John’s Gospel – Term 4 Daily Devotions 2019

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| **Week 1** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 1:1-5  Genesis 1:1-2 | * Compare the first verses of John’s Gospel to Genesis. Why do you think the language is so similar? * What was John saying about the Word? * Why do you think John starts off with such a riddle? |
| Day 2 | John 1:6-18 | * Verse 6 introduces a man named John (the baptiser). What was his role? * How does this passage show us that God lived among us? How has God made himself known to us? * Why is it so sad that the world did not recognise him or receive him? |
| Day 3 | John 1:19-28 | * Who was John and what had he come to do? * How would Jesus be different to John? * John prepared people for the Promised King who was going to come. How are you preparing people for his return? |
| Day 4 | John 1:29-34 | * John identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God”. How did John recognise Jesus as this Lamb of God? * What did John mean by Jesus being “the Lamb of God? * How do you recognise Jesus as the Lamb of God in your life? |
| Day 5 | John 1:35-51 | * What did John’s disciples do when John told them that Jesus was the Lamb of God? * Once they believed that Jesus was the messiah (God’s Promised King), what did these disciples do? * Have you ever felt excited about meeting/knowing Jesus? How have you responded to him? |
| **Week 2** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 2:1-12 | * If we run out of food/drink at a party, we go down the street and get more. Why didn’t they do this in this story? * Why was Jesus so annoyed that his mother asked for help? * Jesus still did this for his mother. Do you take God for granted when he answers prayer which he doesn’t have to? |
| Day 2 | John 2:13-22 | * People needed to buy things for temple worship. Why would Jesus be angry about people providing this service? * Jesus compared himself to the temple. Why would he do this? * What was he pointing to when he said that he would raise the temple in three days? |
| Day 3 | John 2:23-3:21 | * Lots of people were beginning to believe in Jesus. What did Jesus say that Nicodemus needed to do? * John 3:16 is one of the most famous verses in the Bible. What does it and the following verse mean? * How has Jesus shined a light in your life? |
| Day 4 | John 3:22-36 | * Why did John’s disciples seem so jealous? * Why didn’t John seem to be jealous? * How can you make sure that Jesus gets more attention than you in your life? |
| Day 5 | John 4:1-42 | * Jesus told the Samaritan woman that he was the Christ. Why is this so surprising? * What did the woman do with this information? What affect did it have on this Samaritan village? * Can you see a field which needs harvesting? How can you be part of that work? How could we support you? |
| **Week 3** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 4:43-54 | * What did Jesus do for the royal official? What was it so important to him and how did he respond? * How does this story show that at least a few people honoured Jesus in his hometown? * Why was verse 48 such a stinging rebuke? Is it still true today? How can we believe without signs and wonders? |
| Day 2 | John 5:1-15 | * What was so outstanding about this miracle? * Why does the Jewish Leaders criticism of the man seem so petty? * Who did the man fear more; Jesus or the Jewish Leaders? |
| Day 3 | John 5:16-47 | * What is so bad about doing work on the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11)? Why is Jesus allowed to work on the Sabbath? * What will the Son have authority to do? * Will studying the Scriptures save you? What will? |
| Day 4 | John 6:1-21 | * Feeding 5000 is a great miracle, but why did Jesus do it? How can we care for people’s needs like Jesus did? * Do you think you would have been afraid if you saw Jesus walking on water during a windstorm? * How astonishing is Jesus? |
| Day 5 | John 6:22-59 | * Jesus said he was the bread of life. How did the feeding of the 5000 show that he was the bread of life? * It must have been weird to be told to eat Jesus’ flesh and blood. How can we understand it better today? * What sort of life does the “bread of life” give? Is it just for this life or for something more? |
| **Week 4** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 6:60-71 | * What was the hard teaching? Why would people not accept it? * Are there teachings of Jesus (or other parts of the Bible) which have made you think about walking away? * What makes you stick with Jesus, despite the difficult teachings? |
| Day 2 | John 7:1-24 | * What is so strange about Jesus being asked to go to Judea for the Passover feast? * In John 6, Jesus’ teaching was too hard. What did they think of Jesus’ teaching in John 7? Where did Jesus say his teaching came from? * How much of a person does Jesus want to save/heal? |
| Day 3 | John 7:25-36 | * Jesus was very controversial. Why would some people want to arrest and/or kill him? * How many things would Jesus need to do to prove he was the Christ/Messiah/Promised King? * How many proofs do you have to see to really place your trust in Jesus? |
| Day 4 | John 7:37-52 | * Where was Jesus born? What was his “hometown” (where he grew up)? * The people did not have the whole story about Jesus’ background. Why was this a problem for them? * Jesus said he could give living water. What did he mean? Do you have the living water? |
| Day 5 | John 8:1-11 | * What had the woman done which would get her stoned? * How did Jesus save her? * Jesus told her to leave her life of sin. How important is the message of repentance when talking about salvation? |
| **Week 5** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 8:12-30 | * Jesus said he was the light of the world. How was he the Light? What did the light shine on? * Do you think people would be happy to be told they will die in their sins? What kind of reaction do you think people would have to that kind of statement today? * Do you make the mistake of thinking that Jesus only said things that are easy to hear? What would he say to you? |
| Day 2 | John 8:31-59 | * “The truth will set you free”. What truth did they have to learn? What did they need to be set free from? * There is a lot of talk of “fathers”. Who are the different fathers and what did it mean to be their children? * What is the big claim that Jesus made at the end of chapter 8? |
| Day 3 | John 9:1-41 | * What did Jesus do for the blind man? How did the man respond to the kindness of Jesus? * Why did the Pharisees question the man so much? How did the man respond to all this questioning? * Who was really the “blind” in this story? Are you blind? Can you remember times when God has helped you see? |
| Day 4 | John 10:1-21 | * What is the parable that Jesus tells at the beginning of John 10? * How is Jesus the gate for the sheep? How is Jesus the good shepherd? * How many ways are there for a person to be part of God’s flock? |
| Day 5 | John 10:22-42 | * Why did the Jews want Jesus to tell them plainly that he was the Christ? * Who did Jesus claim to be? Why is that such a big deal? * Why do some people today believe in Jesus and others not? |
| **Week 6** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 11:1-44 | * Jesus was Lazarus’ friend. Why would he wait until it was too late to heal him? * Jesus told people that by believing in him they could have life. How did Jesus demonstrate this in John 11? * Imagine you were Lazarus, imagine you were his sisters, how would this event change your life completely? |
| Day 2 | John 11:45-57 | * How surprising is it that people plot to kill a man who can raise others from the dead? * Why did they want to kill Jesus? What were they afraid of? * What did Caiaphas mean when he said that it was better for one man to die for the nation? What did he not know about this death and it’s real meaning? |
| Day 3 | John 12:1-11 | * Why would Mary pour the perfume on Jesus? * What was Judas’ objection? What was his real reason for objecting? * How scary would it have been to be Lazarus? |
| Day 4 | John 12:12-19 | * Why were the crowd praising Jesus? What were they saying about him? * Why were the Pharisees so frustrated? * Spend some time praising Jesus as your king. |
| Day 5 | John 12:20-50 | * What does Jesus recognise will happen soon? Who does he turn to at his hour of need? * Jesus is the Light of the world. What does the light show? * What happens for those who accept Jesus? What happens for those who don’t? |
| **Week 7** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 13:1-17 | * How did Jesus show them his love? * At first Peter said, “No”. Then Peter said, “Wash all of me.” Do you go to extremes with God in your life? * How do you follow Jesus’ example of love for others? |
| Day 2 | John 13:18-38 | * Why was it so surprising that one of Jesus’ disciples would betray him? * Why was it so surprising that Peter would deny Jesus? * Is there much of a difference between the two? |
| Day 3 | John 14:1-14 | * Why would Jesus ask them to trust in God and in him also? * What is the relationship between Jesus and the Father? Why is it so significant? * What is the best way for us to get to know the Father? |
| Day 4 | John 14:15-31 | * Who will Jesus send to the disciples? What will he do? * Who is the one who loves Jesus? * How are you loving Jesus? |
| Day 5 | John 15:1-17 | * Jesus said he was the vine. Why is it so important to remain attached to Jesus? * What happens for those who don’t remain attached? * What was Jesus’ command to his disciples? How do we follow this command today? |
| **Week 8** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 15:18-16:4 | * Everybody has people who don’t like them. What is so different about this hate that Jesus describes? * The Holy Spirit is sent to help us speak about Jesus, but what is the risk we take? * Given the danger, why tell people about Jesus? |
| Day 2 | John 16:5-15 | * What will the Holy Spirit convict the world of? * What other things will the Holy Spirit do? * Are you comforted in knowing that God is with you in his Holy Spirit? |
| Day 3 | John 16:16-33 | * Jesus said he would go away and come back. This would cause them grief and then joy. What was he talking about? * Why was Jesus speaking figuratively? Why would he not just tell them what was about to happen? * Are there times when you feel like you don’t know what God is on about? How does this passage help? |
| Day 4 | John 17:1-26 | * Jesus’ prayer is long. What are the main points of this prayer? * Jesus prayed for unity in the church. What does it mean when unity is not there? * What does Jesus say about the relationship between the Father, himself, and his followers? How does this make you feel? |
| Day 5 | John 18:1-11 | * What knowledge had Judas used to betray Jesus? * Why did the soldiers fall to the ground? * Peter came to Jesus’ defence. Why would Peter do this? Why did Jesus stop him? |
| **Week 9** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 18:12-27 | * Why do you think Peter followed Jesus to the high priest’s courtyard? How dangerous was this? * Peter denied Jesus three times. How do you think he felt? * Have you ever done the wrong thing, even when you were trying to do the right thing? |
| Day 2 | John 18:28-40 | * Why would the Jewish leaders want the Romans to kill Jesus? * Why would Pilate offer to free Jesus using a custom to release a prisoner at Passover? * Pilate questioned Jesus and finished by stating, “What is truth?” How is that phrase still relevant today? |
| Day 3 | John 19:1-16a | * Pilate did not want to crucify Jesus. Why was it so hard for him to make sure Jesus was not crucified? * How many times did Pilate try to set Jesus free? * What sort of betrayal do the chief priests commit in verse 15? |
| Day 4 | John 19:16b-27 | * What final battle did the Jewish leaders have with Pilate. Why is it good that Pilate won? * Jesus’ clothes were divided, as prophecy said. Why is it important the prophecy was fulfilled? * Who was at the cross? What does Jesus’ instructions say about him? |
| Day 5 | John 19:28-42 | * More prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus’ death. What kind of things happened to fulfil these prophecies? * Who was the one who saw these things? How do we have his testimony? Do you believe him? * How and where was Jesus buried? |
| **Week 10** |  |  |
| Day 1 | John 20:1-18 | * What did Mary Magdalene find when she went to the tomb? What did the disciple believe when he went into the tomb? * Who did Mary see while she was at the tomb? Imagine trying to understand all that she had seen that morning. * What did Mary do with the news? |
| Day 2 | John 20:19-29 | * Jesus entered a locked house which the disciples were in. How did he greet them? What did he say? How did they feel? * Why did Thomas refuse to believe? What would stop him believing? * Thomas needed proof. Is proof bad? What kind of proof do you need? |
| Day 3 | John 20:30-31 | * Jesus did other miracles and signs. Have you ever wondered what other kinds of signs Jesus might have done? * Why did John write his Gospel? * How has reading this Gospel helped you? |
| Day 4 | John 21:1-14 | * Why do you think Peter decided to go fishing? * Jesus was on the shore. How did they recognise him? * What kinds of reactions did they have to Jesus in this story? Have you ever had similar reactions to Jesus? |
| Day 5 | John 21:15-25 | * Jesus asked Peter 3 times if he loved him. Why would Jesus do this 3 times? * What instructions did Jesus give to Peter? What did Jesus say about these 2 disciples’ deaths? * Do you believe in Jesus? |