

MON) MARCH 25 **John Ch. 1 – Jesus and John the Baptist**

This chapter records the work of John the Baptist, who began his ministry before Jesus. How does John the Baptist express himself and Jesus?

1) John the Baptist himself (verse 23):

2) Jesus (verse 29):

Ch. 2 – Jesus and the Jews

In this chapter, the Jews ask Jesus for a sign as He cleanses the temple (v. 18). In response, He says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (v. 19) What does this mean?

(The best signs Jesus showed were the signs of the cross and resurrection, and the sign of Jonah.)

Ch. 3 – Jesus and Nicodemus

In this chapter, Nicodemus, a Pharisee and Jewish leader, comes to Jesus at night and asks him questions about salvation. Jesus says in verse 5, "unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." These words are quoted from Ezekiel 36:25-26, see below:

"I will sprinkle (.....) on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a (.....), and a (.....) I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

Ch. 4 – Jesus and the Samaritan woman

This chapter records Jesus preaching the gospel to an alienated and lonely Samaritan woman. To this Samaritan woman who had been trying to be content with having a man, Jesus promises, "The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to (.....)."

TUE) MARCH 26**Ch. 5 – At the Pool of Bethesda**

Verses 1-18 of this chapter record the ministry of Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda healing a sick man who had been in despair for 38 years. What does Jesus say to the sick man who has been there for 38 years, filled with resentment and despair, and in a race to get into the pond early, and then heals him? (Verse 8)

(What Jesus wanted to give to the 38-year-old sick man was not a cure for the disease, but Jesus himself, the Lord of life who could cure even the man sick of 38 years.)

Ch. 6 – Jesus, The Bread of Life

This chapter records the miracle of feeding 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. The disciples asked Jesus to give such bread "always." That is, the disciples asked for material abundance. In response, Jesus says that He is the bread of life. What does He say that those who eat this bread will receive? (Verses 40, 51, 54, 58)

Ch. 7 – Jesus, the River of Living Water

Verses 37-44 of this chapter record the words Jesus proclaimed at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles (a feast commemorating Israel's 40 years in the wilderness after their Exodus). It is amazing that more than two million Israelites and all their livestock had water in the desert for 40 years. Like this, it is a promise that Jesus will be the source of our life. "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow (.....).'"

Ch. 8 – Who is Jesus?

In this chapter, Jesus reveals himself through his ministry.

- 1) Verse 11: Jesus does not condemn sinners but forgives them
- 2) Verse 12:
- 3) Verse 32: Jesus is the Truth who sets you free

WED) MARCH 27**Ch. 9 – Jesus heals and saves the blind man**

This chapter records the story of Jesus' ministry of healing a man who was blind from birth. The blind man first tells the Pharisees that the one who healed him was a prophet (verse 17), and then later on that he was a man from God (verse 33). When the blind man meets Jesus again, how does he confess his faith in Jesus? (Verse 38)

Ch. 10 – Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Verses 9-18 of this chapter introduce Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Find the characteristics of the good shepherd that appear in this chapter.

- 1) Verse 10: Provides the sheep with abundant life.
- 2) Verses 11, 15:
- 3) Verse 16: He brought in other sheep that were not of the first fold, to become one flock, under one shepherd.

Ch. 11 – Jesus, The Resurrection and The Life

In this chapter, Jesus raises Lazarus from death. Martha had a vague belief that if Jesus had come earlier, her brother would not have died (verse 21) and that he would be raised in the resurrection on the last day (verse 24). (Isn't our faith similar to Martha's?) To Martha, Jesus said, "I am the (.....) and the (.....). Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Ch. 12 – Jesus goes to Jerusalem

In verses 12-19 of this chapter, upon hearing that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, people gather like a cloud to welcome Him. This was probably especially true because word spread through Jerusalem that he had raised Lazarus from the dead. In the midst of people's cheers and enthusiasm, what did Jesus ride? "Behold, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and having salvation, humble and riding on a (.....), the foal of a (.....)." (Zechariah 9:9)

THU) MARCH 28**Ch. 13 – Jesus washing the feet of his disciples**

Before Passover, Jesus is shown washing and drying the feet of his disciples with his own hands. Why did Jesus set this example (of washing the disciples' feet)? What did He want His disciples to do in the future? (v.14-15)

(As disciples of Jesus, let us look at Jesus' example and meditate on how we can serve one another.)

Ch. 14 – Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

In chapter 13, when Jesus announces his death to his disciples, his disciples become distressed (verse 1). Death was an imminent issue for Jesus but an issue everyone eventually faces. Jesus encourages his disciples not to worry saying "I am the (.....), and the (.....), and the (.....). No one comes to the Father except through me."

Ch. 15 – Jesus, the True Vine

This chapter explains the relationship between Jesus, the true vine, and us, the branches of the vine. Especially in verses 4-7, it is repeatedly explained that we, the branches, must abide in Jesus, the true vine. What do you say will happen if we do not abide in Jesus?

1) Verse 4:

2) Verse 6:

Ch. 16 – The Holy Spirit of Truth

As Jesus continues to talk about his death, he tells his anxious disciples that his departure is actually for their benefit (verse 7). This is because when Jesus leaves, who will He send?

(The Holy Spirit who will come is the "Comforter" (a teacher, counselor, helper who protects and gives grace) and is God who is always with us)

FRI) MARCH 29**Ch. 17 – Jesus' Intercessory Prayer**

This chapter is Jesus' intercessory prayer for himself (verses 1-5), for his disciples (verses 6-19), and for all believers (verses 20-26). In particular, what topic did Jesus pray for repeatedly in his prayers for the saints?

- 1) Verse 21: That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are (.....), and I (.....), that they also may be in us.
- 2) Verse 22: The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be (.....) even as we are (.....).
- 3) Verse 23: I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly (.....).

Ch. 18 – The night Jesus was arrested

This chapter records the events that occurred during the night Jesus was arrested and the early morning of the next day. In verses 12-14, Jesus, who had been captured, was taken to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest at the time. At that time, Caiaphas is said to have advised the Jews that it was beneficial for one person to die for the people (verse 14). In John 11:49-52, Caiaphas "prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into (.....) the children of God who are scattered abroad."

Ch. 19 – Pilate's Trial and Jesus on the Cross

Jesus' death and redemptive work were already prophesied in the Old Testament. See the following Old Testament prophecies for suffering and death of Jesus.

- 1) Verse 1: They took Jesus and flogged him.
 - The second half of Isaiah 53:4:
- 2) Verse 9: Jesus did not answer.
 - Isaiah 53:7
- 3) Verse 24: Let us not tear his clothes, but cast lots for it.
 - Psalm 22:18
- 4) Verse 29: Then they put sour wine to Jesus' mouth.
 - Psalm 69:21

(I hope you have a Good Friday where you are thankful that all the Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled and salvation was completed through the death of Jesus)

SAT) MARCH 30**Ch. 20 – The resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples.**

1) According to this chapter, who did the resurrected Jesus meet?

- Verses 16-18:

- Verses 19-23:

- Verses 26-29:

2) What is the author John's purpose in writing this book (the Gospel of John)?

Ch. 21 – Feed my sheep

After Jesus' death, Jesus came to the disciples who had returned to the life of fishermen (verse 3) and showed them the resurrected Jesus. He specifically asks Peter, "Do you love me?" Today, if Jesus asked me the same question, what would I answer?

What did Jesus say in response to Peter's answer? (Verses 15, 16, 17)

What do these words mean to me?

Tomorrow we will hold a resurrection thanksgiving service at Life Church. We look forward to a worship service that gives thanks and praise for being given life through Jesus, the first fruit of resurrection.