

FINDING THE PRICELESS PEARL

**An Adventure With The Apostle John
To Discover The Gospel Way
Into Eternal Life**

Jesus pleads that we go with Him on this gospel journey:

Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

One devoted evangelist of yesteryear wrote,

***For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God unto salvation
to every one who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
For it is the righteousness of God
revealed from faith to faith,
as it is written,
“The just will live by faith.”***

(Romans 1:16,17)

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Your Invitation To An Eternal Adventure

We live in a world wherein many are confused as to who Jesus of Nazareth was, and what is involved in being His disciple. In fact, calling oneself after Christ alone seems to be a daunting task in a religious environment of so many conflicting religious beliefs. Add to this the fact that being just a Christian has become challenging when most people know little or nothing about the one Lord Jesus Christ. But this frustrating situation is solved by learning a few fundamental facts in the Bible concerning who Christians are as the people of God. There is a simplicity about being a Christian that is very inspiring for those who have throughout the years been confused by the vast diversity that is found in the religious world.

Through this World Gospel Book we seek to help you, and millions of other people around the world, to discover the simplicity of faith that is in the Lord Jesus Christ. If you feel stuck in the bondage of some complicated religious organization, we seek to help you out of this bondage by clarifying some simple Bible teachings concerning who Jesus of Nazareth truly was and is, and how you can become His disciple.

In a religious world that seems never to be able to understand the simple gospel message that should bring unity among all believers in the Lord Jesus, this World Gospel Book may be the best book that you have ever received. It is our prayer that this unique book will be a road map to help you understand better what it means to be called after Christ, and thus simply be a Christian.

God expects you to be no more than a Christian and no less.

This World Gospel Book will guide you on an adventure that will be very exciting. It will be exciting because you, as millions of others have, discovered the joy of being a disciple of Jesus through a better knowledge of Him as the Son of God. Your studies will eventually bring you into the protective hand of God, and eventually into eternity.

The first part of your adventure comes directly from God, the Father, through the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit who directed the mind and hand of the apostle John to write concerning the good news about the Son of God who came in the flesh of man in order to reveal a very exciting message from God the Father. In this document of John that is commonly referred to as “the gospel according to John”—which is actually the gospel according to the Holy Spirit through John—the Spirit reveals to an unbelieving Gentile humanity the incarnational journey of the Son of God into this world. This revelation is about Jesus of Nazareth whom John recorded to be the actual incarnation of God into the flesh of man. Therefore, if you are questioning whether Jesus of Nazareth was actually the incarnate Son of God, then the Holy Spirit-inspired testimony of John is your major source of evidence to substantiate the fact that He is. The book of John is your spiritual road map into the mind of God through Jesus.

This Jesus first existed in spirit as the Son of God. And in spirit, He was

in eternity as the Son of the one God. Before His incarnation, God was composed of three eternal personalities: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. But John revealed that the Son of the one God took upon Himself the flesh of man in order to walk among people on this earth. He visited this world in the form of a person with flesh and bones. Having been born in Bethlehem of Judea, He was named "Jesus." He grew up in Nazareth of Galilee. From the time of His incarnational birth, and after His growth into manhood, at about the age of thirty, John takes us on a history-changing three and a half year journey with the Son of God on His way to meet His eternal destiny at the cross.

John takes all of us on this incredible journey by recording only seven of the miraculous events that Jesus worked to signal that He was from God, and that God was with Him. Out of the many miracles Jesus actually worked, these seven were enough to prove to his Gentile readers that God was with Jesus throughout His earthly ministry. Therefore, after reading his inspired document, John assumes that we will all conclude that this Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ (Messiah) and Son of God. Jesus was more than a good person with good teachings. He was the Savior of the world. John's Spirit-inspired road map will explain all the sign posts along the way in order to keep us focused on Jesus and the authority of His word.

The second section of the World Gospel Book will take you from the preceding introduction of Jesus by John

into an exciting adventure of bringing into an orderly manner all that the Son of God wanted to accomplish by His coming into this world. In this section you will discover the work of God from the beginning of time to bring humanity to the purpose for which His Son came into this world. After being guided by this "road map," you will better understand why Jesus went to the cross.

This section of the World Gospel Book will also take you to the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. It will then take you to the excitement of the resurrection. As a reader you will then be taken in mind with the Lord Jesus on into heavenly glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven. This journey of the Lord Jesus for us will be very encouraging. It will be through this second section of study that you will be taken on a journey through the salvational theme of the Bible in order join with Jesus in eternity before the throne of God.

The final section of the World Gospel Book was developed to aid you to teach the things that you have learned in this journey. These are advanced Bible studies that are provided in order to help you to develop organized and informed Bible discussions concerning the things that you have learned in this study. As others have used the World Gospel Book for decades to preach and teach obedience to the gospel, as well as to build up the body of Christ, it is our prayer that this copy will greatly enhance your teaching of those things that you have learned in a detailed study of the gospel.

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The Holy Spirit's Road Map To The Word

Chapter 1

The Word Became Flesh

- 1 ¶ In the beginning ^awas the ^bWord, and the Word was ^cwith God, and the Word was ^dGod.
- 2 ^eHe was in the beginning with God.
- 3 ^fAll things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
- 4 ^gIn Him was life, and ^hthe life was the light of men.
- 5 And ⁱthe light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not understand it.
- 6 ¶ There was a ^jman sent from God whose name was John.
- 7 He came for a ^kwitness, to bear witness of the Light so that all through him might ^lbelieve.
- 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that ^mLight.
- 9 ⁿThat was the true Light that enlightens every man who comes into the world.
- 10 ¶ He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and ^othe world did not know Him.
- 11 ^pHe came to His own and His own did not receive Him.
- 12 But ^qas many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name,
- 13 ^rwho were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will

of man, but of God.

• 14 ^sAnd the Word ^twas made ^uflesh and dwelt among us. And ^vwe beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, ^wfull of grace and truth.

- 15 ¶ ^xJohn bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I spoke, ^yHe who comes after me is preferred before me, ^zfor He was before me.”
- 16 For from His ^afullness we all have received, and grace upon grace.
- 17 For ^bthe law was given through Moses, but ^cgrace and ^dtruth came through Jesus Christ.
- 18 ^eNo man has seen God at any time. ^fThe only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John and the Christ

- 19 ¶ This is ^gthe testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”
- 20 And ^hhe confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”
- 21 And they asked him, “Who then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you ⁱthe Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”
- 22 Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to

Chapter 1: a 1 Jn 1:1 b Rv 19:13 c Jn 17:5 d 1 Jn 5:20 e Gn 1:1 f Cl 1:16,17 g 1 Jn 5:11 h Jn 8:12; 9:5; 12:46 i Jn 3:19 j Mt 3:1-17 k Jn 3:25-36; 5:33-35 l Jn 3:16 m Is 9:2; 49:6 n Is 49:6 o Hb 1:2 p Is 53:3; Lk 19:14 q Gl 3:26 r 1 Pt 1:23 s Rv 19:13 t Gl 4:4 u Hb 2:11 v Is 40:5 w Jn 8:32; 14:6; 18:37 x Jn 3:32 y Mt 3:11 z Cl 1:17 a Cl 1:19; 2:9 b Ex 20:1 c Rm 5:21; 6:14 d Jn 8:32; 14:6; 18:37 e Ex 33:20 f 1 Jn 4:9 g Jn 5:33 h Lk 3:15 i Dt 18:15,18

• Before He came into the world, the Son of God eternally existed in the form of God as one with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He was the Word (God's statement to humanity) that became flesh and dwelt among us.

•• Incarnation took place when the Son of God came into this world in the flesh of man.

those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said, ¹"I am ^kthe voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 ¶ Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 John answered them, saying, ^k"I baptize in water, ^mbut there stands One among you whom you do not know.

27 ⁿ"It is He who comes after me and is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

28 These things were done ^oin Bethany beyond Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Lamb of God

•29 ¶ The next day John saw Jesus coming to him. And He said, ^p"Behold, the Lamb of God ^qwho takes away the sin of the world!"

30 "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

31 "And I did not know Him. But that He might be made manifest to Israel, ^rtherefore, I came baptizing in water."

32 ¶ ^sAnd John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained upon Him.

33 "And I did not know Him. But He who sent me to baptize with water, the same said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending and re-

maining on Him, 'the same is He who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'

34 "And I have seen and have testified that this is the "Son of God."

The First Disciples

35 ¶ Again the next day John stood with two of his disciples.

36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, ^v"Behold the Lamb of God!"

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they ^wfollowed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned and saw them following. And He said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi," (which is to say when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He dwelt, and remained with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

40 ¶ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was ^xAndrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first found his own brother Simon. And he said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ.)

42 Then he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of John. ^yYou will be called Cephas" (which is translated, Peter).

Calling of Philip and Nathanael

43 ¶ The following day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee. And He found ^zPhilip and said to him, "Follow Me."

44 Now ^aPhilip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found ^bNathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom

“Moses in the law, and the ^dProphets, wrote, Jesus ^eof Nazareth, the ^fson of Joseph.”

46 Then Nathanael said to him, ^g“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him. And He said of him, “Behold ^han Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile!”

48 Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, ⁱYou are the Son of God! You are the ^jKing of Israel!”

50 Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

51 Then He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^kyou will see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Chapter 2

Turning Water to Wine

1 ¶ Now the third day there was a ^amarriage in ^bCana of Galilee and the ^cmother of Jesus was there.

2 Both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the marriage.

3 Now when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”

4 Jesus said to her, ^d“Woman, ^ewhat have I to do with you? ^fMy hour has not yet come.”

5 His mother said to the servants,

“Whatever He says to you, do it.”

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, ^gaccording to the custom of the purification of the Jews, containing two or three firkins each.

7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

8 Then He said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it to him.

9 When the master of the feast had tasted ^hthe water that was made wine, and did not know from where it came—but the servants who drew the water knew—the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

10 And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine. And when the people have drunk freely, then he serves that which is inferior. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

• 11 This ⁱbeginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, ^jand manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

12 ¶ After this He went down to ^kCapernaum, He and His mother and ^lHis brothers and His disciples. And they did not stay there many days.

13 ¶ Now the Jews’ Passover was at hand and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And ^mHe found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

15 Now when He had made a whip of small cords, He drove them all out

c Lk 24:27 d Zc 6:12 e Mt 2:23 f Lk 3:23 g Jn 7:41,42,52 h Ps 32:2; 73:1 i Mt 14:33 j Mt 21:5 k Gn 28:12
Chapter 2: a Hb 13:4 b Jn 4:46 c Jn 19:25 d Jn 19:26 e 2 Sm 16:10 f Jn 7:6,8,30; 8:20 g Mk 7:3 h Jn 4:46
i Jn 4:54 j Jn 1:14 k Mt 4:13 l Mt 12:46; 13:35 m Dt 16:1-6 n Mt 3:1; Mk 11:15,17

• As the incarnate Son of God in the flesh, this was the first miracle that Jesus worked on earth among men.

of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen. And He poured out the changers' money and overthrew the tables.

16 Then He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make 'My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

17 And His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal for Your house will eat Me up."

18 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

• 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

20 Then the Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and You will raise it up in three days?"

21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.

22 Therefore, when He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this. And they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had said.

23 ¶ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast day, many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He did.

24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them because He knew all men.

25 And He did not need that anyone should testify concerning man, for He knew what was in man.

Chapter 3 Nicodemus

1 ¶ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

• 2 "The same man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

•• 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it. But you do not know from where it comes and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you a teacher of Israel and do not know these things?"

11 "Truly, truly, I say to you, we

o Lk 2:49 p Ps 69:9 q Mt 12:38 r Mt 26:61; 27:40 s 1 Co 3:16; 6:19 t Lk 24:8 u At 2:22 v Rv 2:23 w Mt 9:4 Chapter 3: a Jn 7:50; 19:39 b Jn 9:16,33 c At 10:38 d 1 Pt 1:23 e At 2:38 f 1 Co 15:50 g Ec 11:5 h Jn 6:52,60 i Mt 11:27

• This was the first prophecy that Jesus made that He would be resurrected from the dead.

•• John wrote in order that we come to the same conclusion as Nicodemus, that Jesus was sent from God.

••• One is born again through obedience to the gospel in baptism, whereupon all sins are washed away.

10 speak what we know and testify what we have seen, and ^jyou do not receive our witness.

12 “If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you of heavenly things?”

13 ^k“And no one has ascended to heaven except He who came down from heaven, even the Son of Man.

• 14 ^l“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so ^mmust the Son of Man be lifted up, ⁿso that whoever ^obelieves in Him will ^phave eternal life.

16 ^r“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten ^sSon, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 ^t“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 ^u“He who believes in Him is not condemned. But he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 “And this is the condemnation, ^vthat light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

20 “For ^weveryone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 “But he who does the truth comes to the light so that his deeds may be made manifest, that they have been ^xdone in God.”

Testimony of John

22 ¶ After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea. And He stayed there with them ^yand baptized.

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to ^zSalim because there was much water there. ^aAnd they came and were baptized—

24 ^bfor John was not yet cast into prison.

25 ¶ Then there arose a dispute between some of John’s disciples and the Jews about purification.

26 So they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, ^cto whom you have testified, behold, the same is baptizing and all ^dare coming to Him.”

27 John answered and said, ^e“A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven.

28 “You yourselves bear me witness that I said, ^f“I am not the Christ,’ but, ^g“I have been sent before Him.’

29 ^h“He who has the bride is the bridegroom. But ⁱthe friend of the bridegroom who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine is fulfilled.

30 ^j“He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 ^k“He who comes from above ^lis above all. ^mHe who is of the earth is earthly and speaks from the earth. ⁿHe who comes from heaven is above all.

32 “And ^owhat He has seen and heard, that He testifies. And no one receives His testimony.

j Jn 3:32; 8:14 k Ep 4:9 l Nm 21:9 m Jn 8:28; 12:34; 19:18 n Jn 6:47 o Jn 3:36 p Rm 5:8 q Is 9:6 r Lk 9:56 s Jn 5:24; 6:40,47; 20:31 t Jn 1:4,9-11 u Ep 5:11,13 v 1 Co 15:10 w Jn 4:1,2 x 1 Sm 9:4 y Mt 3:5,6 z Mt 4:12; 14:3 a Jn 1:7,15,27,34 b Mk 2:2; 3:10; 5:24 c 1 Co 3:5,6; 4:7 d Jn 1:19-27 e Mt 3:1 f 2 Co 11:2 g Ss 5:1 h Is 9:7 i Jn 3:13; 8:23 j Mt 28:18 k 1 Co 15:47 l Jn 6:33 m Jn 3:11; 15:15

• Jesus reveals the love of God in His incarnate sacrifice on the cross for the atonement of the sins of the world.

33 “He who has received His testimonyⁿ has certified that God is truthful.

34 ^o“For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit^p by measure.

35 ^q“The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

• 36 ^r“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life. And He who does not believe the Son will not see life, but the ^swrath of God abides on him.”

Chapter 4

The Samaritan Woman

1 ¶ Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and ^abaptized more disciples than John—

2 though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples—

3 He left Judea and departed again into Galilee.

4 Now He needed to go through Samaria.

5 ¶ So He came to a city of Samaria that is called Sychar, near to the parcel of land that ^bJacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob’s well was there. Therefore, Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 ¶ There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”

8 For His disciples were gone away to the city to buy food.

9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink, since I am a

woman of Samaria?” (For ^dJews have no dealings with the ^eSamaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the ^fgift of God and who it is who said to you, ‘Give Me to drink,’ you would have asked of Him and He would have given you ^gliving water.”

11 The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. From where then do You get that living water?”

12 “Are You greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?”

13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again.

14 “But ^hwhoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water that I will give him ⁱwill be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

15 ^jThe woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water so that I may not thirst, or come here to draw.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have said well, ‘I have no husband,’

18 “for you have had five husbands. And he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have truthfully said.”

19 The woman said to him, “Sir, ^kI perceive that You are a prophet.

20 “Our fathers worshiped on ^lthis mountain, and You say that in ^mJerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

n 1 Jn 5:10 o Dt 18:18; Jn 7:16 p Jn 1:16 q Hb 2:8 r Jn 3:16,17; 6:47 s Rm 1:18 Chapter 4: a Jn 3:22,26 b Gn 33:19 c Gn 48:22 d At 10:28 e 2 Kg 17:24 f Rm 5:15 g Is 12:3; 44:3 h Jn 6:35,58 i Jn 7:37,38 j Jn 6:34,35; 17:2,3 k Lk 7:16,39; 24:19 l Jg 9:7 m Dt 12:5,11

• When one believes in the Son of God, he or she is motivated to obey all that God says one must do to have eternal life.

21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming ^awhen you will neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem worship the Father.

22 “You worship ^awhat you do not know. We know what we worship, for ^bsalvation is from the Jews.

• 23 “But the hour is coming and now is when the true worshipers will ^aworship the Father in ^bspirit ^cand in truth, for the Father seeks such to worship Him.

24 “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”

25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah ^ais coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, ^bHe will tell us all things.”

26 Jesus said to her, ^w“I who speak to You am He.”

27 ¶ And at this time His disciples came. And they marveled that He talked with a woman. However, no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You talk with her?”

28 ¶ The woman then left her water-pot and went her way into the city. And she said to the men,

29 “Come, see a Man ^xwho told me all things I have ever done. Could this be the Christ?”

30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

31 ¶ In the meantime His disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat about which you do not know.”

33 Therefore, the disciples said one

to another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?”

34 Jesus said to them, ^y“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to ^zfinish His work.”

35 “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months and then comes ^athe harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, ^bfor they are white already for harvest!

36 “And he who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that ^bboth he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 “And herein is the saying true, ^c‘One sows and another reaps.’

38 “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored. ^dOther men labored and you have entered into their labors.”

Samaritans Believe

39 ¶ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him ^ebecause of the saying of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I have done.”

40 So when the Samaritans came to Him, they urged Him that He would stay with them. And He stayed there two days.

41 And many more believed because of His ^hword.

42 Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of your saying, for ⁱwe have heard Him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Healing a Nobleman’s Son

43 ¶ Now after two days He departed from there and went into Galilee.

n 1 Tm 2:8 o 2 Kg 17:28-41 p Rm 3:1; 9:4,5 q Hb 13:10-14 r Ph 3:3 s Jn 1:17 t 2 Co 3:17 u Dt 18:15 v Jn 4:29,39 w Mt 26:63,64 x Jn 4:25 y Ps 40:7,8 z Jn 6:38; 17:4; 19:30 a Gn 8:2 b Mt 9:37 c Dn 12:3 d 1 Th 2:19 e 1 Co 3:5-9 f 1 Pt 1:12 g Jn 4:29 h Lk 4:32 i 1 Jn 4:14

• The conditions upon which we are to worship God are determined by what God seeks from His worshipers.

44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

45 ¶ Then when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, ^khaving seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast, ^lfor they also went to the feast.

46 ¶ So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee ^mwhere He made the water into wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When He heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him that He come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

48 Then Jesus said to him, ⁿ“Except you see signs and wonders you will not believe.”

49 The nobleman said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

50 Jesus said to him, “Go your way. Your son lives.” And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him and he went his way.

51 And as he was going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!”

52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole house.

54 ¶ This is again a second sign that Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

1 ¶ After ^athis there was a feast of the Jews and Jesus ^bwent up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem ^cby the sheep gate a pool that is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

3 On these porches lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For it was supposed an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred the water, then whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made well of whatever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knowing that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, “Do you want to be made whole?”

7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, when the water is troubled, I have no man to put me into the pool. But while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

8 Jesus said to him, ^d“Rise, take up your bed and walk.”

9 And immediately the man was made whole. And he took up his bed and walked. Now ^ethat day was the Sabbath.

10 Therefore, the Jews said to him who was healed, “It is the Sabbath. ^fIt is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”

11 He answered them, “He who made me whole said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’”

12 Then they asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?”

Chapter 5
Healing at Bethesda

13 Now he who was ^shealed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into a multitude that was in that place.

14 ¶ Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple. And He said to him, “Behold, you are made whole. ^hSin no more, lest a worse thing come on you.”

15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him whole.

Life in the Son

16 ¶ For this reason the Jews ⁱpersecuted Jesus because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

17 But Jesus answered them, ^j“My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

18 ¶ Therefore, the Jews ^ksought all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, ^lmaking Himself equal with God.

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^mthe Son can do nothing by Himself, but what He sees the Father doing. For whatever He does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 “For ⁿthe Father loves the Son and ^oshows Him all things that He Himself does. And He will show Him greater works than these so that you may marvel.

21 “For as the Father raises up the dead and gives them life, ^peven so the Son gives life to whom He wishes.

22 “For the Father judges no one, but He ^qhas committed all judgment to the Son,

23 so that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. ^rHe who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who has sent Him.

24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^she who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me, has everlasting life. And he will not come into condemnation, ^tbut has passed from death into life.

25 “Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming and now is, when ^uthe dead will hear the voice of the Son of God. And those who hear will live.

26 “For ^vas the Father has life in Himself, so He has given to the Son to have ^wlife in Himself.

27 “And He ^xhas given Him authority to execute judgment also, ^ybecause He is the Son of Man.

• 28 “Do not marvel at this, for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will ^zhear His voice

29 ^a“and will come forth, ^bthose who have done good to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.

30 “I can of My own self do nothing. As I hear, I judge. And My judgment is just because ^dI do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Witness of Jesus

31 ¶ ^e“If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.

32 ^f“There is another who bears witness of Me. And I know that the wit-

g Lk 13:14; 22:51 h Jn 8:11 i Jn 8:37; 10:39 j Jn 9:4; 17:4 k Jn 7:1,19 l Jn 10:30 m Jn 5:30; 6:38; 8:28; 12:49; 14:10 n Mt 3:17 o Mt 11:27 p Jn 11:25 q At 17:31 r 1 Jn 2:23 s Jn 3:16,18; 6:47 t 1 Jn 3:14 u Cl 2:13 v Ps 36:9 w 1 Co 15:45 x At 10:42; 17:31 y Dn 7:13 z 1 Th 4:15-17 a Is 26:19 b Dn 12:2 c Jn 5:19 d Mt 26:39 e Jn 8:14 f Mt 3:17

• When Jesus comes again, there will be a resurrection of all those who died before His final coming.

ness that He witnesses of Me is true.

33 “You sent to John ^sand He has borne witness to the truth.

34 “But I do not receive testimony from man. But I say these things so that you may be saved.

35 “He was the burning and ^hshining light. And ⁱyou were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

36 “But ⁱI have greater witness than that of John. For ^hthe works that the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very ^lworks that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37 “And the Father Himself who has sent Me ^mhas borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time ⁿnor seen His form.

38 “And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

• 39 “You search the Scriptures because in them you think you have eternal life. It is ^pthese that testify of Me.

40 “And you will not come to Me so that you may have life.

41 “I do not receive honor from men.

42 “But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

43 “I have come in My Father’s name and you do not receive Me. If another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

44 ^s“How can you believe when you receive honor from one another, and do not seek ^tthe honor that comes from only God?

45 “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. ^uThere is one who accuses you, even Moses in whom you trust.

46 “For if you believed Moses, you would have believed Me, ^vfor he wrote about Me.

47 “But if you ^wdid not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

Chapter 6

Feeding of the Five Thousand

1 ¶ After ^athese things Jesus crossed over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of ^bTiberias.

2 And a great crowd followed Him because they saw His signs that He did on those who were ^csick.

3 Then Jesus went up on a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

4 ¶ Now ^dthe Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

5 ^eTherefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing a great crowd coming to Him, He said to ^fPhilip, “Where will we buy bread so that these may eat?”

6 This He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

7 Philip answered Him, ^g“Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them so that every one of them may take a little.”

8 One of His disciples, ^hAndrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him,

9 “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish. ⁱBut what are they among so many?”

10 Then Jesus said, “Make the men sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

g Jn 1:15,19,27,32 h 2 Pt 1:19 i Mk 6:20 j 1 Jn 5:9 k Jn 3:2; 10:25; 17:4 l Jn 9:16; 10:38 m Mt 3:17 n 1 Jn 4:12 o Is 8:20; 34:16 p Lk 24:27 q Jn 1:11; 3:19 r 1 Th 2:6 s Jn 12:43 t Rm 2:29 u Rm 2:12 v Dt 18:15,18 w Lk 16:29,31 Chapter 6: a Mk 6:32 b Jn 6:23; 21:1 c Mt 4:23; 8:16; 9:35; 14:36; 15:30; 19:2 d Dt 16:1 e Mt 14:14 f Jn 1:43 g Nm 11:21,22 h Jn 1:40 i 2 Kg 4:43

• The theme of the Old Testament is the coming of the Messiah and Savior into the world to save mankind.

11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

• 12 When they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain so that nothing is lost.”

13 Therefore, they gathered them together and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves that remained over by those who had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly ^jthe Prophet who is to come into the world.”

Walking on Water

15 ¶ Therefore, when Jesus perceived that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him a ^kking, He departed again onto a mountain by Himself alone.

16 ¶ And ^lwhen evening came, His disciples went down to the sea.

17 And entering into a boat, they started to cross the sea toward Capernaum. It was already dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing.

•• 19 So when they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty furlongs, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat. And they were ^mafraid.

20 But He said to them, ⁿ“It is I. Do

not be afraid.”

21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat. And immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

22 ¶ The following day the people who stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone.

23 There came other boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks.

24 Therefore, when the people saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, ^oseeking Jesus.

The Bread of Life

25 ¶ And when they had found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”

26 Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you do not seek Me because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

27 ^p“Do not labor for the food that perishes, but ^qfor the food that endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give to you, ^rfor on Him God the Father has set His seal.”

28 Then they said to Him, “What should we do so that we might work the works of God?”

29 Jesus answered and said to them, ^s“This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

30 Therefore, they said to Him,

j Gn 49:10 k Jn 18:36 l Mt 14:23 m Mt 17:6 n Is 43:1,2 o Lk 4:42 p Mt 6:19 q Jn 4:14 r At 2:22 s 1 Jn 3:23

• This was a miracle of creation. Only God can create, and thus Jesus was God in the flesh.

•• This miracle proved that Jesus had power over the natural laws of this world. He was the creator of these laws.

“What sign then do You show so that we may see and believe You? What work will You do?”

31 “Our fathers ate manna in the desert, as it is written, ^v“He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

32 Then Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses did not give you that bread from heaven, but ^wMy Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

33 “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

34 ^xThen they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”

35 And Jesus said to them, ^y“I am the bread of life. ^zHe who comes to Me will never hunger. And He who believes in Me will never ^athirst.

36 ^b“But I said to you that you also have seen Me and still ^cdo not believe.

37 ^d“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and ^ethe one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

38 “For I came down from heaven, ^fnot to do My own will, ^gbut the will of Him who sent Me.

39 “And this is the Father’s will who sent Me, ^hthat of all that He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up in the last day.

40 “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, ⁱthat everyone who sees the Son and believes on Him may have everlasting life. And I will raise him up in the last day.”

41 The Jews then murmured at Him because He said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

42 Then they said, ^j“Is this not

Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He said, ‘I came down from heaven?’”

43 Therefore, Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.

44 ^k“No one can come to Me, except the Father who has sent Me ^ldraws him. And I will raise him up in the last day.

45 “It is written in the prophets, ^m‘And they will all be taught of God.’ ⁿTherefore, everyone who has heard and has learned from the Father comes to Me.

46 ^o“Not that anyone has seen the Father, ^pexcept He who is from God. He has seen the Father.

47 “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^qhe who believes has everlasting life.

48 ^r“I am that bread of life.

49 ^s“Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 ^t“This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

51 “I am the living bread ^uthat came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, He will live forever. And ^vthe bread that I will give is My flesh that I will give for the life of the world.”

52 ¶ The Jews therefore ^wargued among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?”

• 53 Then Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, except ^xyou eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

t Mt 12:38; 16:1 u Ex 16:15 v Ex 16:4,15; Ne 9:15; Ps 78:24 w Jn 3:13,16 x Jn 4:15 y Jn 6:48,58 z Jn 4:14; 7:37 a Is 55:1,2 b Jn 6:26,64; 15:24 c Jn 10:26 d Jn 6:45 e 2 Tm 2:19 f Mt 26:39 g Jn 4:34 h Jn 10:28; 17:12; 18:9 i Jn 3:15,16; 4:14; 6:27,47,54 j Mt 13:55 k Ss 1:4 l Ph 1:29; 2:12,13 m Is 54:13 n Jn 6:37 o Jn 1:18 p Mt 11:27 q Jn 3:16,18 r Jn 6:33,35 s Jn 6:31; 58 t Jn 6:51,58 u Jn 3:13 v Hb 10:5 w Jn 7:43; 9:16; 10:19 x Mt 26:26

• Jesus speaks of those who will obey the gospel, and in the Lord’s Supper eat of His body and drink of His blood.

54 ^y“Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood, has eternal life. And I will raise Him up in the last day.

55 “For My flesh is true food and My blood is true drink.

56 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood ^zdwells in Me and I in him.

57 “As the living Father has sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, even he will live because of Me.

58 ^a“This is the bread that came down from heaven, not ^bas your fathers ate manna and are dead. He who eats of this bread will live forever.”

Many Disciples Turn Away

59 ¶ These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

60 ^cTherefore, many of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, “This is a hard saying. Who can hear it?”

61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples grumbled at this, He said to them, “Does this offend you?”

62 ^d“What then if you will see the Son of Man ascending up where He was before?”

63 ^e“It is the Spirit who gives life. The ^fflesh profits nothing. The ^gwords that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life.

64 “But ^hthere are some of you who do not believe.” For ⁱJesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe and who would betray Him.

65 Then He said, “Therefore ^jI said to you, that no one can come to Me except it has been given to him by My Father.”

66 ¶ ^kFrom that time many of His disciples went back and no longer walked with Him.

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Will you also go away?”

68 Then Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have ^lthe words of eternal life.

69 ^m“And we believe and are sure that You are the Holy One of God.”

70 Jesus answered them, ⁿ“Have I not chosen you twelve, ^oand yet one of you is a devil?”

71 He spoke of ^pJudas Iscariot the son of Simon, for it was he who would ^qbetray Him, being one of the twelve.

Chapter 7

Feast of the Tabernacles

1 ¶ After these things Jesus walked in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea ^abecause the Jews sought to kill Him.

2 ^bNow the Jews’ Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.

3 Therefore, ^cHis brothers said to Him, “Depart from here and go into Judea so that Your disciples may also see the works that You are doing.

4 “For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.”

5 For ^deven His ^ebrothers did not believe in Him.

6 Then Jesus said to them, ^f“My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

7 ^g“The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me ^hbecause I testify of it, that its works are evil.

8 “You go up to this feast. I am not

y Jn 4:14; 6:27,40 z 1 Jn 3:24; 4:15,16 a Jn 6:49-51 b Ex 16:14-35 c Jn 6:66 d At 1:9; 2:32,33 e 2 Co 3:6 f Jn 3:6 g Jn 6:68; 14:24 h Jn 6:36 i Jn 2:24,25; 13:11 j Jn 6:37,44,45 k Lk 9:62 l At 5:20 m Lk 9:20 n Lk 6:13 o Jn 13:27 p Jn 12:4; 13:2,26 q Mt 26:14-16 Chapter 7: a Jn 5:18; 7:19,25; 8:37,40 b Lv 23:34 c Mt 12:46 d Ps 69:8; Mc 7:6 e Mk 3:21 f Jn 2:4; 8:20 g Jn 15:19 h Jn 3:19

going up to this feast at this time, ⁱfor My time has not yet fully come.”

9 When He had said these words to them, He stayed in Galilee.

10 ¶ But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He also went up, not openly, but as if in secret.

11 Then ^jthe Jews sought Him at the feast and said, “Where is He?”

12 Now ^kthere was much whispering among the people concerning Him, for ^lsome said, “He is a good man.” Others said, “No, He deceives the people.”

13 However, no one spoke openly of Him ^mfor fear of the Jews.

Teaching at the Feast

14 ¶ Now about the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and ⁿtaught.

15 And ^othe Jews marveled, saying, “How has this Man become learned, having never been educated?”

16 So Jesus answered them and said, ^p“My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 ^q“If anyone wills to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is from God or whether I speak from Myself.

18 ^r“He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory. But He who ^sseeks the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and ^tno unrighteousness is in Him.

19 ^u“Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law? ^vWhy do you seek to kill Me?”

20 The people answered and said, ^w“You have a demon. Who seeks to kill You?”

21 Jesus answered and said to them, “I have done one work and you all marvel.

22 ^x“Moses therefore gave to you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, ^ybut from the fathers), and you on the Sabbath circumcise a man.

23 “If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because ^zI have made a man completely whole on the Sabbath?

24 ^a“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

Questions About Messiahship

25 ¶ Then some of them of Jerusalem said, “Is this not He whom they seek to ^bkill?”

26 “But behold, He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. ^cDo the rulers really know that this is the Christ?

27 ^d“However, we know where this Man is from. But when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.”

28 Then Jesus cried out in the temple as He taught, saying, ^e“You both know Me and you know where I am from. And ^fI have not come on My own, but He who sent Me ^gis true, ^hwhom you do not know.

29 ⁱ“I know Him, for I am from Him and He has sent Me.”

30 ¶ Then ^jthey sought to take Him. But ^kno one laid hands on Him because His hour had not yet come.

31 And ^lmany of the people believed in Him. And they said, “When the Christ comes, will He do more signs

i Jn 8:20 j Jn 11:56 k Jn 9:16; 10:19 l Lk 7:16 m Jn 9:22; 12:42; 19:38 n Ps 22:22; Mk 6:34 o Mt 13:54 p Jn 3:11 q Jn 3:21; 8:43 r Jn 5:41 s Jn 8:50 t 2 Co 5:21 u Dt 33:4 v Mt 12:14 w Jn 8:48,52 x Lv 12:3 y Gn 17:9-14 z Jn 5:8,9,16 a Pv 24:23 b Mt 21:38; 26:4 c Jn 7:48 d Lk 4:22 e Jn 8:14 f Jn 5:43 g Rm 3:4 h Jn 1:18; 8:55 i Mt 11:27 j Mk 11:18 k Jn 7:32,44; 8:20; 10:39 l Mt 12:23

than these that this One has done?"

32 The Pharisees heard the people whispering such things concerning Him, so the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to seize Him.

33 Then Jesus said, ^m"For a little while longer I am with you, and then I ⁿgo to Him who sent Me.

34 "You ^owill seek Me and will not find Me. And where I am, you ^pcannot come."

35 Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He go that we will not find Him? Will He go to ^qthe Dispersion among the Gentiles and teach the Greeks?"

36 "What is this statement that He said, 'You will seek Me and will not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

37 ¶ ^rIn the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ^s"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ^tfrom within him will flow rivers of living water."

39 ^uBut this He spoke of the Spirit whom they who believed in Him would receive, for the Spirit had not yet come because Jesus was not yet ^vglorified.

• **40** Some of the people, therefore, when they heard this saying, said, "This is certainly ^wthe Prophet."

41 Others said, ^x"This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"

42 ^y"Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of Da-

vid and out of the village of Bethlehem ^zwhere David was?"

43 So ^athere was a division among the people because of Him.

44 ^bSome of them would have taken Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Unbelief of Religious Leaders

45 ¶ Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees and they said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"

46 The officers answered, ^d"Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks."

47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?"

48 "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?"

49 "But this people who do not know the law are cursed."

50 Nicodemus—^ehe who came to Jesus earlier, being one of them—said to them,

51 ^f"Does our law judge anyone before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

52 They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and see, for out of Galilee ^gno prophet is to rise."

53 ¶ Then every man went to his own house.

Chapter 8

Woman Caught in Adultery

1 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him. And He sat down and ^htaught them.

3 Then the scribes and Pharisees

m Jn 13:33 **n** 1 Pt 3:22 **o** Hs 5:6 **p** Mt 5:20 **q** Js 1:1 **r** Lv 23:36 **s** Is 55:1 **t** Dt 18:15 **u** Is 12:3; 43:20; 44:3; 55:1 **v** Is 44:3 **w** Jn 12:16; 13:31; 17:5 **x** Dt 18:15, 18 **y** Jn 4:42; 6:69 **z** Mc 5:2 **a** 1 Sm 16:1, 4 **b** Jn 7:12 **c** Jn 7:30 **d** Lk 4:22 **e** Jn 3:1, 2; 19:39 **f** Dt 1:16, 17; 19:15 **g** Is 9:1, 2 **Chapter 8:** **a** Jn 8:20; 18:20

• Jesus was both the Prophet and the Christ (Messiah) whom God sent into the world with the gospel message.

brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst of the crowd,

4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in ^badultery, in the very act.

5 “Now in the law, Moses commanded us that such a person should be stoned. But what do You say?”

6 This they said, testing Him, that they ^dmight have grounds to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.

7 So when they continued asking Him, He lifted Himself up and said to them, ^e“He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to cast a stone at her.”

8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 And those who heard it ^fwent out one by one, beginning at the oldest. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted Himself up, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers? Has no one condemned you?”

11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, ^g“Neither do I condemn you. Go. From now on ^hsin no more.”

Jesus Testifies of Himself

• 12 ¶ Then Jesus spoke again to them, saying, ⁱ“I am the light of the world. He who ^jfollows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, ^k“You bear witness of Yourself.

Your witness is not true.”

14 Jesus answered and said to them, “Though I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true. For I know from where I came and where I am going. But ^lyou cannot tell from where I come and where I am going.

15 ^m“You judge after the flesh. ⁿI judge no one.

16 “And yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true, for ^oI am not alone. But I am with the Father who sent Me.

17 ^p“It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.

18 “I am one who bears witness of Myself. And ^qthe Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”

19 Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, ^r“You neither know Me, nor My Father. ^sIf you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”

20 ¶ These words Jesus spoke in ^tthe treasury as He taught in the temple courtyard. And ^uno one laid hands on Him, for ^vHis hour had not yet come.

21 Then Jesus said again to them, “I go My way and ^wyou will seek Me. And you ^xwill die in your sins. Where I go, you cannot come.”

22 Then the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself because He said, ‘Where I go you cannot come?’”

23 And He said to them, ^y“You are from below. I am from above. ^zYou are of this world. I am not of this world.

•• 24 ^a“Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. ^bFor if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

b Ex 20:14 **c** Lv 20:10 **d** Mt 22:15 **e** Dt 17:7 **f** Rm 2:22 **g** Jn 3:17 **h** Jn 5:14 **i** Jn 1:4; 9:5; 12:35 **j** 1 Th 5:5 **k** Jn 5:31 **l** Jn 7:28; 9:29 **m** Jn 7:24 **n** Jn 3:17; 12:47; 18:36 **o** Jn 16:32 **p** Dt 17:6; 19:15 **q** Jn 5:37 **r** Jn 16:3 **s** Jn 14:7 **t** Mk 12:41,43 **u** Jn 2:4; 7:30 **v** Jn 7:8 **w** Jn 7:34; 13:33 **x** Jn 8:24 **y** Jn 3:31 **z** 1 Jn 4:5 **a** Jn 8:21 **b** Mk 16:16

• Because Jesus carried out the gospel events, He led people out of the darkness of sin with His actions.

•• One obeys the gospel in baptism to wash away his sins, and thus, he or she will not die in his sins.

25 Then they said to Him, “Who are You?” And Jesus said to them, “What I ^chave been saying to you from the beginning.

26 “I have many things to say and to judge concerning you. But ^dHe who sent Me is true, and ^eI speak to the world those things that I have heard from Him.”

27 (They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.)

• 28 Then Jesus said to them, “When you have ^flifted up the Son of Man, ^gthen you will know that I am He, and ^hthat I do nothing of Myself. But ⁱas My Father has taught Me, I speak these things.

29 “And ^jHe who sent Me is with Me. ^kThe Father has not left Me alone, ^lfor I always do those things that please Him.”

30 As He spoke these words, ^mmany believed in Him.

Sons of Abraham

•• 31 ¶ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him, “If you ⁿcontinue in My word, then you are truly My disciples.

32 “And you will know the ^otruth, and ^pthe truth will make you free.”

33 They answered Him, ““We are Abraham’s seed and were never in bondage to anyone. How is it that You say, ‘You will be made free?’”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^qwhoever commits sin

is the bondservant of sin.

35 “And ^rthe bondservant does not abide in the house forever. The Son abides forever.

36 “Therefore, if the Son will make you free, you will be free indeed.

37 “I know that you are Abraham’s seed. But ^s“you seek to kill Me because My word has no place in you.

38 ^t“I speak what I have seen with the Father. And you do what you have heard from your father.”

39 They answered and said to Him, ^u“Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, ^v“If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.

40 ^w“But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth ^xthat I have heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

41 “You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication. ^yWe have one Father, God Himself.”

Sons of the Devil

42 ¶ Jesus said to them, ^z“If God were your Father, you would love Me, for ^aI proceeded forth and have come from God. For ^bI have not come on My own, but He sent Me.

43 ^c“Why do you not understand My speech? It is because you cannot hear My word.

44 ^d“You are of your father the devil, and the ^edesires of your father you want to ^fdo. He was a murderer from the beginning, and ^gdoes not abide in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar,

c Jn 4:26 d Jn 7:28 e Jn 3:32; 15:15 f Jn 3:14; 12:32; 19:18 g Rm 1:4 h Jn 5:19,30 i Jn 3:11 j Jn 14:10 k Jn 8:16; 16:32 l Jn 4:34; 5:30; 6:38 m Jn 7:31; 10:42; 11:45 n Jn 14:15,23 o Jn 1:14,17; 14:6 p Rm 6:14,18,22 q Mt 3:9 r 2 Pt 2:19 s Gl 4:30 t Gl 5:1 u Jn 7:19 v Jn 3:32; 5:19,30; 14:10,24 w Mt 3:9 x Rm 2:28 y Jn 8:37 z Jn 8:26 a Is 63:16 b 1 Jn 5:1 c Jn 16:27; 17:8,25 d Gl 4:4 e Jn 7:17 f Mt 13:38 g 1 Jn 2:16,17 h 1 Jn 3:8-10,15 i Jd 6

• Jesus knew that He would be crucified in order to offer Himself as our atoning sacrifice for our sins.

•• Discipleship means obedience. In this obedience, one will know the truth of the gospel and be free from sin.

and its father.

45 “And because I tell you the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 “Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 ¹“He who is of God hears God’s words. Therefore, you do not hear them because you are not of God.”

Jesus Glorifies the Father

48 ¶ Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan, and ^khave a demon?”

49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon. But I honor My Father and ^lyou dishonor Me.

50 “And ^mI do not seek My own glory. There is One who seeks and judges.

51 “Truly, truly, I say to you, ⁿif one keeps My word, He will never see death.”

52 Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You ^ohave a demon. ^pAbraham is dead, and the prophets, and you say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste of death.’

53 “Are You greater than our father Abraham who died? And the prophets also died. ^qWho do You make Yourself to be?”

54 Jesus answered, ^r“If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. ^sIt is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’

55 “However, ^tyou have not known Him. But I know Him. And if I should say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I will be a liar like you. But I know Him and ^ukeep His word.

56 “Your father Abraham ^vrejoiced to see My day. ^wAnd he saw it and was glad.”

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

• 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, ^xbefore Abraham was, ^yI AM.”

59 ¶ Then ^zthey took up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus concealed Himself and went out of the temple, ^agoing through them, and so passed by.

Chapter 9

Healing a Blind Man

1 ¶ Now as Jesus passed by He saw a man who was blind from his birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Teacher, ^bwho sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

3 Jesus answered, “Neither has this man sinned, nor his parents, ^cbut that the works of God should be manifested in him.

4 “We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is ^dday. The night is coming when no one can work.

5 “As long as I am in the world, ^eI am the light of the world.”

6 When He had spoken these things, ^fHe spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle. And He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

7 Then He said to him, “Go wash ^gin the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So ^hhe went his way and washed. And he came back seeing.

j 1 Jn 4:6 k Jn 7:20; 10:20 l Jn 5:41 m Jn 5:41; 7:18 n Jn 5:24; 11:26 o Jn 7:20; 10:20 p Zc 1:5 q Jn 10:33; 19:7 r Jn 5:31,32 s At 3:13 t Jn 7:28,29 u Jn 15:10 v Lk 10:24 w Hb 11:13 x Mc 5:2 y Rv 1:8 z Jn 10:31; 11:8 a Lk 4:30 Chapter 9: a Jn 9:34 b Jn 11:4 c Jn 4:34; 5:19,36; 17:4 d Jn 11:9,10; 12:35 e Jn 1:5,9; 3:19; 8:12; 12:35,46 f Mk 7:33; 8:23 g Ne 3:15 h 2 Kg 5:14

• In the form of the eternal God, and before the incarnation, Jesus existed before Abraham was born.

8 Therefore, the neighbors and those who had before seen him that he was blind, said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

9 Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." But he said, "I am he."

10 Therefore, they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

11 He answered and said, "A man who is called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and I received sight."

12 Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

Doubt of the Pharisees

13 ¶ They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind.

14 Now it was the Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

15 Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see."

16 Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man that is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

17 They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

18 ¶ But the Jews did not believe it concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son who you say was born

blind? How then does he now see?"

20 His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind."

21 "But by what means he now sees we do not know, nor who has opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age, ask him. He will speak for himself."

22 These words his parents spoke because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed that He was the Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

24 ¶ Then again they called the man who was blind and said to him, "Give God the glory. We know that this man is a sinner."

25 He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not, I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

26 Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

27 He answered them, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Will you also become His disciples?"

28 Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.

29 "We know that God spoke to Moses. As for this man, we do not know where He is from."

30 The man answered and said to them, "Well herein is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He has opened my eyes.

31 "Now we know that God does not

hear sinners. But if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

32 “Since the world began it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of one born blind.

33 “If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

34 They answered and said to him, “You were entirely born in sins, and you are teaching us?” And they cast him out.

Spiritual Blindness

35 ¶ Jesus heard that they had cast him out. And when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

36 He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

37 And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who talks with you.”

38 And He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.

39 Then Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

40 Now some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words. And they said to Him, “Are we also blind?”

41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore, your sin remains.

Chapter 10

The Good Shepherd

1 ¶ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other

way, he is a thief and a robber.

2 “But he who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 “To him the doorkeeper opens and the sheep hear his voice. And he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 “And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5 “And they will never follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

6 ¶ This parable Jesus spoke to them. But they did not understand the things that He spoke to them.

7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 “All who came before Me are thieves and robbers. But the sheep did not hear them.

9 “I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

12 “But he who is a hireling and not the shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep, and flees. And the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

13 “The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care for the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd. And ^fI know My sheep and My own ^gknow Me.

15 ^h“As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father. ⁱAnd I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 “And ^jother sheep I have who are not of this fold. Them also I must bring and they will hear My voice. ^kAnd there will be one fold and one shepherd.

• 17 “Therefore, My Father ^lloves Me ^mbecause I lay down My life so that I may take it up again.

18 “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I ⁿhave power to lay it down and I have power to take it up again. ^oThis commandment I have received from My Father.”

19 ¶ Therefore, ^pthere was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.

20 And many of them said, ^q“He has a demon and is mad. Why do you hear Him?”

21 Others said, “These are not the words of one who has a demon. ^rCan a demon ^sopen the eyes of the blind?”

Unbelief of the Jews

22 ¶ Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem. And it was winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple courtyard ^tin Solomon’s porch.

24 ¶ Then the Jews came around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus answered them, “I told you and you did not believe. ^uThe works that I do in My Father’s name, they ^vbear witness of Me.

26 “But ^wyou do not believe because you are not of My sheep.

27 ^x“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 “And I give to them eternal life. And they will never perish, neither will anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29 ^y“My Father, ^zwho gave them to Me, is greater than all. And no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.

30 ^a“I and My Father are one.”

31 ¶ Then ^bthe Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have showed you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You. But for ^cblasphemy, and because You, being a man, ^dmake Yourself God.”

34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ^e“I said, you are gods?”

35 “If He called them gods, ^fto whom the word of God came (and the Scripture ^gcannot be broken),

36 “do you say of Him ^hwhom the Father has sanctified and ⁱsent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am ^kthe Son of God?’

37 ^l“If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me.

38 “But if I do them, though you do not believe Me, ^mbelieve the works so that you may know and understand ⁿthat

f 2 Tm 2:19 g 2 Tm 1:12 h Mt 11:27 i Jn 15:13; 19:30 j Is 42:6; 56:8 k Ep 2:13-18 l Jn 5:20 m Hb 2:9 n Jn 2:19; 5:26 o Jn 6:38; 14:31; 17:4; At 2:24,32 p Jn 7:43; 9:16 q Jn 7:20 r Ex 4:11 s Jn 9:6,7,32,33 t At 3:11; 5:12 u Jn 5:36; 10:38 v Mt 11:4 w Jn 8:47 x Jn 10:4,14 y Jn 14:28 z Jn 17:2,6,12,24 a Jn 17:11,21-24 b Jn 8:59 c Mt 9:3 d Jn 5:18 e Ps 82:6 f Mt 5:17,18 g 1 Pt 1:25 h Jn 6:27 i Jn 3:17 j Jn 5:17,18 k Lk 1:35 l Jn 10:25; 15:24 m Jn 5:26

• Jesus knew the cross was coming, but also the resurrection, for He, as God, had the power to raise Himself.

the Father is in Me and I in Him.”

39 ¶ Therefore, they sought again to take Him. But He escaped out of their hand.

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan into the place ^Pwhere John at first baptized. And He stayed there.

41 Now many came to Him and said, “John did no sign, ^abut all things that John spoke of this Man were true.”

42 So many believed in Him there.

Chapter 11

Death of Lazarus

1 ¶ Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of ^aMary and her sister Martha.

2 ^bIt was this Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 Therefore, his sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”

4 When Jesus heard this, He said, “This sickness is not to death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God might be glorified by it.”

5 ¶ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 Therefore, when He had heard that he was sick, ^cHe stayed two days longer in the same place where He was.

7 Then after this He said to His disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”

8 His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, the Jews just now were seeking to ^dstone You. And are You going there again?”

9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? ^eIf anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble because he sees the ^flight of this world.

10 “But ^gif one walks in the night, he stumbles because there is no light in him.”

11 These things He said, and after this He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus ^hsleeps, but I go so that I may awake Him out of sleep.”

12 Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will recover.”

13 However, Jesus spoke of his death. But they thought that He was speaking of taking rest in sleep.

14 Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.

15 “And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. Nevertheless, let us go to him.”

16 Then ⁱThomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go so that we may die with Him.”

Comforting Mary and Martha

17 ¶ Then when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

18 Now Bethany was near to Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs away.

19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him. But Mary stayed in the house.

21 ¶ Then Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 “But I know that even now, ^jwhatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

24 Martha said to Him, ^k“I know that

He will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

• 25 Jesus said to her, “I am ^tthe resurrection and the life. ^mHe who believes in Me, though he were ⁿdead, yet he will live.

26 “And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord. ^oI believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God who comes into the world.”

28 ¶ And when she had said this, she went her way and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, “The Teacher has come and calls for you.”

29 As soon as she heard this, she arose quickly and came to Him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him.

31 ¶Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, “She is going to the grave to weep there.”

32 ¶ Then when Mary had come where Jesus was, and saw Him, she ^qfell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping who came with her, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.

34 Then He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

35 ^rJesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, “Behold how

He loved him!”

37 And some of them said, “Could not this Man ^twho opened the eyes of the blind have also kept this man from dying?”

Resurrection of Lazarus

38 ¶ Therefore, Jesus again groaning in Himself came to the tomb. It was a cave and a ^sstone lay against it.

39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would ^vsee the glory of God?”

41 Then they took the stone away from where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

42 “And I know that You always hear Me. ^wBut because of the people standing by I said it, so that they may believe that You have sent Me.”

43 And when He had thus spoken, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”

44 And he who was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with ^xgraveclothes. And ^yhis face was bound with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

The Murder Plot

45 ¶ Then many of the Jews who came to Mary ^zand had seen the things that Jesus did, believed in Him.

46 But some of them went their way to the Pharisees and ^atold them what things Jesus had done.

I Jn 5:21; 6:39,40,44 m 1 Jn 5:10 n 1 Co 15:22 o Mt 16:16 p Jn 11:19,33 q Rv 1:17 r Jn 11:21 s Lk 19:41 t Jn 9:6,7 u Mt 27:60,66 v Jn 11:4,23 w Jn 12:30; 17:21 x Jn 19:40 y Jn 20:7 z Jn 2:23; 10:42 12:11,18 a Jn 5:15

• Jesus revealed the gospel of the resurrection of the body. The resurrection gives hope to Christians.

47 ^bThen the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council. And they said, “What will we do? For this Man works many signs.

48 “If we let Him alone, all will believe in Him. And the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”

49 ¶ Then one of them, ^dCaiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said to them, “You know nothing at all,

50 ^e“nor consider that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.”

51 Now this he did not speak of himself. But being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

52 and ^fnot for that nation only, but ^galso that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

53 ¶ Then from that day forth they took counsel together ^hto kill Him.

54 ⁱTherefore, Jesus walked no more openly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called ^jEphraim. And there He continued with His disciples.

55 ¶ ^kNow the Jews’ Passover was near. And many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to ^lpurify themselves.

56 ^mThen they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, “What do you think, that He will not come to the feast?”

57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command

that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it so that they might ⁿtake Him.

Chapter 12

Anointing of Jesus

1 ¶ Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany ^awhere Lazarus was, whom He raised from the dead.

2 ^bThere they made Him a supper and Martha served. But Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

3 Then ^cMary took a pound of very costly ointment of ^dspikenard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

4 ¶ Then one of His disciples, ^eJudas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who was intending to betray Him, said,

5 “Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”

6 This he said, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and ^fhad the money bag. And he used to pilfer what was put into it.

7 Then Jesus said, “Let her alone. She has kept this for the day of My burial.

8 “For ^gthe poor you always have with you, but Me you do not always have.”

9 Now a large crowd of the Jews knew that He was there. And they did not come for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus ^hwhom He had raised from the dead.

10 ⁱBut the chief priests planned that they might put Lazarus also to death,

11 ^jbecause on account of him many

b Ps 2:2 c At 4:16 d Lk 3:2 e Jn 18:14 f Is 49:6 g Ep 2:14-17 h Mt 26:4 i Jn 4:1,3; 7:1 j 2 Ch 13:19 k Jn 2:13; 5:1; 6:4 l Nm 9:10,13; 31:19,20 m Jn 7:11 n Mt 26:14-16 Chapter 12: a Jn 11:1,43 b Mk 14:3; Lk 10:38-41 c Jn 11:2 d Ss 1:12 e Jn 13:26 f Jn 13:29 g Mk 14:7 h Jn 11:43,44 i Lk 16:31 j Jn 11:45; 12:18

of the Jews went away and were believing in Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry

12 ¶ ^kOn the next day many people who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him. And they cried out, "Hosanna! ^lBlessed is the King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord!"

14 And ^mJesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it as it is written,

15 ⁿ"Do not fear, daughter of Zion. Behold, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 These things ^oHis disciples did not at first understand. ^pBut when Jesus was glorified, ^qthen they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

17 ¶ Therefore, the people who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his grave and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

18 ^rFor this reason also the people met Him, because they heard that He had worked this sign.

19 Therefore, the Pharisees said among themselves, ^s"You see that you are not accomplishing anything. Look, the world has gone after Him."

Jesus Prophesies His Death

20 ¶ Now there ^twere certain Greeks among them ^uwho came up to worship at the feast.

21 Therefore, these came to Philip

^vwho was from Bethsaida of Galilee. And they asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip came and told Andrew. And again, Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

23 Then Jesus answered them, saying, ^w"The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

24 ^x"Truly, truly, I say to you, ^yexcept a grain of wheat falls onto the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it brings forth much fruit.

25 ^z"He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it unto life eternal.

26 ^{aa}"If anyone serves Me, let him ^{ab}follow Me; and ^{ac}where I am, there will also My servant be. If anyone serves Me, him will My Father honor.

27 ¶ ^{ad}"Now My soul is troubled, and what will I say? ^{ae}'Father, save Me from this hour.' ^{af}But for this purpose I came to this hour.

28 ^{ag}"Father, glorify Your name." ^{ah}Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

29 ¶ Therefore, the people who stood by and heard it, said that it thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered and said, ^{ai}"This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sakes.

31 ^{aj}"Now is the judgment of this world. Now will ^{ak}the ruler of this world be cast out.

32 ^{al}"And I, ^{am}if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw ^{an}all men to Me."

33 ^{ao}This He said, signifying what kind of death He should die.

34 The people answered Him, ^{ap}"We

k Mt 21:4-9 l Ps 118:25,26 m Mt 21:7 n Is 40:9; Zc 9:9 o Lk 18:34 p Jn 7:39; 12:23 q Jn 14:26 r Jn 12:11 s Jn 11:47,48 t At 17:4 u 1 Kg 8:41,42 v Jn 1:43,44; 14:8-11 w Jn 13:32 x 1 Co 15:36 y Mk 8:35 z Mt 16:24 a Jn 14:3; 17:24 b Mt 26:38,39 c Lk 22:53 d Mt 3:17; 17:5 e Jn 11:42 f 2 Co 4:4 g Jn 3:14; 8:28 h Rm 5:18 i Jn 18:32; 21:19 j Mc 4:7

have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever. And how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

35 Then Jesus said to them, "Yet a little while longer ^kthe Light is with you. ^lWalk while you have the Light, lest darkness come upon you. For ^mhe who walks in darkness does not know where he goes.

36 "While you have the Light, believe in the Light so that you may become the ⁿsons of Light." These things Jesus spoke. Then He departed and ^oconcealed Himself from them.

Unbelief and Hardness of Heart

37 ¶ But even though He had done so many ^psigns before them, still they did not believe in Him,

38 that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled that he spoke, ^q"Lord, who has believed Our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

39 Therefore, they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,

40 "He ^rhas blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, ^sso that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, and be converted, and I should heal them."

41 ^tThese things Isaiah said because he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

42 ¶ Nevertheless, among the chief rulers also many believed in Him. But ^ubecause of the Pharisees they did not confess Him lest they should be put out of the synagogue.

43 ^vFor they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44 ¶ Jesus cried out and said, ^w"He who believes in Me, ^xdoes not believe in Me, ^ybut in Him who sent Me.

45 "And ^zhe who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

46 ^a"I have come as Light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

47 "And if anyone hears My words and does not keep them, ^bI do not judge Him, for ^cI did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

• 48 ^d"He who rejects Me and does not receive My words, has one who judges him. ^eThe word that I have spoken, the same will judge him in the last day.

49 "For ^fI have not spoken of Myself, but the Father who sent Me. He gave Me a commandment concerning what I should say and ^gwhat I should speak.

50 "And I know that His commandment is life everlasting. Whatever I speak, therefore, even as the Father said to Me, so I ^hspeak."

Chapter 13

Washing of the Disciples' Feet

1 ¶ Now ^abefore the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that ^bHis hour had come that He would depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He ^cloved them to the end.

2 ¶ And during supper, ^dthe devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

k Jn 1:9; 7:33; 8:12 | I Ep 5:8 | m 1 Jn 2:9-11 | n Lk 16:8 | o Jn 8:59 | p Jn 11:47 | q Is 53:1 | r Is 6:9,10 | s Mt 13:14 | t Is 6:1 | u Jn 7:13; 9:22 | v Jn 5:41,44 | w Mk 9:37 | x Jn 3:16,18,36; 11:25;26 | y Jn 5:24 | z Jn 14:9 | a Jn 1:4,5; 8:12; 12:35,36 | b Jn 5:45 | c Jn 3:17 | d Lk 10:16 | e Dt 18:18,19 | f Jn 8:38 | g Dt 18:18 | h Jn 5:19; 8:28 | **Chapter 13:** a Mt 26:2 | b Jn 12:23; 17:1 | c Jn 15:9 | d Lk 22:3

• Because Jesus is now King, all the world that now lives under His kingship will be judged in the end by His word.

3 Jesus, knowing ^cthat the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He ^fhad come from God and ^ewas going back to God,

4 ^hrose from supper and laid aside His garments. And He took a towel and girded Himself.

5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you ^jdo not know now, ⁱbut you will know after this."

8 Peter said to Him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not only wash my feet, but also my hands and my head."

10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet. His whole body is clean. And ^myou are clean, but not all of you."

11 For ⁿHe knew who was betraying Him. For this reason He said, "You are not all clean."

12 So after He had washed their feet and had taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"

13 ^o"You call Me Teacher and Lord. And you are right, for so I am.

14 ^p"If I then, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, ^qyou also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 "For ^rI have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you.

16 ^s"Truly, truly, I say to you, a bond-servant is not greater than his lord, nor he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

17 "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.

18 "I do not speak of you all. I know whom I have chosen. But that the ^tScripture might be fulfilled, ^u"He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me."

19 ^v"Now I tell you before it comes, so that when it comes to pass you may believe that I am He.

20 ^w"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me. And he who receives Me, receives Him who sent Me."

21 ^x¶ ^yWhen Jesus had said this, ^zHe was troubled in spirit and testified. And He said, "Truly, truly, I say to you that ^aone of you will betray Me."

22 Then the disciples looked at one another, being perplexed about whom He spoke.

23 Now ^bthere was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples whom Jesus loved.

24 Therefore, Simon Peter beckoned to him that he ask who it was of whom He spoke.

25 He, leaning back thus on Jesus' breast, said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And when He had dipped the piece of bread, He gave it to ^cJudas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

27 Now ^dafter the morsel of bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

28 Now no one at the table knew for what reason He spoke this to him.

e At 2:36 f Jn 8:42; 16:28 g Jn 17:11; 20:17 h Lk 22:27 i Mt 3:14 j Jn 12:16; 16:12 k Jn 13:19 l 1 Co 6:11 m Jn 15:3 n Jn 6:64; 18:4 o Mt 23:8,10 p Lk 22:27 q Rm 12:10 r 1 Pt 2:21-24 s Mt 10:24 t Js 1:25 u Jn 15:25; 17:12 v Ps 41:9 w Jn 14:29; 16:4 x Mt 10:40 y Lk 22:21 z Jn 12:27 a 1 Jn 2:19 b Jn 19:26; 20:2; 21:7,20 c Jn 6:70,71; 12:4 d Lk 22:3

29 For some thought that because ^eJudas had the money bag, Jesus had said to him, “Buy those things that we have need of for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.

30 So after having received the piece of bread, he went immediately out. And it was night.

Prophecy of Peter's Denials

31 ¶ Therefore, when he had gone out, Jesus said, ^f“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and ^gGod is glorified in Him.

32 “If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will immediately ^hglorify Him.

33 “Little children, I am with you a ⁱlittle longer. You will seek Me. ^jAnd as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you. ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

• 34 ^k“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 ^l“By this will all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

36 Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered him, “Where ^mI go, you cannot follow Me now. But ⁿyou will follow Me later.”

37 Peter said to Him, “Lord, why cannot I follow You now? I will ^olay down my life for Your sake.”

38 Jesus answered him, “Will you lay

down your life for My sake? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not ^pcrow until you deny Me three times.

Chapter 14

Promises to the Apostles

1 ¶ “Let ^anot your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you. ^bI go to prepare a place for you.

3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, ^cI will come again and receive you to Myself, so that ^dwhere I am, there you may be also.

4 “And you know where I am going, and you know the way.”

5 ^eThomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?”

6 Jesus said to him, “I am ^fthe way, ^gthe truth, and ^hthe life. ⁱNo one comes to the Father ^jbut through Me.

7 ^k“If you had known Me, you would have also known My Father. And from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that is sufficient for us.”

•• 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? ^lHe who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’

10 “Do you not believe that ^mI am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you ⁿI do not

e Jn 12:6 f Jn 12:23 g 1 Pt 4:11 h Jn 12:23 i Jn 12:35; 14:19; 16:16-19 j Jn 7:34; 8:21 k 1 Th 4:9 l 1 Jn 2:5 m Jn 13:3; 14:2; 16:5 n 2 Pt 1:14 o Mk 14:29-31 p Jn 18:25-27 Chapter 14: a Jn 14:27; 16:22,24 b Jn 13:33,36 c At 1:11 d Jn 12:26 e Mt 10:3 f Hb 9:8; 10:19,20 g Jn 1:14,17; 8:32; 18:37 h Jn 11:25 i 1 Tm 2:5 j Jn 10:7-9 k Jn 8:19 l Cl 1:15 m Jn 10:38; 14:11,20 n Jn 5:19; 14:24

• God is love. Those who are disciples of God on earth through the Son of God are identified by their love.

•• Jesus was the revelation of the heart of God to all the world. Those who know Jesus know the heart of God.

22 speak from Myself. But the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works.

11 “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me. ^oOtherwise, believe Me for the very works themselves.

12 ^p“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also. And greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 “And ^qwhatever you will ask in My name, that I will do so that the Father may be ^rglorified in the Son.

14 “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

Holy Spirit Promised to Apostles

15 ^q“If you love Me you will keep My commandments.

16 “And I will ask the Father, and ^hHe will give you another Helper, so that He may abide with you forever,

17 ^u“even the Spirit of truth ^vwhom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, for He abides with you ^wand is in you.

18 ^x“I will not leave you orphans. ^yI will come to you.

19 “After a little while the world will no longer see Me. But ^zyou see Me. ^aBecause I live you will also live.

20 “On that day you will know that ^bI am in My Father and you in Me, and I in you.

21 ^c“He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father. And I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.”

22 ^dJudas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us and not to the world?”

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My words. And My Father will love him, ^eand We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.

24 “He who does not love Me does not keep My words. And ^fthe word that you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

25 ^g“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

• 26 “But ^sthe Counselor, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will ^hsend in My name, ⁱHe will teach you all things and bring all things to your ^jremembrance that I have said to you.

27 ^k“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

28 “You have heard how I ^lsaid to you, ^lI go away and come again to you. ^mIf you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I ⁿgo to the Father, for ^oMy Father is greater than I.

29 ^q“And ^onow I have told you before it comes to pass, so that when it comes to pass you may believe.

30 “I will not speak much more with you, ^pfor the ruler of this world comes, and he has ^qnothing in Me.

31 “But that the world may know that I love the Father, and ^ras the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

^o Jn 5:36; 10:38 ^p Lk 10:17 ^q Mt 7:7 ^r Jn 13:31 ^s 1 Jn 5:3 ^t Rm 8:15 ^u 1 Jn 4:6; 5:7 ^v 1 Co 2:14 ^w 1 Jn 2:27 ^x Mt 28:20 ^y Jn 14:3,28 ^z Jn 16:16,22 ^a 1 Co 15:20 ^b Jn 10:38; 14:11 ^c 1 Jn 2:5 ^d Lk 6:16 ^e Rv 3:20; 21:3 ^f Jn 5:19 ^g Lk 24:49 ^h Jn 15:26 ⁱ 1 Co 2:13 ^j Jn 2:22; 12:16 ^k Ph 4:7 ^l Jn 14:3,18 ^m Jn 16:16 ⁿ Ph 2:6 ^o Jn 13:19 ^p Jn 12:31 ^q Hb 4:15 ^r Is 50:5; Jn 10:18

• Beginning with chapter 13, Jesus was in a personal meeting with the twelve apostles, to whom He made this specific promise. The personal meeting continues in the text until the end of chapter 16.

Chapter 15

The Vine and the Branches

1 ¶ “I am the true vine and My Father is the vinedresser.

2 ^a“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away. And every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bring forth ^bmore fruit.

3 “Now ^cyou are clean through the word that I have spoken to you.

4 ^d“Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me.

5 ¶ “I am the vine. You are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, the same brings forth much ^efruit, for without Me you can do ^fnothing.

6 “If anyone does not abide in Me, ^ghe is cast out as a branch and is withered. And they gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

7 “If you abide in Me, and My words ^habide in you, ⁱask what you wish and it will be done for you.

8 ^j“Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, ^kshowing yourselves to be My disciples.

9 ¶ “As the Father has ^lloved Me, so I have loved you. Abide in My love.

10 ^m“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

11 “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may remain in you and ⁿthat your joy may be full.

12 ^o“This is My ^pcommandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 ^q“Greater love has no one than

this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

14 ^r“You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you.

15 “No longer do I call you bondservants, for the bondservant does not know what his lord does. But I have called you friends, ^sfor all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 “You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you. And I ^tappointed you so that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain so that whatever you ask of the Father ^uin My name, He may give it to you.

17 “These things I command you, that you love one another.

Rejected by the World

18 ¶ ^v“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

19 ^w“If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But ^xbecause you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

20 “Remember the word that I spoke to you, ^y“The bondservant is not greater than his master.’ If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. ^zIf they have kept My word, they will also keep yours.

21 “But ^{aa}all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake because they do not know Him who sent Me.

22 ^{ab}“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin. ^{ac}But now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 ^{ad}“He who hates Me hates My Father also.

Chapter 15: a Mt 15:13 b Mt 13:12 c Jn 13:10; 17:17 d Cl 1:23 e Hs 14:8 f 2 Co 3:5 g Mt 3:10 h 1 Jn 2:14 i Jn 14:13; 16:23 j Mt 5:16 k Jn 8:31 l Jn 5:20; 17:26 m Jn 14:15 n 1 Jn 1:4 o 1 Jn 3:11 p Rm 12:9 q 1 Jn 3:16 r Mt 12:50; 28:20 s Gn 18:17 t Jn 6:70; 13:18; 15:19 u Cl 1:6 v Jn 14:13; 16:23,24 w 1 Jn 3:13 x 1 Jn 4:5 y Jn 17:14 z Jn 13:16 a Ez 3:7 b Mt 10:22; 24:9 c Jn 9:41; 15:24 d Js 4:17 e 1 Jn 2:23

24 “If I had not done among them ^fthe works that no one else did, they would have no sin. But now they have both ^eseen and hated both Me and My Father.

25 “But this came to pass so that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, ^h“They hated Me without a cause.”

• 26 ⁱ“But when the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, ^jHe will testify of Me.

27 “And ^kyou also will bear witness, because ^lyou have been with Me from the beginning.

Chapter 16

1 ¶ “These things I have spoken to you so that you ^ashould be kept from stumbling.

2 ^b“They will put you out of the synagogues. Yes, the time is coming ^cthat whoever kills you will think that he does God service.

3 “And ^dthese things they will do because they have not known the Father nor Me.

4 “But these things I have told you so that when their time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning because I was with you.

Spirit’s Work through the Apostles

5 ¶ “But now I ^ego My way to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks

Me, ‘Where are You going?’

6 “But because I have said these things to you, ^fsorrow has filled your heart.

7 “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But ^gif I depart, I will send Him to you.

8 “And when He has ^hcome, He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment:

9 ⁱ“of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 ^j“of righteousness, ^kbecause I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

11 ^l“of judgment, because ^mthe ruler of this world is judged.

12 ¶ “I have yet many things to say to you, ⁿbut you cannot bear them now.

•• 13 “However, when He, ^othe Spirit of truth, has come, ^pHe will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak from Himself, but whatever He hears, that He will speak. And He will declare to you things to come.

14 ^q“He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will declare it to you.

15 ^r“All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and will declare it to you.

16 “A ^slittle while and you will not see Me. And again, a little while and you will see Me ^tbecause I go to the Father.”

f Jn 3:2 g Jn 14:9 h Ps 35:19; 69:4; 109:3-5 i Lk 24:49 j 1 Jn 5:6 k Lk 24:48 l Lk 1:2 Chapter 16: a Mt 11:6 b Jn 9:22 c At 8:1 d Jn 8:19; 15:21 e Jn 7:33; 13:33; 14:28; 17:11 f Jn 16:20,22 g At 2:33 h At 1:8; 2:1-4,37 i At 2:22 j At 2:32 k Jn 5:32 l At 26:18 m Lk 10:18 n Mk 4:33 o Jn 14:17 p Jn 14:26 q Jn 15:26 r Mt 11:27 s Jn 7:33; 12:35; 13:33; 14:19; 19:40-42; 20:19 t Jn 13:3

• When the Holy Spirit would come upon the apostles in Acts 2, He would testify that Jesus was the Son of God.

•• It would be the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the apostles to glorify the Son of God, not Himself.

Sorrow to Joy

17 ¶ Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He said to us, ‘A little while and you will not see Me. And again, a little while and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?”

18 Therefore, they said, “What is this that He said, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.”

19 ¶ Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him. And He said to them, “Do you inquire among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me’?”

20 “Truly, truly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. And you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

21 “A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come. But as soon as she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of joy that a human being has been born into the world.

22 “Therefore, you now have sorrow. But I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one takes from you.

23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you will ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you.

24 “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask and you will receive so that your joy may be full.

25 ¶ “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language. But the time comes when I will no longer speak to you in proverbs, but I will

tell you plainly about the Father.

26 “On that day you will ask in My name. And I do not say to you that I will ask the Father for you.

27 “For the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

28 “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

29 ¶ His disciples said to Him, “Behold, now You are speaking plainly, and not using figures of speech.

30 “Now we are sure that You know all things and do not need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”

31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?”

32 “Behold, the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone because the Father is with Me.

33 “These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you might have peace. In the world you have tribulation. But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Chapter 17

Prayer of Jesus for Himself

1 ¶ Jesus spoke these words, and lifted up His eyes to heaven. And He said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son so that Your Son also may glorify You,

2 “even as You have given Him power over all flesh, so that He will give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

• 3 “And ^dthis is life eternal, that they might know You, ^ethe only true God, and Jesus Christ ^fwhom You have sent.

4 ^g“I have glorified You on the earth. ^hI have finished the work ⁱthat You gave Me to do.

5 “And now, O Father, glorify Me with Yourself with the glory ^jthat I had with You before the world was.

Prayer of Jesus for the Apostles

6 ¶ ^k“I have manifested Your name to the men ^lwhom You gave Me out of the world. ^mThey were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7 “Now they have known that all things whatever You have given Me are from You.

8 “For I have given to them the words ⁿthat You gave Me. And they have received them ^oand have known surely that I came forth from You. And they have believed that ^pYou sent Me.

9 “I pray for them. ^qI do not pray for the world, but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

10 “And all things that are Mine are Yours, and ^rYours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

11 ^s“And now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, ^tkeep through Your own name those whom You have given Me, so that they may be one, ^uas We are.

12 “While I was with them, ^vI guarded them in Your name. Those whom

You gave Me I have kept, and ^wnone of them is lost ^xexcept the son of perdition, so ^ythat the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 “And now I come to You. And these things I speak in the world so that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 “I have given them Your word. ^zAnd the world has hated them because they are not of the world, ^aeven as I am not of the world.

15 “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but ^bthat You should keep them from the evil one.

16 “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 ^c“Sanctify them by Your truth. ^dYour word is truth.

18 ^e“As You have sent Me into the world, even so I have also sent them into the world.

19 “And ^ffor their sakes I sanctify Myself so that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Prayer of Jesus for All Disciples

• 20 ¶ “I do not pray for these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

21 ^g“that they all may be one; even as ^hYou, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 “And the ⁱglory that You gave Me I have given to them, so ^jthat they may be one, even as We are one;

23 “I in them and You in Me, ^kthat

d Jr 9:23,24 e 1 Co 8:4 f Jn 3:34 g Jn 13:31 h Jn 4:34; 19:30 i Jn 14:31 j Ph 2:6 k Ps 22:22 l Jn 6:37 m Ez 18:4 n Jn 8:28 o Jn 8:42; 16:27,30 p Dt 18:15,18 q 1 Jn 5:19 r Jn 16:15 s Jn 13:1 t 1 Pt 1:5 u Jn 10:30 v Hb 2:13 w 1 Jn 2:19 x Jn 6:70 y Ps 41:9; 109:8 z Jn 15:19 a Jn 8:23 b 1 Jn 5:18 c Ep 5:26 d Ps 119:9,142,151 e Jn 4:38; 20:21 f Hb 10:10 g Gl 3:28 h Jn 10:38; 17:11,23 i 1 Jn 1:3 j 2 Co 3:18 k Cl 3:14

• The only possible way to know the one true and living God is through the incarnate Son of God, Jesus.

•• Our common obedience to the gospel brings us into a common universal fellowship as the body of Christ.

they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24 ¹“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may behold My glory that You have given Me, ^mfor you loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 “O righteous Father, ⁿthe world has not known You. But ^oI have known You, and ^pthese have known that You sent Me.

26 ^q“And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, so that the love ^rwith which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

Chapter 18

The Arrest of Jesus

1 ¶ When Jesus had spoken these words, ^aHe went out with His disciples over ^bthe Brook Kidron, where there was a garden in which He and His disciples entered.

2 And Judas also, who betrayed Him, knew the place, ^cfor Jesus had often met there with His disciples.

3 ^dJudas then, having received a detachment of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, ^eknowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth and said to them, “Whom do you seek?”

5 They answered Him, ^f“Jesus the Nazarene.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” And Judas also, who was ^gbetraying Him, stood with them.

6 As soon as He had said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

7 Then He asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.”

8 Jesus answered, “I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way.”

9 This happened so that the saying might be fulfilled that He spoke, ^h“Of those whom You have given Me I lost none.”

10 ⁱThen Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s bondservant and cut off his right ear. The bondservant’s name was Malchus.

11 Then Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword away into the sheath. Will I not drink of ^jthe cup that My Father has given Me?”

Jesus Before Annas

12 ¶ Then the detachment of soldiers and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus and bound Him.

13 And ^kthey led Him away to ^lAnnas first, for he was the father-in-law of ^mCaiaphas who was the high priest that same year.

14 ⁿNow it was Caiaphas who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

First Denial of Peter

15 ¶ And ^oSimon Peter followed Jesus, and so did ^panother disciple. That disciple was known to the high priest and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

I 1 Th 4:17 m Jn 17:5 n Jn 15:21 o Jn 7:29; 8:55; 10:15 p Jn 3:17; 17:3,8,18,21,23 q Jn 17:6 r Jn 15:9 Chapter 18: a Mk 14:26,32 b 2 Sm 15:23 c Lk 21:37; 22:39 d Lk 22:47-53 e Jn 6:64; 13:1,3; 19:28 f Mt 21:11 g Ps 41:9 h Jn 6:39; 17:12 i Mt 26:51 j Mt 20:22; 26:39 k Mt 26:57 l Lk 3:2 m Mt 26:3 n Jn 11:50 o Mk 14:54 p Jn 20:2-5

16 But ^aPeter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

17 Then the servant damsel who kept the door said to Peter, "Are you not also one of this Man's disciples?" He said, "I am ^rnot."

18 And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold. And they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

19 ¶ The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching.

20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught ^tin the synagogue and ^uin the temple where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.

21 "Why do you ask Me? Ask ^vthose who heard Me what I have said to them. Behold, they know what I said."

22 And when He had thus spoken, one of the officers who stood by ^wstruck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong. But if rightly, why do you strike Me?"

24 ¶ ^xThen Annas sent Him bound to ^yCaiaphas the high priest.

Second and Third Denials of Peter

25 ¶ Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. ^zTherefore, they said to him, "Are you not also one of

His disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"

26 One of the bondservants of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

27 Peter then denied again. And ^aimmediately a rooster began to crow.

Jesus Before Pilate

28 ¶ ^bThen they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the hall of judgment. And it was early morning. ^cBut they themselves did not go into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

29 ^dPilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

30 They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore, the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

32 This happened ^ethat the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled that He spoke, ^fsignifying what death He would die.

33 ¶ ^gThen Pilate entered into the judgment hall again and called Jesus. And he said to Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered him, "Are you saying this of yourself, or did others tell it to you about Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

• 36 ^hJesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would fight so that I should not be delivered to the Jews. But as it is, My kingdom is not from here.”

37 Therefore, Pilate said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this reason I was born, and for this cause I came into the world, ^jthat I should bear ^kwitness to the truth. Everyone who ^lis of the truth ^mhears My voice.”

38 Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, ⁿ“I find in Him no fault.

39 ^o“But you have a custom that I should release to you one at the Passover. Therefore, do you wish that I release to you the King of the Jews?”

40 ^pThen they all cried out again, saying, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” ^qNow Barabbas was a robber.

Chapter 19

Sentencing to Crucifixion

1 ¶ Then ^aPilate took Jesus and scourged Him.

2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. And they put on Him a purple robe.

3 Then they came up to Him and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they ^bkept on striking Him with their hands.

4 ¶ Pilate went out again and said to

them, “Behold, I bring Him out to you ^cso that you may know that I find no fault in Him.”

5 Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, “Behold, the Man!”

6 ^dTherefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.”

7 The Jews answered him, ^e“We have a law, and by the law He ought to die because ^fHe made Himself the Son of God.”

8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was more afraid.

9 So he went again into the judgment hall and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” ^gBut Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You and I have power to release You?”

11 Jesus answered, ^h“You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore, ⁱhe who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

12 ¶ And from then on Pilate sought to release Him. But the Jews cried out, saying, “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. ^jWhoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

13 ^kTherefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but

h 1 Tm 6:13 i Dn 2:44; 7:14 j Mt 5:17; 20:28 k Is 55:4 l Jn 14:6 m Jn 8:47; 10:27 n Jn 19:4,6 o Lk 23:17-25 p Is 53:3; At 3:14 q Lk 23:19 Chapter 19: a Mt 20:19; 27:26 b Is 50:6 c Jn 18:33,38 d At 3:13 e Lv 24:16 f Mt 26:63-66 g Is 53:7 h Lk 22:53 i Rm 13:1 j Lk 23:2 k 1 Sm 15:24

• Jesus now reigns from heaven. His subjects on earth are His church of disciples who have obeyed the gospel.

in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now ¹it was the preparation of the Passover and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold, Your King!”

15 But they cried out, “Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Will I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, ¹⁶“We have no king but Caesar.”

16 ¹⁷Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. And they took Jesus.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

17 ¶ And ¹⁸He, bearing His cross, ¹⁹went out to a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha.

18 There they crucified Him and ¹⁹two others with Him, one on either side and Jesus in the middle.

19 Then ²⁰Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, “JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near to the city. And it was written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

21 Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that He said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’”

22 Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

23 ²⁴Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part; and also His coat. Now the tunic was seamless, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it will be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled that said, ²⁵“*They parted My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.*” Therefore, these things the soldiers did.

25 ¶ ²⁶Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of ²⁷Cleophas and Mary Magdalene.

26 Therefore, when Jesus saw His mother and ²⁷the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, ²⁸“Woman, behold your son!”

27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her ²⁸into his own household.

The Death of Jesus

28 ¶ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had now been accomplished, ²⁹that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, ³⁰“I thirst.”

29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there. And ³⁰they filled a sponge with sour wine and put it on hyssop and put it up to His mouth.

30 Therefore, when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ³¹“It is finished.” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

31 ¶ ³²Therefore, the Jews, because it was the day of Preparation, so ³³that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a ³⁴high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, ^fthey did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and immediately ^gblood and water came out.

35 ¶ And he who has seen has testified, and his record is ^htrue. And he knows that he is telling the truth so that you might ⁱbelieve.

36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, ^j“Not a bone of Him will be broken.”

37 And again another Scripture said, ^k“They will look on Him whom they pierced.”

The Burial of Jesus

38 ¶ And ^lafter this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly ^mfor fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that He might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave him permission. Therefore, he came and took the body of Jesus.

39 And there came also ⁿNicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night. And he brought a mixture of ^omyrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

40 Then they took the body of Jesus and ^pbound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

42 Therefore, ^qthey laid Jesus there ^rbecause of the Jews' day of Preparation, for the tomb was nearby.

1 ¶ On the ^afirst day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb while it was still dark. And she saw that the ^bstone had been taken away from the tomb.

2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the ^cother disciple ^dwhom Jesus loved. And she said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

3 ¶ Therefore, ^ePeter went out, and the other disciple, and came to the tomb.

4 So they both ran together. And the other disciple ran ahead of Peter and came to the tomb first.

5 And stooping down and looking in, he saw ^fthe linen clothes lying there, but he did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter also came, following him. And he went into the tomb and saw the linen clothes lying there,

7 and ^gthe face-cloth that was around His head, not lying with the linen clothes, but folded together in a place by itself.

8 Then ^hthe other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also. And he saw and believed.

9 For as yet they did not know the ⁱScripture that He must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

Appearance to Mary Magdalene

11 ¶ ^jBut Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

12 Then she saw two angels in white

Chapter 20

The Resurrection of Jesus

f Ex 12:46; Nm 9:12; Ps 34:20 g 1 Jn 5:6,8 h Jn 21:24 i Jn 20:31 j Ex 12:46; Nm 9:12; Ps 34:20 k Ps 22:16,17; Zc 12:10; 13:6 l Lk 23:50-56 m Jn 7:13; 9:22; 12:42 n Jn 3:1,2; 7:50 o Mt 2:11 p Jn 20:5,7 q Is 53:9 r Jn 19:14,31
Chapter 20: a Mt 28:1-8 b Mt 27:60,66; 28:2 c Jn 21:23,24 d Jn 13:23; 19:26; 21:7,20,24 e Lk 24:12 f Jn 19:40
g Jn 11:44 h Jn 21:23,24 i Ps 16:10 j Mk 16:5

sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

14 Now ^kwhen she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but ^ldid not realize that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him and I will take Him away.”

16 Jesus said to her, ^m“Mary.” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ⁿascended to My Father. But go to ^oMy brethren and say to them, ^pI ascend to My Father and your Father, and to ^qMy God and your God.”

18 ¶ ^rMary Magdalene came and told the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that He had spoken these things to her.

Appearance to His Disciples

19 ¶ ^sThen the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were for ^tfear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst. And He said to them, ^u“Peace be to you.”

20 And when He had said this, He ^vshowed to them His hands and His

side. ^wThen the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Then Jesus said to them again, “Peace be to you. ^xAs My Father has sent Me, even so I send you.”

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them. And He said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 ^y“If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them. And if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24 ¶ But Thomas, one of the twelve, ^zcalled Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 Therefore, the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

26 ¶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside and Thomas with them. Then Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst. And He said, “Peace be to you!”

27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger and behold My hands. And ^areach here your hand and thrust it into My side. And do not be ^bunbelieving, but believing.”

28 Then Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God.”

29 Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed. ^cBlessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

• 30 ¶ And Jesus did ^dmany other signs in the presence of His dis-

k Mt 28:9 l Jn 21:4 m Jn 10:3 n Hb 4:14 o Hb 2:11 p Jn 16:28; 17:11 q Ep 1:17 r Lk 24:10,23 s Lk 24:36 t Jn 9:22; 19:38 u Jn 14:27; 16:33 v At 1:3 w Jn 16:20,22 x Jn 17:18,19 y Mt 16:19; 18:18 z Jn 11:16 a Ps 22:16; Zc 12:10; 13:6; 1 Jn 1:1 b Mk 16:14 c 1 Pt 1:8 d Jn 21:25

• John concluded his record of the gospel events of Jesus with a statement concerning his purpose for recording the

ciples that are not written in this book.

31 ^eBut these are written so that ^fyou might believe that Jesus ^gis the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through His name.

Chapter 21

Beach Breakfast With Jesus

1 ¶ After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the ^aSea of Tiberias. In this way He showed Himself:

2 Simon Peter, and ^bThomas called Didymus, and ^cNathanael of ^dCana in Galilee, and ^ethe sons of Zebedee, and two other of His disciples were together.

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also are going with you." They went out and entered into a boat. And that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore. But the ^fdisciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 Then ^gJesus said to them, "Children, have you caught any fish?" They answered Him, "No."

6 And He said to them, ^h"Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find fish." Therefore, they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

7 Therefore, ⁱthat disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he was naked), and threw himself into the sea.

8 And the other disciples came in a little boat, for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits, dragging the net with fish.

9 Then as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have now caught."

11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land full of great fish, a hundred and fifty-three. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, ^j"Come and have breakfast." And none of the disciples ask Him, "Who are You?", knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.

14 This is now ^kthe third time that Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was risen from the dead.

Commission to Peter

15 ¶ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you truly love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love You." He said to him, ^l"Feed My lambs."

16 He said to him again the second time, "Simon, son of John, do you truly love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love You." ^mHe said to him, "Shepherd My ⁿsheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, ^oYou know

^e Lk 1:4 ^f 1 Jn 5:13 ^g Lk 2:11 ^h Jn 3:15,16; 5:24 **Chapter 21:** ^a Jn 6:1 ^b Jn 20:24 ^c Jn 1:45-51 ^d Jn 2:1 ^e Mt 4:21 ^f Jn 20:14 ^g Lk 24:41 ^h Lk 5:4,6,7 ⁱ Jn 13:23; 20:2 ^j At 10:41 ^k Jn 20:19,26 ^l At 20:28 ^m Hb 13:20 ⁿ Ps 79:13 ^o Jn 2:24,25; 16:30

seven miracles of the book. If one has only John's personal witness of these miracles, then this is sufficient evidence to prove that Jesus is the Christ and Son of God who revealed the God of love through the gospel.

all things. You know that I love You.”
Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

18 ^p“Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked wherever you wished. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and another will dress you and carry you where you do not wish to go.”

19 This He spoke, signifying ^qby what death he should glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, ^r“Follow Me.”

The Other Disciple

20 ¶ Then turning around, Peter saw the disciple following ^swhom Jesus loved, ^twho also leaned on His breast at the supper. And he said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”

21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus,

“Lord, and what about this man?”

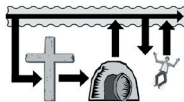
22 Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain ^uuntil I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

23 Then this saying went abroad among the brethren that that disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”

24 ¶ This is the disciple who ^vtestifies of these things and wrote these things. And we know that his testimony is true.

25 And ^wthere are also many other things that Jesus did, the which, if they were written one by one, I ^xsuppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

[Now that you have concluded the Holy Spirit’s revelation of the Son of God through John, the following material of this World Gospel Book is designed to bring together all the thoughts of John in order that you are born again through obedience to the gospel. The gospel according to John was written that we might believe that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God who revealed God’s heart to us. But this revelation of the heart of God through Jesus must motivate in us to respond to the gospel. As you continue your adventure, you will discover how the early believers responded to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith, therefore, must move us to continue on this exciting journey to our eternal home to which God calls all people throughout this world.]



Victory Of The Seedline Wars

We must never forget that a war between God and Satan began with the pronouncement that from the seed of woman, God would eternally correct the sin of Adam, and all humanity (Gn 3:15). Once God said that the Seed would crush the head of Satan, then Satan launched relentless attacks throughout history in order to terminate the seedline of woman. Satan knew, that from the seedline of woman, a Seed would eventually come forth who would cast himself and all his demon followers into fire and brimstone (See Mt 25:41; Rv 20:13-15).

Satan was almost victorious when every imagination of man became evil, leaving only eight souls to be saved by the ark of Noah (Gn 6:5). But even after the flood of Noah’s day, the wars continued between good and evil. In every case, however, the seedline of woman prevailed, and finally, the Seed was victorious on the cross of Calvary. Read of these wars in the following texts:

Satan’s Attacks	God’s Counter Attacks
Cain kills Abel (Gn 4:1-8)	▶ Seth is born (Gn 4:25)
Degradation of humanity (Gn 6:5-7)	▶ Preservation of Noah (Gn 6:8)
Idolatry of humanity (Rm 1:21-25)	▶ Call of Abraham (Gn 12:1-3)
Barrenness of Sarah (Gn 15:18)	▶ Birth of Isaac (Gn 17:16-19; 21:2,3)
Starvation of Isaac’s family (Gn 26:1)	▶ Flight to Abimelech (Gn 26:2,3)
Esau’s murder scheme (Gn 27:41)	▶ Jacob’s flight (Gn 27:43; 28:13,14)
Israel is enslaved (Gn 37)	▶ Joseph rescues (Gn 45:7)
Israel’s apostasy (Ex 32)	▶ God’s patience (Ex 32:13,14)
Israel’s lack of faith (Nm 13,14)	▶ New nation born (Nm 14:26-29)
Apostasy of Israel (2 Kg 17:16-18)	▶ Preservation of Judah (2 Kg 23:24)
Apostasy of Judah (2 Kg 24:8-12)	▶ Return of remnant (Is 10:21-23)
Murder of babies (Mt 2:1-18)	▶ Flight to Egypt (Mt 2:13)
Diverting Seed’s destiny (Mt 4:1-7)	▶ Seed focuses on mission (Jn 8:50)
Jew’s false religion (Mk 7:1-9)	▶ Sons of Abraham by faith (Rm 4)
Desertion of followers (Jn 6:66)	▶ Faithful disciples (Jn 6:68,69)
Desertion of family (Jn 7:5)	▶ Acceptance of family (Gl 1:19)
The Seed is killed (Lk 23:46)	▶ THE SEED IS RAISED (Mk 16:6)