



The Gospel of John Study

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Week 14

Day 1:

John 20:11-18

- ❖ When Mary first sees Jesus, she does not recognize Him. She mistook Him for the gardener. Many scholars believe that Mary may not have recognized Jesus because she only looked in his direction quickly and turned back to the tomb while talking. Another theory is that Jesus' body would have looked different, for he would have had his original youthful appearance of perfect health, in contrast to what He had become through his tremendous suffering and disfigurement. (ESV Study Notes)
- 1. When Jesus says her name, Mary immediately recognizes Jesus. Why did Mary recognize His voice so quickly when He spoke her name?
 - a. What did Jesus say would be true of His sheep in John 10:3-4?
- 2. How does Jesus speak to His children today?
 - a. Do you recognize the voice of Jesus in your everyday life?
 - b. Do you spend enough time with Jesus to be able to discern His voice from the voice of the world?
- 3. Jesus' resurrection changed how we relate to God. According to verse 17, how are we to view God the Father?
 - a. Do you relate to God as your Father?
 - i. How are you building an intimate relationship with God through Christ?

Day 2:

John 20:19-23

1. What evidence did Jesus give to the disciples that He was not just a figment of their imagination or a ghost?
2. What authority did Jesus give to His disciples?
 - a. On what authority were the disciples able to forgive sins?
 - b. How would the disciples been able to have the wisdom to utilize their authority in a godly way?
 - i. What part did the Holy Spirit play?
3. Many of these men would go on to start churches and write much of the New Testament. How does today's passage give you confidence in the authority of the Bible?



- a. If you can trust the Bible, how much do you read it?
- b. When you read God's Word, do you feel the Holy Spirit helping you to understand it?
 - i. Do you feel the loving conviction of the Holy Spirit? How has He used the Bible to help you change?

Day 3:

John 20:24-31

1. Why was it hard for Thomas to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead?
 - a. Have you ever struggled with believing in Jesus?
2. How did Jesus respond to Thomas's unbelief?
3. ¹When Thomas does see the evidence of Jesus' resurrected body, how does he then respond?
- ⊗ What truths from Scripture help you when you are doubting in Jesus?
 - a. How **should** we respond to Christ?

Day 4:

John 21:1-14

1. Read: Luke 5:1-11
 - a. What miracle did Jesus perform that made Peter follow Him as a disciple?
2. How did Jesus reveal Himself to the disciples in our passage today?
 - a. Why do you think Jesus chose to reveal Himself in this way to the disciples?
 - b. What was Jesus communicating to them?
3. How was Jesus building the belief of His disciples through these specific actions?
 - ⊗ How does this story build your belief in Christ?

¹ John note on 20:28: Thomas's confession of Jesus as his Lord (Gk. Kyrios) and God (Gk. Theos) provide a literary link with the references to Jesus as God in the prologue (1:1, 18). This is one of the strongest texts in the NT on the deity of Christ (see 1:1). Some cults try to explain away this clear affirmation of Jesus' deity by arguing that Thomas's statement was merely an exclamation of astonishment that, in effect, took God's name in vain. Such an explanation is unthinkable, however, given the strong Jewish moral convictions of the day and because it is not consistent with the text, which explicitly says that Thomas said these words to him, that is, to Jesus. Thomas's statement is in fact a clear confession of his newly found faith in Jesus as his Lord and God. John's entire purpose in writing this book is that all readers come to confess Jesus as their Lord and God in the same way that Thomas did. (ESV Study Bible Notes).



Day 5:

John 21:1-14

1. The conversation between Jesus and Peter takes place around a charcoal fire. Where was Peter when he denied Jesus in John 18:15-18, 25-27?
 - a. How many times did Peter deny Jesus?
2. How many times does Jesus ask Peter if he loves Him?
3. What does this show you about how Jesus restores His disciples?
4. Have you ever sinned against God and felt like you could never be forgiven?
 - ⊗ How does knowing that God fully forgives and restores us in Christ motivate you to live for Jesus in a genuine way?
 - ⊗ How does this truth change how you approach your life?
 - ⊗ **Memorize: Romans 8:1**

Day 6:

John 21:20-25

1. Do you ever compare yourself to others? Why?
 - a. Do you compare your spiritual walk with others?
 - b. Why are you concerned with how you are doing spiritually in comparison to others?
2. What lesson was Jesus teaching Peter?
3. What can we learn from today's passage about how we are to approach our lives?
4. What are some steps you can take to be faithful to God and what He has planned for you?
 - ⊗ Are you faithfully building your relationship with God?
 - ♥ Are you faithfully loving others?
 - ⇒ Are you faithfully sharing your faith with others and making new disciples?
 - + Are you faithfully using your gifts both inside and outside of the Church?