

# John's Gospel—That You Might Believe—Dec 2022-Feb 2023

## December 4—John 1

- *How does John's beginning differ from the other gospels? Why do you think it starts this way?*
- *Who do you meet in this first chapter? What are your impressions of them?*
- *What role does John play in the ministry of Jesus?*
- *What does John want you to know about Jesus from reading this?*

## December 11—John 2-3

- *Was Jesus disrespectful to his mother? What do you think he meant by "it is not my time?"*
- *Why does Jesus drive the moneychangers from the temple? Is this a first time for this to be followed by another or does John choose to put the story here for a reason?*
- *What kind of man was Nicodemus? What was he seeking?*
- *What does it take to enter the kingdom of God? Do you merely have to believe?*

## December 18—John 4-5

- *What do you learn about evangelism from how Jesus interacts with the Samaritan woman?*
- *Jesus heals two people in these chapters. What did the healings accomplish?*
- *Why did the Jews oppose Jesus and start thinking about killing him? Are they protective of themselves, the nation, the law?*

## December 25

*Combined adult class taught by Lenin Munguia*

## January 1—John 6

- *Several things happen in John 6. How do they relate to each other?*
- *How are we to eat the flesh and drink the blood? Is this about communion or more?*
- *Why do you think Jesus seemed to make it hard to follow him? Why did the disciples stay when so many other people left?*
- *In vs 35, he says "I am the bread of life?" What does that mean to your life?*

## January 8—John 7

- *Was Jesus being openly defiant with the Jewish leaders? Why or why not?*
- *Who has difficulties with Jesus in this passage? Why?*
- *What were the various opinions about Jesus? How do they compare to current views of Jesus today?*

## January 15—John 8

- *Was Jesus being “soft” on sin with the woman caught in adultery? Was he condoning it? Condemning it?*
- *He says, “I am the light of the world?” What was Jesus telling people about himself with that statement?*
- *What tactic does Jesus use in his confrontation with the Pharisees?*

### January 22—John 9

- *Why do you think the disciples feel that sin was involved in the man’s blindness? Is the same idea around today? In troubles, is sin the root of it?*
- *Is the statement in vs. 31 true?*
- *Was the response of the man an effective way to deal with the Jewish leaders? Is it a good way to approach opponents today?*

### January 29—John 10

- *What does the “good shepherd” image teach us about Jesus?*
- *Who are the “hirelings?”*
- *In what way are sheep a good metaphor for followers of Jesus?*
- *Why did the Jews want to stone him? How does Jesus challenge their assertions?*

### February 5—John 11

- *Why did Jesus delay going to Bethany?*
- *How did Jesus handle the grief of the two sisters?*
- *What caused Jesus to weep? Grief? Unbelief? What evidence do you have for your response?*
- *Jesus says, “I am the resurrection and the life?” What does that mean for our Christian living?*

### February 12—John 12-13

- *How does Jesus speak about his coming death? Why does he tell his followers he is going to die?*
- *Are we to wash feet today? Why or why not?*
- *Did John omit the Lord’s Supper? Why do you suppose it is not as detailed as the other three gospels?*

### February 19— John 14-19

- *The final two “I am” statements are associated with the death of Jesus. Is Jesus the only way to God or the best way to God? Why does it seem so exclusive?*
- *What does John describe in the story of the crucifixion that is completely different than the other three gospels?*

### February 26—John 20-21

- *What appearances does Jesus make to his disciples? Why does John give them when other gospel writers do not?*
- *Was Thomas really a “doubter?” If you were Thomas would you do the same or differently?*
- *How did Jesus handle Peter after the denial?*