

# The Book of John

## Chapter 1

1. We are introduced to a character named "The Word" in chapter 1. In verses 14-17 His identity is revealed. Who is He?
2. In verse 1 we are told three things about the Word; what are they?
3. According to verse 3 and verse 10, what was the extent of the Word's role in creation?
4. We hear the phrase "born again" in the Scriptures. According to verse 12 and 13, how must a person be born into God's kingdom?
5. Verse 17 tells us of a critical difference between Jesus' ministry and Moses' ministry; what is it?
6. In verse 6 we are introduced to a new character; who is he, and according to verse 7 what is his role? Can you find some verses later in the chapter where he does this?
7. John refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God. What was His role as "the Lamb" according to verse 29?
8. Throughout the rest of the chapter, a number of disciples begin to be gathered to Jesus; who are they?
9. In verse 39 and 43 we see two of the statements Jesus uses to call men to Himself; what are they? How can you personally do this today?
10. In verse 42 Andrew does a wonderful thing for his brother Simon; what is it? Who are you doing this for?
11. Read John 1:51 and Genesis 28:10-16. By comparing these passages, what is the ladder from Jacob's dream that connects earth and heaven?

## Chapter 2

1. Who was invited to the wedding? Who else that Jesus knew was there?
2. What did they run out of at the wedding? Who asked Jesus to do something about it?
3. What did Jesus do? Did he do it well? Was it better before or after Jesus worked? (Verse 10)?
4. According to verse 11 how many miracles did Jesus do before this one?
5. What is the significance that Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding? Consider your marriage or the marriages of people you love. Take time to pray that they would regularly invite Jesus into their marriage and that the end would be better than the beginning.
6. Jesus has a strong reaction to those doing business in His Father's house. Why?
7. Jesus' anger was not Him losing control. He did not immediately react. Consider: How long did it take Jesus to make a whip of cords? When you are rightly angry about some injustice or wrong, do you still demonstrate self-control (a fruit of the Spirit)?
8. In verse 18 and 23 the Jews and the people were focused on the same thing. What was it? Compare this with Matthew 16:4.
9. When Jesus spoke of a temple being destroyed and rebuilt, what was He really talking about?

## Chapter 3

1. According to verse 1 and 10, what was Nicodemus' job?
2. Why do you think Nicodemus came to visit Jesus at night?
3. As Nicodemus speaks with Jesus (verse 2, 4, 9), how would you describe his reactions and understanding of what Jesus is saying?
4. Jesus speaks of a need to be born again. How is a person born again? Look up John 1:12.
5. There are four "action" words in John 3:16: loved, gave, believe, have life. Which of those are God's part? Which are ours?

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6. John 3:16 is a very famous verse, but verse 17 is an important one as well. According to this verse what did Jesus *not* come to do? What *did* He come to do?
7. People claim many reasons for not believing in Jesus. But behind these excuses there is one ultimate reason why people will not come to Him. According to verse 19 and 20, what is this reason?
8. In verse 30, John the Baptist declares a truth concerning our relationship with God: He must increase, we must decrease. Do you pursue those ends in your relationship with God?
9. Eyewitness testimony is valuable in a court of law, because it gives us access to information we could not gain otherwise (because the events are past). Consider verse 31 and 32 in light of this. Why does what Jesus say about God, salvation, and eternal life carry more weight than what anyone else says?
10. According to verse 36, what is essential to "having life"? Can anyone have life who does not have this essential?

## Chapter 4

1. Where was Jesus travelling from, and where was He travelling to? Where did he need to pass through on His journey?
2. Sometimes we get the impression that things were always easy for Jesus because He was God. How did Jesus feel after His journey? (verse 6)
3. What time was it? What was it probably like outside?
4. According to verse 9 what was the relationship between Jewish people and Samaritans? Do such relationships exist today? Was Jesus subject to these cultural patterns?
5. In talking with the Samaritan woman, Jesus used the natural (the water from the well) to transition to the spiritual (living water). What are some of the natural qualities and uses of water? How would these natural qualities translate to the spiritual?
6. Is location a primary consideration in worshiping God? What are the most important parts of worship? (verse 20-24)
7. What did the woman do when she left Jesus?
8. Jesus continues the natural to spiritual comparisons with food, this time while talking to His disciples. What are some of the qualities of food? What was Jesus' food?
9. Consider verses 39, 41, and 42. What are the different ways that people came to believe in Jesus?
10. Jesus is capable of doing miracles at any time, but does not always. Sometimes people are pursuing signs and wonders and not pursuing a relationship with the Lord. What was the ultimate effect of Jesus healing the nobleman's son? (Note verse 48, 50 and 53)

## Chapter 5

1. How many sick people were at the Pool of Bethesda? Why were they there?
2. What were some of the diseases that they were dealing with? How do you think this affected their lives? Did Jesus heal all of them?
3. How long was the man with infirmity afflicted with his disease?
4. How did he respond when Jesus asked him if He wanted to be made well? Would you say that he was hopeful or had given up hope?
5. The Jews told the man that it was unlawful for him to carry his bed on the Sabbath, but no such law exists in the Scripture. They were elevating their laws to the level of God's, and making God's real laws of no consequence. This is called legalism. What was some of the fruit of legalism in the Pharisees life?
6. Compare verses 16 and 18. Why were the Jews seeking to kill Jesus?

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7. From verse 17 through the end of the chapter Jesus gives insight into the nature of His relationship with the Father, and truly "He was making Himself equal with God." What are some of the attributes of God that Jesus possesses?
8. Read verses 38-40. What is the end purpose of all Bible study?

## Chapter 6

1. According to verse 2, 5, how many people were following after Jesus? How many men are numbered in verse 10? Do you think that there were women and children there in addition to the men?
2. As Jesus asks the apostles how to feed the multitude, notice the apostles' response to Jesus in verses 7 and 9. What are the attempted solutions? What resources do they think to draw upon? Do you find yourself doing the same thing when faced with an overwhelming difficulty?
3. Jesus reaches into the resources of heaven and miraculously provides. How much food did he start with? Did the people eat enough food? How much food did they finish with?
4. Consider verse 11. Although we are not told exactly how Jesus multiplied the food, we are given a clue as to one method Jesus uses to bring the resources of heaven to earth. What is that way?
5. The disciples are freaked out when they see Jesus walking on the water. What is His response to their fear?
6. Note verse 15 and 26. What was the people's reaction to Jesus' miraculous provision? How does He correct their perspective in verse 27?
7. What did Jesus say is the work of God, the thing that God is looking for from people?
8. Read Exodus 16, the children of Israel receive the miraculous provision of manna when they lived in the desert. What was the shortcoming of this bread (verse 49)? What did Jesus say the true bread was?
9. In verses 50-58, Jesus explains how we must be nourished by Him and lives in Him. What are some of the disciples' reactions to this teaching (verses 60-66)?
10. What was Peter's reaction to the same teaching? How do you react when Jesus is saying something difficult for you to understand?

## Chapter 7

1. According to verse 7, why do people hate Jesus?
2. Jesus' brothers attempted to get Him to go to the feast in Jerusalem, but Jesus told them in verses 6 and 8 that it was not His time to do so. Later in verse 30 we read that the Jews sought to lay hands on Him, but we read that it was not their hour to do so. Was Jesus operating according to other's timetables? Which timetable was he on?
3. Jesus was a major subject of interest at the Feast of Tabernacles. What were some of the attitudes and reactions toward Him? (verses 10-15)
4. According to verse 17, how will a person know if what Jesus is teaching is true?
5. Jesus spoke of living water in chapter 4 of John with the Samaritan woman at the well. Read verses 37-39 of chapter 7. When He speaks of "living water", what does He actually mean?
6. Jesus said that rivers of living water would flow from the heart of the person who comes to Jesus to drink. What are some of the qualities of rivers? What does that mean for your life? Where do you think God might cause these rivers to flow to?
7. Why did the officers sent by the Pharisees not arrest Jesus? (verse 46)
8. In verse 49, the Pharisees disdain the crowd saying they have no knowledge and calling them accursed. How does their attitude toward the crowds of people compare with Jesus? Read Matt 9:36.

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9. The Pharisees said that Jesus could not be the Messiah, because He was a Galilean, and the Messiah must come from Bethlehem according to the prophecies concerning Him. Read Luke 2:1-7. Although Jesus grew up in Galilee, where was He actually born, and why was He born there?
10. We saw Jesus speaking with Nicodemus back in chapter 3. There he came to Jesus secretly by night, probably for fear of the other Pharisees. Look at verse 50 and 51. How has his relationship with Jesus progressed since then?

## Chapter 8

1. What was the Pharisees purpose for bringing the woman caught in adultery to Jesus?
2. Interestingly, there is no mention of the man that she was committing adultery with. Why do you think he was not also brought to Jesus?
3. What qualification did Jesus say a person had to meet to be the first to throw a stone at the woman? Was there anyone present who met that qualification? If so what did they do?
4. What is the singular remedy that is provided for removal of sin? (verse 24)
5. In verse 29, what guiding principle do we see that governs Jesus' life and actions? Are you also governed by this principle?
6. Read verses 31-37. Freedom and slavery are discussed. What must a person do to be free? What will cause a person to be a slave of sin?
7. Although all people are God's children in the sense that He is their maker and Creator, not all people are God's children in the sense that they are born again, forgiven of sin, and adopted into his family. Read verses 38-47. According to the text, what are some evidences that God is your Father?
8. Notice that this chapter begins and ends with an attempt to stone someone. What similarities are there between these two instances? What differences are there?

## Chapter 9

1. How long had this man been blind? How do you think that had impacted his life?
2. Read verses 2 and 3, and also note what the Pharisees said in verse 34. Why do people think that the man was born blind? Did they have enough information to make that judgment? What reason did Jesus say that he was born blind?
3. When did Jesus heal the blind man? (verse 14)
4. What were the Pharisee's reactions to this? Were they in complete agreement with one another?
5. The Pharisees did not believe that the man had been born blind and so called the parents to confirm the story. The parents confirmed, but would not mention Jesus. Why not?
6. The man born blind as he is questioned begins to reason with the Pharisees. Do the things he is saying make good sense to you? How did the Pharisees respond?
7. Consistently, we see the Pharisees "majoring in the minors". The little thing was to keep the Sabbath, whereas the great thing was to heal a man born blind. This is what legalism does: it focuses on outward rules and ignores the heart and other important matters. Are there any "rules" or religious habits in your life that take priority over your relationship with God and the real work that He is doing in you?
8. At the beginning of this chapter Jesus calls Himself the Light of the World. Sight is impossible without light. Where had Jesus shone light in this chapter? Where did darkness remain? Is physical sight the only kind of sight?

## Chapter 10

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1. Jesus talks extensively about shepherding and sheep in this chapter. What terms does He use to describe those who are not the shepherd? (verses 1, 5, 12)
2. What things does the shepherd do for the sheep?
3. How do sheep respond to their shepherd?
4. Jesus refers to Himself as the door of the sheep in verses 7 and 9. Compare this with John 14:6.
5. According to verse 10, why did Jesus come? What is the difference between receiving life and receiving it abundantly?
6. In verse 11, Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. Read Psalm 23. Who is Jesus claiming to be?
7. What are some differences between a shepherd and a hireling?
8. Note every time in the passage that the Father is mentioned. What is the relationship between the Father and the Son like?
9. What things has the Father done? What things does the Son do?

## Chapter 11

1. Who is Lazarus related to? Read Luke 10:38-42, and Luke 7:36-50 to learn a little more about Lazarus's sisters.
2. How did Jesus feel about this family?
3. Did Jesus immediately respond to the need? How long did Jesus wait until He left where he was? Once he arrives, how long has Lazarus been in the tomb?
4. Read verse 21, 32, and 37. What was people's reaction concerning Jesus timing?
5. When Jesus tells Martha that Lazarus will rise again, does she understand what He means? Recall John 10:10. Now read Romans 6:4. Are there dead areas in your life that you have given up on? Present these to the Lord and ask Him to be the Resurrection to you in those areas.
6. Even though Jesus was about to resurrect Lazarus (which would be joyful), He still felt very deeply about Lazarus' death. What are some indications of how He felt? Is it wrong to be sad sometimes?
7. Jesus prays out loud to His Father about Lazarus. But He did not do this to draw attention to Himself in a carnal way (Read Matt 6:5-6); He did it to model His relationship with the Father. Do you pray out loud when the situation calls for it (it will bring honor to God, and help people in their walk with Him)?
8. Read verses 45-48. How did people respond to Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead?
9. Read verses 49-54. Caiaphas the High Priest says that it would be better if one man died for the people than if the whole nation died. What did he mean by that? God, honoring the office of high priest, was speaking prophetically through Caiaphas, and had a different meaning. What was that?

## Chapter 12

1. Jesus sits down to have a meal with a family He loves very much and one of the guys at the table has been raised from the dead! What do you think this meal was like? What might they have talked about? How do you think this family felt about Jesus?
2. How did Mary demonstrate her love for Jesus? How can you show your love for Him with more than just words?
3. Why was Judas upset about Mary pouring out the oil on Jesus? What was his excuse for being upset?
4. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey, He was fulfilling prophecy from Zechariah. According to verse 16, were the disciples completely aware of what was happening? Do you sometimes not see what the Lord is doing until afterward?
5. Where will the servant of Jesus be (verse 26)? What will the Father do for the one who serves His Son?

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6. In this chapter Jesus is just a few days away from the cross. Read verses 31-33. What are some of the results of the work of the cross going to be?
7. Ultimately it is faith (trust, believing) that pleases God (see Hebrews 11:6). Note verse 37. What did not produce faith in these people? Look up Romans 10:17 to see what does produce faith.
8. Read verse 42-43. Among the Pharisees, some actually believed in Jesus, but what stopped them from going all out for Him? Read the parable of the sower in Luke 8:5-18 and take particular note of verse 14. Is there anything choking out your fruitfulness?
9. Read verse 47-50. Why did Jesus come?
10. According to Jesus, He came with His Father's agenda, and spoke only what the Father commanded. What was that command?

## Chapter 13

1. This is the last night of Jesus' life before He is murdered. How committed has He been to the apostles? Did what He was about to face cause Him to waver in His commitment to them?
2. Consider verses 3-5. What was Jesus past? What was His future? Knowing these two things what was He able to do in the present?
3. How did Peter respond to his Master taking the position of a servant? At this point would Peter have been a good servant-leader?
4. Do you have a hard time taking the "low place"? Is putting others' needs before your own something you have embraced?
5. Read verse 13-17. Why was Jesus doing this? How are we to respond to it? What is the result if we respond rightly to this lesson?
6. In the invisible, spiritual realm, what happened to Judas at the dinner table?
7. What is the new commandment that Jesus has given? Who is our example on how we are to do this command? (Verse 34)
8. What will the result of obeying this command be? (Verse 35)
9. Remember the earlier parts of this chapter and read verses how is Peter handling his graduation course from the school of ministry? Consider how gracious Jesus is with Peter, and how much He loves him. Take time to thank God for His love for you, in spite of your failures.

## Chapter 14

1. This is Jesus' last night before the Crucifixion. He has spent the last few years with these guys, and just told them in chapter 13 that He is leaving. They are understandably upset, and so Jesus begins to comfort them. Jesus promises to prepare a place for them, and makes another promise concerning that place. What is that promise?
2. What makes heaven so special? (end of verse 3)
3. Read verses 4-6. Jesus has made Himself the subject of His teaching. What three things does He claim to be? Can anyone else be these things?
4. Read John 1:18, 1Tim 6:16, and consider verses 14:7-11. God is Spirit, He is infinite, and He lives in heaven. In contrast we are flesh and blood, finite, and live on earth. It would seem impossible that we could ever know God. How did Jesus tell us that we could know the Father?
5. In verses 12-14, Jesus says that we as His church will do greater works than He did in his brief ministry. How will these works be accomplished? What is the goal of these works?
6. Look at verses 15, and 21-24. If we claim to love Jesus, what should we do?

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7. One of the greatest comforts that Jesus leaves His disciples is that He is sending someone just like Him to take up the role of Teacher, Helper, and Comforter that He had in their life. Who is this Person?
8. Read verses 16, 17 and 26. What are some of the things these verses tell us that the Holy Spirit will do?
9. Jesus promises a different type of peace than can ever be experienced by someone in the world who does not know Him. What are some ways that this peace is different?
10. Read verse 31. Why did Jesus obey His Father's commandments in everything?

## Chapter 15

1. Jesus gives the analogy of the vine and the branches to describe our relationship with Him. Fruit can only come when the branches are attached to the vine or tree. How many times is fruit mentioned in this chapter?
2. List all of the things that this chapter teaches us about spiritual fruit?
3. What will clean us from the inside out? (verse 3) Look up Psalm 119:9
4. How did Jesus love His disciples? (verse 9)
5. Although the warning about branches that do not bear fruit can be frightening, what was Jesus' purpose in telling us these things? (verse 11)
6. Read verses 12-15. How is Jesus relationship with the disciples changing? How do you think they felt about this change? Read 2 Chronicles 20:7 and Isaiah 41:8.
7. Read verse 18-20. Why would Jesus be telling this to His disciples? What advantage might it be to know these things? Read 1 Peter 4:12-13, and compare with these verses.
8. When the Holy Spirit comes what will He do? (verse 26)
9. Consider verse 16. What are some of the things that God does for us?

## Chapter 16

1. Chapters 13-16 give us tremendous insight into what Jesus was teaching His disciples on the last night that He was with them before His crucifixion. These chapters contain some amazing lessons that He has not taught before, and in this chapter we are told some of the reasons that He is teaching these lessons. Look at verse 1, 4, 33, and John 15:11. What are the reasons that Jesus is teaching them these things?
2. Read verses 6 and 12. Are Jesus' words immediately producing joy in the disciples? Will His words ultimately produce those results?
3. Consider verse 7. Is it better to have Jesus with me in the flesh, or to have the Holy Spirit dwelling in my heart?
4. In verse 4 Jesus says "these things I did not say to you at the beginning because I was with you...", but now that He is leaving, it is time for Him to tell them of who will be with them instead. The Holy Spirit is being introduced to them in a brand new way. Read verses 7-15. List some of the things that Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would do.
5. Will the Holy Spirit behave or cause us to behave in a way that draws attention to Him or to us? On whom will He put attention? (verse 14)
6. Read verses 18-22. The disciples clearly are perplexed. But Jesus has a perspective that they do not (in the same way that a woman after having a child has a different perspective on the pain of labor). Have you had any times in your walk with the Lord where nothing seemed to make sense, but in hindsight you see perfectly what He was doing? Are you going through any of those times now? Take time to pray for God to give you His perspective.
7. Verses 23-27 reveal that in as we walk with Jesus we can come directly before the Father with our prayers, and that He will give us what we ask. Read James 4:3 for a balance to this verse.

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8. In verse 32, Jesus tells the disciples that they will abandon Him in His trial, but who does He stay will stand with Him? Read 2 Timothy 4:16-17.

## Chapter 17

1. Chapter 17 is one long prayer by Jesus to the Father. In verse 1, Jesus says to His Father that "the hour has come". Looking ahead to the next few chapters, what is He speaking about?
2. According to verse 3, what is the definition of eternal life?
3. Read verses 5-8. These verses talk about Jesus' relationship with the twelve. In these verses, what did He do for them? What did they do in response?
4. In verse 9, Jesus does not pray for the world in general, but for specific people. Who are you praying for, specifically?
5. In verse 11 and 21-23, Jesus prays for an oneness among His followers. How does He describe this oneness in these verses? Also read Phil 2:1-11.
6. In verses 13-18, Jesus describes some of the elements of our relationship with this current world system. How does He describe this relationship in these verses?
7. In addition to the twelve, who else is He praying for? (verse 20)  
Is this verse relevant to you and me?
8. In verse 24, what two things does Jesus pray for?
9. Highlight all of the uses of the words related to "glory" in this chapter. Make a list of what each use is teaching us. Especially note verse 22.
10. According to verse 26, Jesus is praying that the Father loves us as much as \_\_\_\_\_?

## Chapter 18

1. Judas comes to betray Jesus in the garden. Who does he bring with him? What do they have with them?
2. Read verses 4-9. Although the soldiers come with military force to arrest Him, what phrases in these verses show that Jesus was the one who was really in command of the situation?
3. Peter does not understand that Jesus is in charge of this situation. How does He respond to them coming after Jesus? What does Jesus say to him to correct him?
4. Who did the soldiers lead Jesus to? Who was he related to?
5. Who else manages to get in to witness this unlawful interrogation of Jesus?
6. Read verses 17-18, and 25-27. How is Peter's witness for Jesus in this chapter? Did Jesus already know that Peter was going to be this way (John 13:38)?
7. The Jews would not enter into the Praetorium because they felt it was an unclean Gentile place that would defile them, preventing them from being able to eat the Passover. While they were worried about the ceremonial, symbolic Passover, the Living Passover Lamb that the ceremony represented was right in front of them! Read Exodus 11-12 to learn more about the Passover.
8. Because they were a Roman province, the Jews had to abide by Roman law, and no longer had the authority to execute capital punishment. The Jewish method of execution was by stoning; the Roman method, by crucifixion. Read Matt 20:17-19, and compare it with John 18:29-32. Even though it was the Jews who were trying to kill Him throughout the gospels, Jesus knew all along how He would die.
9. In verses 36-37 Jesus claims to be a king of a kingdom. Although there are many aspects to the kingdom He rules, what are the things that this passage teaches us about His kingdom?
10. What is Pilate's conclusion upon interrogating and examining Jesus? (verse 38)  
Compare this with Hebrews 4:15 and 1Peter 1:18-19.

## Chapter 19



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1. Verse 1 is a very short "matter of fact" statement. But the reality is that Roman scourging was a long, brutal, grisly affair. The amazing thing is that the scourging Jesus took was not part of the payment for our sin (He paid for that by His death on the cross). In Isaiah 53:5 we read that His stripes (the bloody wounds of scourging), are for our healing and peace. What areas of your life do you need Jesus to bring healing to? Ask Him to do so, and thank Him that He so bravely took that beating for us.
2. Scourging was intended to elicit a confession, and the scourging would stop when the confession came. Yet Jesus had no sin or wrongdoing to confess, and so took the full scourging. Pilate had already interrogated Jesus in chapter 18 and found no fault with Him. What is his conclusion after the scourging (verses 4 and 6)?
3. Jesus wears a crown of thorns that the Roman soldiers cruelly put on Him. Read Genesis 3:17-18. Where did thorns come from? Now read Gal 3:13.
4. How did Pilate feel when he found out that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God? (verse 8, 12)
5. How does Jesus respond to Pilate when he tells Him that he has power to crucify Jesus?
6. Read the end of verse 5 and the end of verse 14. What is Pilate telling the crowd to do? Now read Isaiah 45:22 and Hebrews 12:2. What are we to do to be saved and to continue as Christians?
7. The author of this Gospel is the apostle John. He often refers to himself in the third person, and does so in verse 26. Read verses 25-27. What is Jesus commissioning John to do in these verses?
8. Read verses 28-30. Did Jesus see His earthly mission through to completion?
9. Read verses 21-24, 31-36. If Jesus were just a man, and not God, could He have arranged for these things to happen?
10. Who are they people who take responsibility for Jesus burial?
11. Read Isaiah 53:1-12. Take time to love and thank Jesus for all that He did for us on that day.

## Chapter 20

1. In verses 1-9 a body is missing from the tomb, but no risen Savior, yet. What three individuals examine the tomb?
2. Read verse 9. Although Jesus had taught them that He would die and rise again in the fulfillment of the Scriptures, they didn't understand. Does not understanding something mean that it is not true? Have you ever had 20/20 hindsight (spiritually speaking) on a circumstance that was difficult to understand while you were going through it?
3. Read verses 10-11. Where do the disciples go? Where does Mary go? Why do you think she did?
4. As Jesus begins to talk with Mary, she doesn't recognize Him. What reasons could there be for that? Read Luke 24:15-16 for a possibility.
5. Why were the disciples hidden in a locked room? What changed when Jesus arrived? (Verse 19-20)
6. Read verse 22. Compare this with John 14:16-18. Did Jesus make good on this promise?
7. How did Thomas respond to the news that Jesus had risen? (Verse 24-25)
8. How did Jesus respond to Thomas' doubt? (Verse 26-29)
9. In verse 29 Jesus talks about how blessed those are who have not seen and yet believe. Who falls in to that category?
10. According to verse 30-31, why was the Gospel of John written? Do you think this would be a useful book for a person to read who did not yet know Jesus?

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## Chapter 21

1. The disciples had all received the Holy Spirit in the last chapter, and were born again. Yet in verses 1-3 we see them going back to the old way of life. How many of them are in this story? Who led the charge back to the old life?
2. At the end of verse 3, what was the result of going back to the old life?
3. After the miraculous catch of fish, who realizes who is on shore? How does Peter respond when he finds out it is Jesus?
4. What does Peter do with his coat? I'm so glad Jesus chose this guy.
5. Presumably, the disciples were fishing to provide for their own needs. However, read Luke 5:4-10. What did Jesus say at the end of Luke 5:10? Now look at verses 9-13 of John 21. What did Jesus already have waiting for them on the shore?
6. In verses 15-17, we see Jesus restoring Peter to ministry by giving him three opportunities to affirm his love for Jesus, even as he had denied that love three times earlier. What does Jesus tell Peter to do?
7. History tells us that Peter died by crucifixion. When he began to be crucified he requested that it would be upside down, as he did not feel that he was worthy to die the same way as his Lord. Verses 18 and 19 record Jesus prophesying Peter's eventual crucifixion. Would you say that Peter proved that He did love Jesus?
8. Peter does not like this prophecy, and essentially asks, "What about John? What's going to happen to him?" How does Jesus respond to this question in verse 22? Is it a good thing to compare ourselves to others? Instead of that, what should we be busy doing?
9. Throughout the gospel of John, John does not identify himself by name. However, read verses 20-24 and note how his identity is revealed.
10. Consider verse 25. The gospels are not an exhaustive record of all that Jesus did. That would be impossible to record. However, taken as a whole, they are a very complete picture of our Lord.