God continue to reveal truth to us today? Did Jesus' promise come through?
- 9) How does this chapter affect our view of continuing revelation, modern prophecy?  
Even, dare we say it, inner promptings from the Holy Spirit?

**May 12 18) Catch-Up & Review or John & The OT**

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:

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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?

- 1) What does Jesus pray for in the first 5 verses? Who does He pray for?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What was Jesus' mission while on earth? Who does He continue to pray for?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What does Jesus' ask the Father to do for them? What should be their relationship to the world?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Who of this group was lost & why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Who does Jesus begin to pray for in verse 20?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) How were Jesus & the Father united?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) Why is this prayer so important for us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8) What is Jesus praying for in the last two verses?



**May 26 20) Peter at Jesus' Trial**

**18:1-27**

1) Who did Judas bring to arrest Jesus? Did Jesus go peacefully? Why did they fall back?

2) How does Jesus show His control of the events? What mistake does Peter make?

3) Where do they take Jesus' for His first trial? Why do they take Him there?

4) How did one of Jesus' disciples get in the court? Where did Peter wait?

5) What did the High Priest ask Jesus? How did Jesus characterize His own teaching?

6) What did an officer do to Jesus at this point? How did Jesus respond?

7) How was Peter identified by one of his accusers? Where did they send Jesus next?

8) How easy it to be strong one moment & weak the next in our faith?

- 1) How did Pilate try to dismiss Him? Why did Pilate take Jesus aside privately?
  
- 2) What does Pilate ask Jesus? What does Jesus' response mean?
  
- 3) Why does Pilate try to release Jesus? Why does Pilate then scourge Jesus?
  
- 4) What statement of the Jews gets Pilate's attention? What does Pilate do to Jesus now?
  
- 5) What does Jesus' response mean?
  
- 6) What threat do the Jews make that causes Pilate to bring Jesus back out to the crowds?
  
- 7) How does Pilate try to persuade them to release Jesus again?
  
- 8) What amazing final statement comes from the Jews about Kingship?
  
- 9) How do Jesus' Kingship & the ethics He taught affect our daily walk of imitating Him?

- 1) What does John's Gospel emphasize in the crucifixion account? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Why did Pilate not give in to the Jews' request? What OT scripture does John say was fulfilled next?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What mission does Jesus give John from the cross? Why John?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What satisfaction could Jesus have hanging on the cross? Why does Jesus say "*I am thirsty*"?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Why did the Jews wish to break the legs of the three men crucified that day?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What happened to Jesus? What did they do to Jesus instead? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) What two people took a risk to give Jesus a proper burial? How well known was the tomb used?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8) What details in this account eliminate common objections to the reality of Jesus' resurrection?

- 1) Who is the first to see Jesus' tomb after the Sabbath? What day do they visit?
  
- 2) Who comes to the tomb next? What was their reaction? Why?
  
- 3) What does Mary think has happened? What does Jesus tell her to do? Why?
  
- 4) What group does Jesus appear to next? Why is it a surprise? How do they respond?
  
- 5) What authority does Jesus give the disciples? Is there a parallel to this in the other gospels?
  
- 6) What was Thomas objection? Is he to be praised? Who does Jesus will be blessed?
  
- 7) What does John's purpose statement explain about the content of John?
  
- 8) How can we use John today for our faith? How can we use it for unbelievers?

1) Who did Jesus appear to next at the Tiberias Sea? What were they doing?

2) Does Jesus rebuke them? How do they discover it is Jesus talking to them?

3) What incredible final miracles does Jesus do for them in this scene?

4) Who does Jesus restore in the ensuing conversation? How? Why?

5) Does Jesus' use of different words for "love" have any significance?

6) What does Jesus' warning to Peter mean? What was Peter's response?

7) What did Jesus say about the "beloved disciple"?

8) How many of Jesus' miracles do the gospels record? How many did Jesus do?

9) What in this conclusion can encourage us in our walk with Jesus?

**June 20      27) Concluding & Reviewing John's Gospel**

- 1) Give a short defense of John's authorship of this gospel:
  
- 2) What is the purpose of this Gospel? Who was it written too?
  
- 3) List the miracles of Jesus in this gospel. What is their purpose? Which is your favorite?
  
- 4) List the "I AM" sayings of Jesus in this gospel. What is their purpose? Your favorite ?
  
- 5) Summarize John's use of the OT in this gospel. How does this usage impact us?
  
- 6) Give a few examples of Jesus humanity & divinity in this gospel.
  
- 7) Summarize what this gospel says about the Holy Spirit. What are the key texts on The Spirit?
  
- 8) Who are some key characters in John's Gospel? Who is your favorite? What do they teach?
  
- 9) What is 'the hour' that Jesus refers to throughout the book?
  
- 10) What great example does Jesus set in Ch 13? Why do some churches do this ceremonially?
  
- 11) How does Jesus define 'true love' in Ch 14?
  
- 12) What is the most important chapter in John?

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 --  
A select bibliography of the writings of Ferrell Jenkins / James A. Hodges.

### 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 --