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CORRESPONDENCE COURSE ON JOHN'S GOSPEL

ADVANCED LESSON 1

The Gospel of John can become a valuable treasure to you if you read it carefully. Each time you read, pray to God, asking Him to help you understand what you read.

**INTRODUCTION** Prayerfully read and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you read each chapter.

**COMPARE** The references in other books of the Bible where possible, as these help to throw light on the text being studied.

**TITLE of BOOK** "The Gospel" means "The Good News". "According to John" refers to the disciple John who is mentioned in the other Gospels as the brother of James (Matthew 4:21). Probably this Gospel (the gospel of John) is the last of the four written. John also wrote three short letters (Epistles) found towards the end of the New Testament. John does not record all the parables of Jesus found in the other books, but sets out the Way of Life through FAITH in JESUS CHRIST, who is the expressed image of God and the "Word of God", ie God revealing Himself to man (Chapter 14:9-11).

**THEME** Most of the miracles recorded (sometimes referred to as 'signs'), have some bearing on this general theme of believing in Christ, and the reader is challenged to choose between "Life" and "Death, eg see Chapter 3:16, 17 & 36 and Chapter 10:10. John desires that everyone should see Jesus Christ as the Son of God and believe in Him. See Chapter 20:31. A more meditative person than the other writers, John frequently embodies deep teachings as a result of the incidents recorded (Chapter 3, 4 & 5) or uses Jesus' teachings about well-known objects to do so, eg Chapters 10 & 15.

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**Read Chapter 1:1-14**

Where Matthew and Luke begin with reference to the family background, birth and early life on earth of our Lord, and Mark presents Him as a young adult commencing His work, John goes right back before time began to state the eternal existence and Sonship of Jesus Christ. See Ch 1:1-5 and Ch 8:58, where the expression "I AM" is one which signified eternal existence. See also Hebrews 1:3, which refers to the "glory of God expressed in Jesus Christ".

**WORD OF GOD** Ch 1:1-3 - compare Hebrews 1:1-3 – Jesus is God’s last word to the world! He “reflects the very nature of God”. As we use words to express our thoughts & feelings, so God sent Jesus to reveal His mind to us! He came from before Creation, to bring re-creation and transformation to people suffering from the re-formation caused by sin. Compare 2 Cor 5:17 with these early verses.

**LIFE** Through Him, verse 4. Compare Ch 10:10 & 1John 5:11-12. The Creator of all life, is Himself life and His presence brings life.

**LIGHT** Verse 4 & 5 – The true light breaks up (dispels) darkness of sin and unbelief. Many did not accept Him, but for those who do, God has a promise.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 1:11 & 12**

**QUESTIONS**

1. What do we learn about the existence of Jesus Christ from V1-5? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What does Jesus do for all people? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. When Christians pray, why should we “expect” God to answer? What part does faith play? Read James 1:6-8.

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**POINTS TO PONDER:** How may I today, witness to those of other cultures?  
Am I as observant of their needs as was the Lord Jesus?



**Read Chapter 2**

**THE FIRST "SIGN"** V1-11: Joining with His mother, family and disciples in a happy occasion, Jesus began to show the glory of God in transformation. Water kept for ceremonial washing or to use when travellers were received and entertained, is changed into "wine", the common drink of the day, thought to have been a diluted form of wine – see Ch 13:1-17, compare v6-8 of this chapter. Mary knew she had no power to help, but gave some good advice v5.

**"MY TIME"** V5: Jesus was always conscious of God's planning for Him. Compare Ch 4:21, 5:25, &:30, 8:20, 12:23 & 27 and 13:1. Jesus never rushed ahead of God, but bided His time. Jesus, by using everyday things, turned sorrow into rejoicing, shame into approval and always does the "best" v10.

**THE SECOND "ACTION"** V12-25: Again Jesus shows AUTHORITY. He cleanses the Temple by casting out those more intent on making money than on true worship. Right hearts are of more value than many offerings. Compare Isaiah 61:8, Mark 12:33 and Hebrews 10:6.

**NOTE THE REACTIONS OF THE PEOPLE** V17, 18 & 23: The "other Temple" - noting their complete disregard for God's ways, Jesus' thoughts leap ahead to the time when they will also reject Him! Unbelieving people still look for "signs" and will not believe. Even His followers did not really believe that He would rise again. See v22, also Ch 20:24-29. Compare Luke 24:11-40. Jesus was not deceived by those who made a show of "believing" v25.

**Key verse to memorise: JOHN Chapter 2:22**

**QUESTIONS**

6. What advice did Mary give the servants in V5?

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(a) Are you willing to follow the same advice? (of doing what Jesus tells us) \_\_\_\_\_

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7. In what way did Christ show His love for His Father? Do His actions surprise you? Why? V16 & 17.

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8. Will God accept us if our hearts are not sincere? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Read Chapter 3**

**NICODEMUS** V1-2: A religious leader, came stealthily not wishing to "commit" himself openly at first. He was timid.

V3: Jesus avoids discussion and comes to the point. Jesus points to his need v3, his failure to understand v4 & 9 and brings out the truth that this birth is a spiritual one. (Not in any sense the idea contained in the "reincarnation" theory).

V6-8: This new birth is the work of the Holy Spirit of God. It would seem that Nicodemus may have come to a deeper spiritual experience later - see Ch 7:50-51 where he rebukes his own ruling party, and Ch 19:39, where he performed a most necessary task after the other disciples had all fled. The timid is now courageous!

**SERPENTS & SALVATION** V14: Refers to the story recorded in Numbers 21, with which all the Jewish people were familiar. The Cross of Christ v14 is now the means of drawing all men to Him. Love is the basis of God's salvation v16. **So** great love – for the world: **So** great a gift – His only begotten Son: for **So** many – everyone who believes: for **So** great a purpose – eternal Life! Again the choice of life and death verses 14, 15, 16, 18 & 19.

V23: John the Baptist continues his work and rejoices as a "friend of the bridegroom" to see Jesus now becoming more prominent. The Church – true believers – referred to as the "bride of Christ" in 2 Cor11:2, awaits His coming, as John had done. Jesus later sent John reassurance that He had indeed come from God.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 3:14-19 & 36**

**QUESTIONS**

9. Nicodemus failed to understand the need of the spiritual "new birth". What importance does Christ put on the "new birth"?

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10. What is the "new birth"? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Read Chapter 8**

**THE TRUE LIGHT** Vs 1-11: Light brings understanding. A sinful woman, condemned by those who regarded themselves as righteous, was fearful. Jesus shows compassion by silently rebuking those who condemned. Jesus did not condone sin, v11, but warned of its consequences. Vs 12-20: With the setting of the Temple on a hill, the people were reminded of Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light & my salvation". Here Jesus Christ again claims fulfillment of this promise. Compare Matthew 5:14-16. The light played a part in Jewish worship, the Greeks accepted the terms of light & darkness for good & evil. So Jesus draws attention to Himself as the source of all real light. See ch 1. He plainly tells that those who will not see are blinded by the devil, whose sons they are! Vs 43-45. Verse 46: A daring challenge – no-one could make such a statement, unless He was indeed God. Verses 56-58: Jesus again asserts His eternal existence. Abraham looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. Compare Galatians 3:16 & 29

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 8:35 & 36**

**QUESTIONS**

11. Was Jesus Christ condoning sin in the woman, by not openly condemning her? Vs 1-11

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12. How were they "in slavery" and in need of being made free? Vs 24-40

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13. What are some of the lies which Satan is spreading these days to deceive people? Vs 44-45

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**Read Chapter 5**

**A MIRACLE WITH A MESSAGE** Vs 1-9: In the midst of crowds, the Lord Jesus still seeks the needy - vs 1, 6 & 13. V6: Does this seem a strange question? After 38 years, this man still had hope, even though up till that stage, the hope was unfulfilled. V7: 1st step to healing was a confession of need. Compare 1John 1:8-9. Confession with faith evidenced by immediate obedience brings blessing V 9. God comes in when man reaches the end of his own power and calls on the Almighty in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Vs 10-11: Religious people, more concerned with formalities than need, often fail to find blessing Vs 16-18. The Jews failed to see God's hand at work in Jesus Christ Vs 17 & 19-21. Vs 21-30: Stupendous claim by Jesus, claiming Divine status. It's not possible to "honour the Father" without "honouring the Son". The title "father" implies sonship. Compare 1John 2:22 & 23.

**THE WAY OF LIFE REJECTED** Vs 31-47: The people had known the verdict of several "witnesses", yet had failed to find "life", because they did not accept Him, who was the source of Life V 40. Read these verses carefully.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 5:24 & 39**

**QUESTIONS**

1. .Write down the verses in this chapter which show that Jesus Christ is Divine.

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2. What great lessons do we learn from the story of Christ's healing of the invalid man?

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3. What four things (or people) bear witness to Jesus – see vs 32-40. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save sinners, had this to say of the people “yet you refuse to come to me” and “you do not accept me”. Write out the verses which include these words.

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**POINTS TO PONDER:** Have I acknowledged Christ’s Lordship in everything?

**Read Chapter 6**

**THE TRUE BREAD** Vs 1-15: Historically this miracle comes during the Feast of Passover, when many thousands of people were in Jerusalem, having come from all parts of the country. For many it was a holiday as well as a religious festival. Great crowds followed Jesus, V 2, who went for a little while to a secluded place, V 3. His compassion was stirred as He saw the people as “sheep without a shepherd”, V 5. V 7: Philip, possibly a local resident had no idea at all as to how the need might be met. Vs 8-9: Andrew had a meagre hope and the lad a willing spirit. But the Lord provided an abundance! Vs 11-12. The fact that there were 12 baskets left over, indicates God’s lavish provision. He has promised the believer to supply “all your needs” - Phil 4:19; also Psalm 23 “I shall not want” & Psalm 34:10. At the Passover people ate unleavened bread, as a reminder of God’s deliverance of their forefathers from slavery, Exodus 12:1-17; God had also provided “manna” in the wilderness. See V 31 & compare Exodus 16:15. They wanted Jesus to show Himself greater than Moses, V 31-34, who they said had provided the bread from heaven. Jesus explains the true meaning of bread, Vs 33-35. See also V 58. Refer to Ch 4 “living water” also. Vs 15-21: These verses show Jesus’ ever present care of His loved ones, even though He was weary. He knows our needs at all times – See Vs 37-71: Jesus comes in answer to men’s need, but many find it hard to accept His provision of life. Once again Jesus claims oneness with the Father and ability to give life to those who trust Him. But He knows, too, those who are not sincere, V51-57. Only by our “receiving” Him into our lives, can we become part of His life which He then lives through us, see Ch 15 “the vine & branches”

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 6:35,68 & 69**

**QUESTIONS**

5. Should we seek to meet peoples’ physical needs without “preaching” or should we take the opportunity for a spiritual message as well? – consider 2 Tim 4:2.

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6. Do you think the crowds who acclaimed Him were genuine in their desire to follow Him? (Give verses)

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7. Read carefully vs 66-69. Comment on at least one of these verses.

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**POINT TO PONDER:** Am I like the lad who gave all he had to Jesus.

**Read Chapter 7**

**OPPOSITION & DIVISION** Vs 1-13: The Feast of Tabernacles, Ex 23:16. This was a kind of Harvest Thanksgiving and was a compulsory festival for all male Jews. Jesus’ brothers were anxious that He “show His power”. Were they seeking the limelight by being associated with the “miracle worker”? They did not exhibit the sensitivity which Jesus did as He was ever conscious of God’s leading in His life, Vs 9-10, and awaited His time, V 14, to speak with the people - see V 37: On the last day of the feast, great cauldrons of water were poured out to remind people of God’s provision of water for their forefathers in the wilderness - Numbers 20:8-11& Isaiah 12:3-4. V 38: Jesus again proclaims Himself as the One able to give “living water”. No Christian life need ever be barren or prayer life dry & joyless. Like a fresh spring of water in a desert, the Holy Spirit wells up within and guarantees us ever continuing new life. V 39: The Holy Spirit was to be given when Jesus ascended to heaven, Acts 2. Compare John 14:16 & John 16:13-15, where Jesus gives this promise. Acts 2 records what happened during the festival of Pentecost, when He came. He is still with every believer in the world since that time, Romans 8:9-10 & 15-17. Without Him we do not belong to Christ. We have no need to plead for the Holy Spirit. He comes at our conversion to dwell in us, John 14:17.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 7:37 & 38**

**QUESTIONS**

8. How many different opinions were expressed about Jesus by various people? List them.

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9. Why were the people not able to “seize Him”? vs 30,32 & 43 (Reference to Nicodemus here)

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10. Why do you think His brothers did not believe in Him? V5

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**Read Chapter 12**

**“THE KING IS COMING”!** Vs 12-19: Jesus, aware of right timing, again enacts a little drama before great crowds of people. Jerusalem was again crowded for the Passover. Knowing the heart of man, Jesus was courageous in this act of open declaration – no hiding now. V 14: The donkey’s colt. A king, in time of war, usually rode on a horse, but this was an act of peace and also would be recognised as a status symbol. See Psalm 118:26&27. V 19: Dilemma of authorities – what to do now? Vs 20-26: The enquiring Greeks are reminders of the breadth of the Gospel and the appeal of Jesus to men of all races. They were “strangers” among the festival crowds. But only through Jesus’ death V 24-26, can life come. Vs 27-30: A realisation of what was ahead of Him calls forth God’s reassurance. But “the Voice” was for the people too. V 31: Judgement has come! Yet, v35, they still have a little time. V48: They, and we, are self-condemned through not believing God’s Word.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 12:46 & 47**

**QUESTIONS**

10. What was the purpose of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the donkey’s colt?

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11. What warning did Jesus give about those who did not believe?

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12. What are the conditions for true discipleship? See vs 25 & 26

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**ADVANCED LESSON 3**

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**Read Chapter 9**

**A MAN RECEIVES TRUE SIGHT** Vs 1-12: At that time many people believed that all physical sickness was the result of sin. Jesus pointed out that this is not always so. Jesus sees opportunity for the glory of God to be shown ... another “sign”. Jesus sets to work to heal the man without arguing. Vs 13-16: Once more there were disputes & hostility from the Pharisees, because Jesus had “worked” on the Sabbath. They showed a pitiful interest in details of the law, rather than people’s needs. Vs 18-22: The parents were afraid, lest acknowledgment of the “Messiah” should cause them to be cut off from society and from worship. V 25: The man himself, however, showed courage! “One thing I do know...” Vs 22-41: Real Christian experience, finally, must be personal. Nobody, parents or friends, can assume responsibility for another’s salvation in the sight of God, even though we are called upon to bear one another’s “burdens”. Romans 14:10-12.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 9:11 & 25(b)**

**QUESTIONS**

1. Do you think the wonder of God’s grace can be lost sight of when an attempt is made to “explain” spiritual things from a natural point of view? Compare the attitude of the Pharisees

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2. The blind man showed faith by acting on Jesus’ command. In this day, how can we know God’s Will and act upon His commandments?

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3. How did the man’s simple confession confuse the arguments? V25

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**Read Chapter 10**

**THE LIFE THROUGH THE TRUE SHEPHERD** Vs 1-3: The eastern sheepfold was often a circle of rocks or thorn bushes into which the shepherd would count his sheep, then lie down in the gap to protect them, anyone wanting to harm the sheep would not get past him. This is a lovely picture of the Lord as the Good Shepherd of souls V 11, who was to give His life for the sheep vs 17-18. Vs 3-5: Paid helpers sometimes cared for the flock, but did not have a personal interest in each sheep as the owner did. Sheep were with their shepherd, they knew him and he them. "He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out". V16: He wants to bring in other scattered "sheep" ... not only those of His own day, area or race. Vs 18-38: People who reject Christ still resist His claim to be God, but those who know Him follow. Compare Isaiah 53:5-6, where the metaphor of sheep is used again. Often in the O.T. false prophets were also referred to as unfaithful shepherds ... see Ezekiel 34:2,8 & 10; Zechariah 10:2-3 in contrast. Also Hebrews 13:20-21.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 10:10, 27 & 28**

**QUESTIONS**

4. How does this chapter teach us that Christ's death on the Cross was a voluntary giving of Himself ... & that He was not a victim of circumstances or of hatred etc?

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5. In what sense were those who "came before" Jesus classed as "thieves and robbers"? V8

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6. How can we discern "thieves and robbers" and those who are true "shepherds" of the flock of God, in the present age? (See 1John Ch 4:1-35)

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**PONDER:** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm \*\*\* the psalm written by a shepherd about his Shepherd.\*\*\*

**Footnote:** Verses 40-42. Jesus returned to the place where He had been baptised by John and where God had confirmed His pleasure in His Son.

**Read Chapters 11 and 12 verses 1-11**

**A NEW LIFE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD** Vs 1-5: The village home at Bethany, about 3km from Jerusalem was always open to the Lord and his disciples. True friendship & affection were shown V 5. V6: Jesus responds to the news of Lazarus' illness by delaying 2 days. Why? Would His delay be the means of a greater miracle? A test of faith? He was never rushed into anything but always chose the right time. Vs 9-10: warn that for us there is a "right time" ... act while it is day. Compare Hebrews 3:7-15 and 2 Corinthians 6:2. V 19: The house was full of sympathisers, who were unable to help. Vs 20-40: Note the different attitudes of the two sisters and their way of showing their trust in Christ. Vs 41-44: The power of Jesus over death, in bringing Lazarus back. Vs 41-42: The people needed to know that God was in action here. Rather a shock awaited Lazarus, maybe, but through him many were to believe in Christ. See Ch 12:9. V44: Lazarus was to be freed from signs of "death" ... a parable for us who are called to "walk in newness of life". See Romans 6:8, 11 and Colossians 3:1-2.

**THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE** Vs 24-27: Assurance for all believers, who never die, but through physical death pass on into the continuation of the eternal life which they already experience here and now through faith. Compare 10:28. Vs 54-57: Jesus pursues His program away from men's schemes, until God's time should come.

**CHAPTER 12** Vs 1-8: At Bethany Jesus graciously commends Mary for her insight into His coming death, but condemns greed Vs 4-7. True love is never sparing in its devotion. Vs 9-11: Lazarus, now drawing many to faith becomes an embarrassment to the leaders, so they seek to get rid of the evidence. The Sadducees did not believe in any resurrection!

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 11:25-27**

**QUESTIONS**

7. What does Jesus teach about the "day" which God has given us? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Did Martha & Mary BOTH believe in a coming resurrection as some earlier Jews had done? See Psalm 16:9-11, Psalm 73:23-24, Job 19:25-27.

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9. What should be our attitude if God seems to delay in answering our prayers?

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**POINT TO PONDER:** Is the new life, which I have in Christ, so apparent that others marvel when they see it? John 12:9-11



**Read Chapter 16**

**THE COMFORTER AND HIS WORK** Vs 1-4: Jesus warned of persecution to come. When W. Tyndale wanted to give the Bible to English-speaking people in their own language, he met persecution, but said "I never expected anything else". How much we owe to such people, V2: In many lands today, people still think this way. Vs 5-11: Jesus claims that it is better if He goes away, so that the Holy Spirit may come. In His earthly body, Jesus was limited by time and space as other men are, but the Spirit would be in them at all times, forever! The word for "comforter" may also be translated to "counselor" or "advocate". Vs 8-10: V8 He will convict men of their sin of unbelief. All belief comes as a result of His working. Vs 9-10, He will convince men of the righteousness of Christ's death and resurrection. V11: He will also convince men that sin is already judged and Satan conquered! The "prince of this world" was defeated by Christ on the Cross. This is an accomplished fact, in which believers may rejoice and not look for "judgment to come" (as often misquoted from this verse). Vs 12-13: He will speak the truth about Jesus, who is the Truth and teach of things to come. Note that He is to "guide us" into all truth – a gradual progression. He "guides" us patiently, because we could not "bear" all at once v12. We shall never exhaust the depths of God's revelation to us. Vs 14-15: He will glorify Christ – not Himself (He speaks from God). Vs 16-24: Their sorrow at parting will be turned into joy when they (& we) see Him face to face v24-26. We have direct access to the Father in prayer and may come to Him. No limits!

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 16:13-15 & 33**

**QUESTIONS**

10. What are the characteristics of the Holy Spirit and His work as shown in this chapter?

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11. How may we enjoy peace in this world?

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12. How can we learn more about the truth of God?

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**ADVANCED LESSON 4**

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**Read Chapter 13**

**GLORY THROUGH SUFFERING** Vs 1-2: The time for which Jesus had been waiting had arrived. In human terms, it showed the greed and treachery of one man (Judas) but in God's Plan, it was the perfect time. See Psalm 76:10. V3: Jesus, knowing that His time had come, performs a menial task. How great then must have been the need for this object lesson! His Kingship was in humility. Vs 6-11: Peter, the impetuous, was shocked at the demonstration, but he must be willing to be submissive. Even those who follow closely become "soiled" with the dust of the journey. See 1John 1:8-9. V8(b): To some the Cross is a stumbling block. 1Cor 1:17-25. Vs 12-14: Verbal agreement is of no value, unless we follow in His steps. We must know, speak, live and act out our faith. V21: Jesus was "troubled", but the other disciples were unaware of what Judas planned. Vs 22 & 28. V26: In the place of honour next to Jesus, Judas was given the special piece of dipped bread, reserved for important guests. Was this a silent plea that he reconsider? Vs 27-30: No night in history was as black as this, unless it be the night of the crucifixion!

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 13:34 & 35**

**QUESTIONS**

1. Read Ch 13:21 & Ch 12:27. Why was Jesus "troubled"?

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2. Could Jesus have received glory if He had not suffered? (See Philipians 2:8-9)

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3. Was Jesus' prophecy about Peter fulfilled? See John 13:37 & 38 and Ch 18.

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## Read Chapter 14

**COMFORT THROUGH THE COMFORTER!** Vs 1-3: Jesus speaks words of comfort, to reassure His disciples before He goes away. There are “many rooms” prepared for all believers. V6: Clear statement. Many search for peace, hope, love and sometimes find these, in some measure, through other creeds. But there is no way to sonship with God, except through The Son of God! “Fatherhood” implies “sonship” and vice versa, Ch1:12. Vs 7-11: Astounding statements. Jesus restates His eternal relationship with God and claims that all who know Him must know His Father, God. Vs 12-14: If we truly believe, we have an inexhaustible source of supply. The Holy Spirit will make all this possible, V 16. Vs 16-18: The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost Acts 2. This promise was fulfilled then. The Holy Spirit is “in” believers, but not obvious to the world Vs 17 & 23, also Romans 8:9. If we are “His”, we have His Spirit. There is no basis for our “waiting” for a repetition of that initial coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Vs 21-23 point out that He indwells believers. Vs 15-24: Here the stress is on keeping His commandments if we love Him!

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 14:6, 13, 14 & 15**

### QUESTIONS

4. By what evidence may we know that Jesus and His Father are one?

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5. How many times in this Chapter does Jesus mention the keeping of His commandments?

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6. What provision do we have to guard us against being “troubled” or fearful?

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**POINT TO PONDER:** How can I constantly be aware of God’s Spirit dwelling within me?  
Do I always seek the guidance of His “Counselor”?

## Read Chapter 15

**THE TRUE VINE AND REAL FRUIT** Vs 1-11: The imagery of the vine was familiar and there was a large vine carved on part of the Temple wall. God had often referred to the nation of Israel as His vine or vineyard, but often in the form of a vine run wild e.g. Isaiah 5:4, Jeremiah 2:21, Ezekiel 17:5-8 & in Hosea 14:7-8 as finding fruit “from Me”. V 1: Jesus is the true stem, through which life is supplied to the branches. V 2: Judgment comes on those who do not produce fruit – the wood of the vine is useless for any purpose; fruit is its only value. Vs 4-9: “Remaining” in the vine brings forth fruit. The branch has no life apart from the vine. As the sap flows through the vine, into the branches, so the life of Christ flows through us. It is not a matter of our striving to live the Christian life, but a matter of allowing Christ to live His life through us, compare Galatians 5:19-25. V10: Obedience results in joy V 11 and love Vs 12 & 17. V 16: Believers were chosen by Him for fruit-bearing. Vs 18-21: His followers may expect persecution, but see also 1 Peter 3:14-18 and Mark 13:9-13. Vs 22-25: Hatred of Jesus and God His Father, is the response of many to the inescapable challenge He presents – we cannot be neutral. Vs 26-27: His Gospel must be preached, regardless of men, but for this, the Holy Spirit is our strength.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 15:4 & 5**

### QUESTIONS

7. How may we be sure we are “friends of Jesus Christ”, according to this chapter?

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8. What is the fate of the useless branches? How may we avoid it?

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9. How can we be effective witnesses for Christ?

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**Read Chapter 17**

**THE GLORY OF THE FATHER AND THE SON** Vs 1-5: Jesus' last recorded prayer was for God's glory and for His followers. V1 He expresses the longing to be invested again with the glory which He knew with the Father, before the world began v5. As the time draws closer, He can afford to dwell on it. V4 the task set before Him is almost accomplished. "IT IS FINISHED" will soon be His triumphant cry Ch 19:30.

**HIS DISCIPLES IN A HOSTILE WORLD** Vs 9-11, 17 & 19: Jesus prays that His followers will be "kept" in the world, not removed from it & its problems v15. V12: "The son of perdition" – Judas – had allowed Satan to enter his heart and so rejected the truth John 13:27. Vs 11-12: Compare this thought of "oneness" in Him which is the same kind of oneness Jesus had with the Father. Apart from this there is no true "oneness" and all believers may experience this union. Many have tried to build artificial "unity", but unless it is "in the Father & the Son", as the Lord said in v21, it is useless and worthless. V20: A loving look to all who, through the ages, would "believe" in Him through the witness of others - compare John 20:26-29. Vs 17-26: The Word of God, the Truth, is the purifying influence in our lives and through Jesus' love and unifying influence others may know that we are truly His.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 17:2-3**

**QUESTIONS**

1. Should true believers expect to withdraw from the world and its temptations?

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2. What is the description of eternal life? What is the proof that a person has eternal life – see Jesus' prayer.

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3. Why was the “son of perdition” not “kept” like the rest of the disciples? V12

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**POINT TO PONDER:** Try to imagine what Jesus’ glory was like, which He left, to come to earth and die for our sake. Ask yourself, am I willing to forsake my own comfort and convenience, for the sake of others?

**Read Chapter 18:1-27**

**COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DEATH** Helpful to read Luke 22:30 onwards, for details of the prelude to this scene recorded in John 18. Then follow with John 18:1-27. There were many private gardens on the Mount of Olives close to Jerusalem and to one of these our Lord had frequent access v2. Out of his knowledge of one of the most sacred & intimate habits of Jesus – communion with His Father – Judas developed his foul scheme! “The heart (of man) is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked”, cried the prophet Jeremiah 17:9-10, but God knows our hearts. V3: A “detachment of soldiers”, temple guards, came fully armed with weapons, torches & lanterns, all to take one peace-loving, unarmed man, in the darkness! V4-5: “Who is it you want?” Jesus bravely identified Himself, yet His look was enough to send His enemies reeling. Even here His God-given power over men is evident. V10: The courage of Peter, though misdirected, must not be overlooked, he tried to stand for his Lord but in the wrong way! V11: Jesus willingly accepted what His Father had planned for Him. V13: Annas, the High Priest, was head of a family which had become wealthy through robbery & cunning. The stalls in the Temple which Jesus had earlier overturned, belonged to the High Priest who was the “power behind the throne” of his son-in-law Caiaphas, who was the ruling priest at the time. V14: Unexpected insight on the part of Caiaphas. Vs19-24: a travesty of justice. No prisoner was permitted to be questioned directly and thus incriminate himself. Jesus called for a point of order and demanded witnesses. Vs 15-18 & 25-27: The story of Peter continues, but with tragic results, as foretold by Jesus – see John 13:38. Man’s confidence is misplaced if in his own strength he tries to withstand temptation!

**Key verse to memorise: JOHN Chapter 18:10**

QUESTIONS

4. What may we learn about the character of Jesus from His reactions to various people, as recorded in this section?

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QUESTIONS

14. Why did Jesus especially single out Peter to question him?

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15. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach the disciples when He showed them where to cast the net?

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**POINT TO PONDER:** Am I willing to declare with Peter, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you”. If so, what is His commission to me today?

*We, at the League, pray that the studies you have just completed were a blessing and have helped to strengthen you in the knowledge of Him, our Lord and Saviour.*

*May He bless and keep you as you continue your walk of growth with Him.*

QUESTIONS

12. Can you imagine Mary Magdalene’s thoughts, when she stole out in the early morning shadows to the tomb of Christ. How do you think you would have felt?

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13. Why were the disciples so fearful?

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**POINT TO PONDER:** Think yourself into the situation of Mary, Peter, John and Thomas. With which one are you most in sympathy, or like? Can you say with Mary – “I have seen the Lord”? Paul declared, “If there is no resurrection ... then we are of all men most miserable”.

**Read Chapter 21**

**THE RISEN LORD AND HIS COMMISSION** V1: Jesus again appears to His disciples. V3: Perhaps still a little despondent, puzzled by recent happenings, the disciples return to the familiar task of fishing, but even this affords no pleasure. Vs 4-6: Jesus’ kindly word and His provision for them, caused them to suddenly recognise the Lord! v7. Peter could not get to Him quickly enough. Vs 15-17: Jesus in love, singled out Peter and asked him for a re-committal. Of course he loved the Lord! And Jesus knew it, but his open confession was to strengthen him for severe persecution in the days ahead v18. Vs 20-23: Our committal and discipleship is a personal matter. God requires different things from different people, but we each must be fully willing to follow Him. Vs 24-25: John’s final word now. How true it is that the world itself cannot contain all that could be written about our blessed Lord, yet He has ordained that every believer should be a “living epistle” read and known of all men. John again asserts that his testimony is true. Compare 1John 1, where he reiterates that they had “seen” and “handled” the Word of God. The whole of the Epistles of John serve as a wonderful commentary on the truths outlined in the Gospel according to John.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 21:12-14**

5. Do you think it would have been better for Peter to stay out in the cold that night? Why did he fail?

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6. By what habit of His life did Jesus Christ find the strength to face this crisis?

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**POINT TO PONDER:** *Have I ever denied the Son of God, by word or deed or silence?*

**Read Chapter 18:28 to Chapter 19:16**

**THE ROMAN GOVERNOR AND THE KING OF KINGS** Chapter 18:28: Pilate was the Roman governor at that time. The Romans had overrun Palestine and the Judean province was always a trouble spot to them. Pilate alone could pass the death sentence. V39: Perhaps a sincere but feeble effort to release an innocent prisoner, ch 19:5. V40: The crowds shout, not now for a king, but for a rebel leader! Vs 36-37: The claim of Jesus to a kingship not of this world puzzles many. Chapter 19:1-16: continued the story. Flogging was a cruel form of punishment. Perhaps this would satisfy the thirst for blood? But, if Christ was innocent, why was He flogged? V2: The soldiers make mockery of a defenceless man. To them this was just a sport. Vs 6-7: Pilate knew that the Jews had no authority to crucify a criminal. He had no reason to do so, but he feared them. He tried to shelve responsibility. Pilate was already unpopular because he had taken Temple funds to build an aqueduct and had brought pictures of the Emperor Tiberius into the Holy City. To the Jews this was an act of idolatry. Vs 9-11: Jesus reminds Pilate that, apart from what God allows, he has no power whatever. Yet Jesus had all power! Vs 12-16: Further appeal to the people is useless, they are suddenly very ‘loyal’ to Caesar. To offend either party would mean trouble for Pilate. In this incident, Pilate the local dispenser of justice, acts unjustly. Pilate the local magistrate, actually stands on trial before his prisoner. With his rejection of the claims of Christ, he just fades out from history – a failure.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 19:14-16**

QUESTIONS

7. What can we learn from Pilate, as shown in this incident?

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8. Many people today echo Pilate's question in Chapter 18:38. How may their question be answered?

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9. Do you think this crowd was made up of the same people who, a few days earlier, had hailed Jesus as their King? John 12:12-15 If so, can you account for the complete change of attitude in the people?

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**POINT TO PONDER:** *If I had been in Pilate's place, what would I have done?*

**Read Chapter 19:17-41**

**THE CROSS IS THE CROWN** Note: The Gospel writers show a holy reticence by not stressing the physical sufferings of Jesus, nevertheless, these were very real & severe. It was not the nails, but the love of Christ which held Him to the cross, as He bore the burden of our sin.

V17: In handing Jesus over, Pilate again reminds the people that He is their King. But they resist this claim v22. Vs 23-25: To Roman soldiers it was just another day's work. They show indifference and callousness in squabbling over His few meagre garments .... but look up Luke 23:47. The Centurion in charge saw things through enlightened eyes. V25: How different is this little band of faithful women, including the Lord's mother. Love and anguish are mingled. See Luke 2:35 where Mary was warned about this. Vs 26-27: Thoughtful to the last, Jesus entrusts His mother's future care to the "loved" disciple John. Who better? V28: John and other disciples saw in the death of Jesus, many O.T. Scriptures fulfilled. Jesus had told them they would understand. V38: Joseph, a secret follower until now, aligns himself, almost too late, and Nicodemus, whom we met in Ch 3, brings his gift v39. So the bruised & battered body of our dear Lord was laid gently to rest in the new tomb in the garden. Vs 31-42: Pinpoint the time of Christ's death. It was at Passover, when Jewish people killed thousands of spotless perfect lambs, in a ceremony which commemorated the deliverance of their forefathers from bondage in Egypt. Exodus 12. So Christ the perfect, sinless Lamb of God, John 1:29 "takes away the sin of the world" and we who believe are "sanctified" once for all, through the offering of His body. Hebrews 9:28 & 10:10. V30: With that triumphant cry from our Lord on the cross "IT IS FINISHED", comes our assurance that salvation is complete and we can add nothing to it.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 19:35-37**

**QUESTIONS**

10. Consider the four groups of people around the Cross, and describe their thoughts.

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11. What Scriptures were fulfilled in verses 23-37?

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"And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin"

**Read Chapter 20**

**CONFUSION, CURIOSITY AND CERTAINTY** V1: Note the devotion of Mary who came to the tomb at the earliest possible time. Nobody was permitted to do so on the Sabbath day. V2: Fearing the worst she ran back to Peter, who still seems to have been regarded as leader, despite his failure. Hope still remains that perhaps the body has only been moved v13. Vs 3-10: Note the honesty on John's part – Peter still takes the initiative, by entering the tomb. V9: Puzzled, they did not yet realise that Jesus had to rise from the dead. Vs 11-18: Note Mary's rejoicing, when hope & faith would not allow her to completely give up! Angelic visitors, then the Lord Himself! In the grey dawn, through her tears, at first she failed to recognise Him v15, then she longed to cling to Him and worship Him vs 16-17, but Jesus gently rebukes her and gives her a commission "Go ... tell". Then came her joyous exclamation "I have seen the Lord!" – she was the first person to do so. Vs 19-23: There was fear and apprehension on the part of the disciples, but Jesus comes to them. Vs 24-29: Thomas, who history has dubbed the "doubter" received his special reassurance when Jesus returned. Such is the grace of our Lord. He meets each one, right in the place where we are. V 28: "My Lord and my God" – a new understanding of the rightful position of Jesus Christ. We too are included in v29, if we believe in Him. V30: A summing up of John's aim in writing his book – that all who read and believe may have life through the name of Jesus.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 20:19-22 & 30**