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Dear Friend:

We are very happy to hear that you desire to study the Bible. This special course has been prepared to help you to know more about the most widely read book in the world, the Bible, and even more important, in order for you to know Jesus better. All of the lessons are based on one of the books of the Bible called "The Gospel of John." It is the fourth of the four gospels. It was written by the apostle John, and contains the story of the life of Jesus Christ. This will be your textbook for all of the course. You will find that this book is divided into twenty-one chapters, and each chapter is divided into verses, each one numbered. This is a method to help to easily find the verses that you are looking for. You will learn to read the numbers such as: John 1:12. This means that you look for chapter 1 of Saint John, and the 12th verse. That is not difficult, is it? We are going to use some abbreviations: for chapter we will use "Ch." and for verse, we will use "Vs."

There is a theme for each chapter of the book of John: that is, each chapter presents Jesus according to His great power and ministry. Notice how chapter 1 presents Him as "Jesus, the Lamb of God," and each chapter in succession until the last which presents Him as "Jesus, the Son of God."

It is our prayer that your first lesson will be so interesting that you will decide to go ahead and finish all the rest. Read the following instructions and follow them in your study.

1. Try to write clearly and spell correctly.
2. Read carefully the instructions that explain how the questions are to be answered.
3. Answer the questions in your own words.
4. Do the work yourself. That is the only way that you will learn what you need to know about the life of Jesus Christ.

If you have questions or doubts, please write them down. It will be our joy to answer them and in this way we will be able to help you solve any spiritual problems that you may have.

May the Lord bless you.

Chapter 1:1-18

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. He was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
4. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
5. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.
8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
9. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.
10. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
11. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

12. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
13. who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
15. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"
16. And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.
17. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
18. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Introduction — John 1:1-18

Jesus, the Light of the World

There is no doubt about the importance of light in our lives. The absence of light is darkness, and many times means pain, sorrow and fear. In the first 18 verses of this chapter, we find that Jesus is mentioned in 16 of them, and in the other two, reference is made to Him. First, He is presented as the *Word*, who was with God, and who is God, and has made everything that was made. Then in verse 4, it tells us that *life* was in Him — this *life* that is the *light* to all men. Jesus came to the world to take men out of darkness and to fill their lives with *light*. John the Baptist was sent into the world to give testimony to the light that is Jesus Christ. There are several key words in this portion that will help us to understand how to receive light in our lives. One of them is *believe* — verse 12 also uses the word *receive* as the act of believing. If we believe in Christ, we receive Him and He gives us power to become the sons of God. When He enters our hearts, the darkness must flee because He is the light of the world. He wants to come into your life. Do you not wish to invite Him into your heart right now?

When you have read the verses indicated above, look for the words that are asked for, and answer the following questions.

1. In which verses do you find:
the word *believe* _____
the word *life* _____
the word *light* _____
the word *received* _____
2. Write the missing words in the following verses:
In Him was _____, and the _____ was the _____
of men. Vs. 4
3. But as many as Him, to them He gave the right to become
_____, to those who _____ in His name.
Vs. 12
4. The Word became _____ Vs. 14
5. According to verse 18, what was the purpose of the only begotten Son
of God coming into the world? _____

Chapter 1:19-51

19. Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"
20. He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."
21. And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And He answered, "No."
22. Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"
23. He said: "I am

*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Make straight the way of the Lord,"*

- as the prophet Isaiah said."
24. Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.
 25. And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"
 26. John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.
 27. "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."
 28. These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.
 29. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
 30. "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'
 31. "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."
 32. And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.
 33. "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'
 34. "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."
 35. Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

36. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"
37. The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.
38. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"
39. He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).
40. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
41. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).
42. And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).
43. The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."
44. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
45. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."
46. And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."
47. Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"
48. Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."
49. Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
50. Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."
51. And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Lesson 1 — John 1:19-51

Jesus, the Lamb of God

With this lesson, we will begin our study of the Gospel of John. It has to do with the testimony of John the Baptist about himself, and also about Jesus. This is not the John who wrote this Gospel, but the man called John the Baptist. Reading verse 6 of chapter 1, we find that God sent John to give testimony of the *light*, who is Jesus. John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (Vs. 29). In verse 34, he testifies that Jesus is the Son of God because of the sign that God gave him so that John the Baptist would recognize Him. This testimony had a great impact on many people. From verse 35 on to the end of the chapter, we see that many people felt attracted to Jesus Christ and followed Him.

Now we are going to study John's testimony. People came to him asking him who he was, because some of them thought that he might be the Messiah. Look for answers to the following questions:

1. In verse 20, John said: "I am not _____."
2. In verse 23, He said, "I am _____."
3. In verse 23, He tells us that his work was: " _____ the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said.
4. In verse 29, John said, "Behold! The _____ who takes away the _____ of the world!"
5. John said, "I saw _____ descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him." Vs. 32
6. _____, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John speak, and followed him. Vs. 40
7. He first found _____, and said to him, "We have found the _____." (which is translated, the Christ). Vs. 41
8. The following day, Jesus found _____, and said to him, " _____." Vs. 43
9. In verse 49, we find Nathanael's confession: "Rabbi, You are the _____! You are the King of Israel!"

This confession made Nathanael a disciple of Jesus, because he believed and received Jesus. Twice in this chapter, John calls Jesus the Lamb of God. This means that Jesus came to the world to give His life on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of all. He died for you and for me — our part is to receive Him as our Savior.

Chapter 2

1. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

3. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4. Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

5. His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6. Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

7. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

8. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.

9. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

10. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

11. This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

12. After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

13. Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.

15. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

16. And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

17. Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

18. So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

19. Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20. Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21. But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

22. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

23. Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

24. But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men,

25. and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Lesson 2 — John 2

Jesus, the Author of Miracles

Do you know what a miracle is? Here in the gospel of John, they are called “signs.” They are signs or proofs of the deity of Jesus. A miracle is an act or a happening completely contrary to what is normal or natural. For example, if there is a person who has an illness that would take at least six months to get well, and in just a moment he is healed, that would be a miracle of healing. There are many kinds of miracles, and in today’s lesson, we see that Jesus performed His first miracle by supplying a material need (Vs. 11). Jesus did many miracles, but not all of them are written down in this Gospel of John. The author of this book explains why in John 20:30,31. You will see there that he had a reason for writing this book, and to tell us about the miracles that Jesus performed. Find it, and write it on the following line:

What was the purpose of the book of John? _____

Many people were attracted to Jesus because of His miracles, just as they are today. They receive healing for their bodies and salvation for their souls.

Please read this second chapter of the Gospel of John and answer the following questions by filling in the words that are needed:

1. _____ and his disciples were invited to the wedding. Vs. 2
2. The mother of Jesus told the servants, “Whatever He says to you, _____.” Vs. 5
3. Jesus manifested His _____ ; and His disciples _____ in Him. Vs. 11
4. Jesus said, “Do not make My _____ a house of merchandise!” Vs. 16
5. Jesus said to them, “ _____ this temple, and in _____ I will raise it up.” Vs. 19. But He was speaking of the _____ of His _____ . Vs. 21
6. “Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, many _____ in His name when they saw _____ which He did.” Vs. 23
7. “He knew _____ in man.” Vs. 25

We see in this study that Jesus did many miracles of healing, and that many believed in Him because they saw the miracles that He did. Jesus is just the same miracle worker today, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, and doing signs and wonders for those who believe in Him. As you study the life of Jesus Christ

in this course, keep in mind that “Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). As you read about the wonderful things that He did, you should remember that He is just the same today. Trust in Him this very moment to solve whatever problem you may have. He will do it for you if you place your faith and confidence in Him.

Chapter 3

1. There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
3. Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
4. Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
5. Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
6. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7. "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
8. "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
9. Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"
10. Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?"
11. "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.
12. "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"
13. "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.
14. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15. "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
17. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
18. "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
19. "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
20. "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.
21. "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."
22. After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized.
23. Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized.
24. For John had not yet been thrown into prison.
25. Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification.
26. And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"
27. John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.
28. "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.'
29. "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.
30. "He must increase, but I must decrease.
31. "He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.
32. "And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.
33. "He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.
34. "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.
35. "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.
36. "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Lesson 3 — John 3

Jesus, the Savior of the World

Almost all of chapter 3 of the Gospel of John is a conversation between Jesus and a Pharisee named Nicodemus. We find in reading the Gospel of John that many times Jesus denounced the Pharisees because most of them were religious but were hypocrites. But we can see here that if we come to Him with a sincere desire to know the truth, Jesus will demonstrate His wonderful love and patience, just as He did with Nicodemus, who came to Him by night. He was a ruler of the Jews, as verse 1 tells us, which means that he was a very respected man, but he recognized that Jesus was from God because of the signs that He did. He sincerely wanted to know more about Jesus, because the miracles had awakened a great interest in the person of Jesus. We notice that Jesus did not talk about Himself to Nicodemus, but went right to the heart of the problem by telling Nicodemus that his religion would never take him into the Kingdom of God. In fact, what He told Nicodemus was that he would have to start all over again as a new-born child. Of course, Nicodemus had been born in the flesh, but he had never been born of the Spirit, as it tells us in Vs. 6. Jesus explains that this also is a miracle and is brought about by faith. We know that to be born again is to receive Jesus into our life, opening the door of our heart to Him and inviting Him to come in. We receive Him by faith, and the Holy Spirit gives us the new birth experience. This is the only way to become a member of the family of God. You are a member of your own natural family because you were born into that family. It is just the same in the family of God. Look again at verses 11 and 12 of chapter 1, and notice what they tell us about becoming “the sons of God.”

Once again, we notice the words *believe*, *light* and *life*. Count the number of times that the word *believe* appears in this chapter. _____ times. Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the sentences:

1. Nicodemus was a _____ . Vs. 1
2. Jesus said to him, “Unless one _____ , he cannot see _____ .” Vs. 3
3. Jesus said, “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must _____ .’” Vs. 7
4. “For God so _____ the world that He gave _____ , that whoever _____ in Him _____ but have _____ .” Vs. 16
(Learn this verse by memory.)
5. “For God did not send _____ into the world to _____ the world, but that the world through Him _____ .” Vs. 17

6. "And this is the _____, that the light has come into the world, and men loved _____ rather than light, because their _____ are evil." Vs. 19
7. "The Father loves _____, and has given all things _____." Vs. 35
8. "He who _____ in the Son _____." Vs. 36

Chapter 4

1. Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John

2. (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),

3. He left Judea and departed again to Galilee.

4. But He needed to go through Samaria.

5. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

8. For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

10. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11. The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"

12. "Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

13. Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

14. "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

15. The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

16. Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

17. The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'

18. "for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

19. The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20. "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

21. Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22. "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

23. "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

25. The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

26. Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

27. And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

28. The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

29. "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

30. Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

31. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32. But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

33. Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

34. Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

35. "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

36. "And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37. "For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'

38. "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

39. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."

40. So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41. And many more believed because of His own word.

42. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

43. Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee.

44. For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

45. So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

46. So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

48. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

49. The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

50. Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

51. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

52. Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

53. So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

54. This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

Lesson 4 — John 4

Jesus, the Fountain of Living Water

In reading chapter 4 of the Gospel of John, we find another conversation that Jesus had with one person, the Samaritan woman. She was a very sinful woman who had come to draw water from the well, but who received a fountain of living water for her soul. She had drunk many times from the wells of pleasure and sin, but she always was thirsty again. Then this day, she met Jesus and she believed on Him. Her story tells us that He loves the vilest of sinners, and that He is seeking them. He desires that they leave the pleasures, sins and habits that are never able to satisfy, and that they come to Him to drink of the living water. This is the salvation that He offers. This woman left her water jar after talking with Jesus and receiving Him as the promised Messiah. She went running to the town to testify to the people about what had happened to her. The people were all amazed because they could see how happy this woman was now, after knowing how sad her life was before. The whole town came out to see Jesus because of the testimony of this woman.

This chapter ends with the story of another miracle of healing, that of the son of a nobleman. We see that Jesus did not go to where the sick person was, but just spoke the word, "Go, your son lives." The father believed, and his son was healed that very hour. Jesus is the fountain of living water, and of life also. If you have not yet received Him into your heart, do it right now. Say this to Him, "Jesus, come into my heart, I receive you as my Savior and Healer."

1. Jesus said to the woman, " _____ ." Vs. 7
2. He will give you _____ . Vs. 10
3. "The water that I shall give him will become in him _____
_____ springing up into _____ ." Vs. 14
4. "Sir, I perceive that You _____ ." Vs. 19
5. "God is _____ , and those who _____ must
_____ Him in _____ and in _____ ." Vs. 24
6. Jesus said to them, "My food is _____
_____ and to _____ ." Vs. 34
7. The Samaritans said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what
you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know _____
_____ ." Vs. 42
8. Jesus said to the nobleman, " _____ ." Vs. 50
9. "The man believed _____
_____ and he went his way." Vs. 50
10. "He himself believed, and _____ ." Vs. 53

Chapter 5

1. After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

3. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

4. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

5. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

6. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

7. The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8. Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

9. And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

10. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

11. He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

12. Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'"

13. But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

14. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

15. The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16. For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

17. But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

18. Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the

Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

19. Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

20. "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him

all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

21. "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

22. "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

23. "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

24. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

25. "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

26. "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

27. "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

28. "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

29. "and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

30. "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

31. "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.

32. "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.

33. "You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.

34. "Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

35. "He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

36. "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37. "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

38. "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

39. "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of me.

40. "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

41. "I do not receive honor from men.

42. "But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

43. "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

44. "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

45. "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.

46. "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

47. "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

Lesson 5 — John 5

Jesus, the Divine Healer

What great emotion the nobleman must have felt when he arrived home and found his son perfectly well. He believed and his whole family, also, because of this great miracle. Now we see the Lord healing a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years. He was in a place called Bethesda, where there were a lot of sick people — blind, lame and paralyzed. Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been that way for a long time, and he knew that he had no one to help him. Jesus, with such love and compassion, said to him, “Do you want to be made well? . . . Rise, take up your bed and walk.” The man received faith to get up from where he had been lying so long, and took up his bed, and walked away with his bedroll on his shoulder. Later, in the Temple, Jesus found the man and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing comes upon you.” This was very good advice, because often it is sin that leads us to sickness. The Bible promises us in Psalm 103 that it is God who forgives us all our sins and heals all of our diseases. Vs. 3

Jesus explains His close relationship with His Father here in this chapter, but the Jews accused Him of blasphemy. Verse 24 is very important — read it now. If we do not believe in the Son, or we do not honor the Son, we cannot honor the Father. We must hear the Word, believe in the Father who sent us His Son, and then we have eternal life. Have you done this?

Study chapter 5 of the Gospel of John and answer the questions:

1. Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “ _____
_____.” Vs. 8
2. “That day was the _____.” Vs. 9
3. “The Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Him because _____
_____.” Vs. 16
4. Jesus said, “What He sees the _____; for
whatever He does _____ in like manner.” Vs. 19
5. There are two resurrections — the resurrection of the _____
and the resurrection of _____. Vs. 29
6. The Father has committed all judgment to _____. Vs. 22
7. What four persons or things give testimony that the Father sent Jesus, the
Son? Vs. 33-39
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
8. Verse 24 tells us that a person can pass from spiritual death to spiritual life.
Write this verse here and think about the wonderful promise it gives.

Chapter 6

1. After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.

2. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

3. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

4. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

5. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"

6. But this He said to test him, for He himself knew what He would do.

7. Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

8. One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

9. "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

10. Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

12. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."

13. Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

14. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

15. Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

16. Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,

17. got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them.

18. Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing.

19. So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid.

20. But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

21. Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

22. On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone—

23. however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks—

24. when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25. And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

26. Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

27. "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

28. Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29. Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

30. Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?"

31. "Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

32. Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

33. "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

34. Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

35. And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

36. "But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

37. "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

38. "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

39. "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

40. "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that

everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

41. The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven."

42. And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

43. Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves.

44. "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him and I will raise him up at the last day.

45. "It is written in the prophets, '*And they shall all be taught by God.*' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

46. "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

47. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

48. "I am the bread of life.

49. "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50. "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

51. "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

52. The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

53. Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

54. "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

55. "For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.

56. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood

abides in Me, and I in him.

57. "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

58. "This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

59. These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

60. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

61. When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"

62. "What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?"

63. "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

64. "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

65. And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

66. From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

67. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

68. But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

69. "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

70. Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

71. He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

Lesson 6 — John 6

Jesus, the Bread of Life

In the two previous chapters, we have seen the great power of the Lord Jesus to heal the sick. We also saw that He has the power to save us from eternal condemnation if we hear the Word and believe it. Now we are going to see Jesus show forth His great creative power to supply the material needs of a multitude. The spiritual lesson from this is that He is the Bread of Life who has come down from heaven. If we want to receive eternal life, we must partake of the Bread of Life. There is another great proof of His deity which we see when He walks on the water. This shows that He has power and authority over nature.

It was a great miracle when Jesus multiplied the five little loaves of bread and the two little fish into enough food for five thousand men, without counting the women and children. Later, when the people came following after Jesus, He had to rebuke them because they were seeking Him only for the bread He could give them, when what He wanted to give them was the spiritual bread. While it is true that there are many material benefits that we receive when we follow Jesus, it is the spiritual benefit that is most important. He wants us to seek Him for the spiritual bread from heaven, which is Jesus Himself. His words give us life now and for eternity. When many of the crowd turned back and were not going to follow Him anymore, Jesus asked His disciples, “Do you also want to go away?” Then Peter answered, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” There is no other person who can offer us eternal life.

After reading John 6 very carefully, answer the following questions, filling in the blanks with the correct words:

1. “And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given _____ , He distributed them to _____.” Vs. 11
2. Then those men, when they had seen _____ that Jesus did, said “_____.” Vs. 14
3. The disciples saw _____ walking on _____ and they were _____ . Vs. 19
4. But He said to them, “ _____ ; do not be _____ .” Vs. 20
5. Jesus said, “This is the work of God, _____ _____ .” Vs. 29
6. Jesus said, “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, _____ _____ .” Vs. 40
7. What does the person have who believes on Jesus? _____ Vs. 47
8. Do you have eternal life? _____ How do you know? _____

Chapter 7

1. After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.
2. Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.
3. His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.
4. "For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."
5. For even His brothers did not believe in Him.
6. Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.
7. "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.
8. "You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."
9. When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.
10. But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.
11. Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?"
12. And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."
13. However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.
14. Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.
15. And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"
16. Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.
17. "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.
18. "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.
19. "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"
20. The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?"
21. Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel.
22. "Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.
23. "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?
24. "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."
25. Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill?"
26. "But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?"
27. "However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from."
28. Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.
29. "But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."
30. Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
31. And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man had done?"
32. The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.
33. Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me.
34. "You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."
35. Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?"
36. "What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"
37. "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
38. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."
39. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
40. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."
41. Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"
42. "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"
43. So there was a division among the people

because of Him.

44. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"

46. The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

47. Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?"

48. "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees

believed in Him?"

49. "But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

50. Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,

51. "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

52. They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

53. And everyone went to his own house.

Lesson 7 — John 7
Jesus, the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit

The people who lived in the time of Jesus were just like people today. They had many opinions about Jesus and His doctrine. Some believed, and they followed Him. Others even went so far as to say that He was demon-possessed. The Jews were looking for some way to kill Him, but they were careful not to lay hands on Him because of the great multitude that believed on Him because of the signs and wonders that He had done.

The most important part of this chapter for us is found in verses 37 to 39, where Jesus stands up during the great religious festival and announces to all who are thirsty to come to Him and drink. Verse 38 tells us that when we believe in Him, He gives us rivers of living water. This refers to the Holy Spirit that Jesus pours out upon those who believe. In the book of Acts, we read that when Jesus went back to heaven to the right hand of the Father, He poured out the Holy Spirit. This was to make His followers faithful witnesses to the whole world. If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior and have received Him in your heart, He has for you these rivers of living water — rivers of joy and blessing. This is the Comforter of whom Jesus speaks in John 14:6,26. Would you like to receive Him right now? If you have Jesus in your heart, the Holy Spirit wants to fill you with power to witness. Ask Him to fill you now.

Read this chapter and answer the following questions:

1. Did the brothers of Jesus believe in Him? _____
2. Why did the world hate Jesus? _____

3. Jesus said, "My doctrine is not _____, but _____
_____." Vs. 16
4. "If anyone wills to do _____, he shall _____
_____ the doctrine, whether it is from _____
or whether _____." Vs. 17
5. Why could not the Jews lay hands on Jesus? _____

6. "He who believes in Me _____
_____." Vs. 38
7. He spoke this concerning _____, whom those _____
_____." Vs. 39
8. The Holy Spirit was _____ because
_____." Vs. 39

Chapter 8

1. But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2. Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.

3. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,

4. they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.

5. "Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"

6. This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

7. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

8. And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

11. She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

12. Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

13. The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."

14. Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going.

15. "You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.

16. "And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.

17. "It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.

18. "I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

19. Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

20. These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

21. Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come."

22. So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'?"

23. And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

24. "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

25. Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.

26. "I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

27. They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

28. Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

29. "And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

30. As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

31. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

32. "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

33. They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free'?"

34. Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

35. "And a slave does not abide in the house

forever, but a son abides forever.

36. "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

37. "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

38. "I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father."

39. They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.

40. "But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

41. "You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God."

42. Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

43. "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

44. "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

45. "But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

46. "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

47. "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

48. Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

49. Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50. "And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

51. "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

52. Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.'

53. "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"

54. Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.

55. "Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

56. "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

57. Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

58. Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

59. Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Lesson 8 — John 8

Jesus, the Liberator

How precious is our liberty! Many people die fighting against the forces of the oppressor to gain liberty for their country. In this chapter, we see Jesus as the Light of the World, and the great liberator from sin, from the power of the devil, and even from religious traditions that hold us bound. In the first part of the chapter, we see that the scribes and Pharisees had brought a sinful woman to Him. She was accused of adultery, and according to the law, she deserved to be stoned to death. When you read the chapter, you will notice that the accusers could not stand the presence of Jesus. Their lives were full of the darkness of sin and they could not stand the Light of the World. Jesus simply said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” They went out one by one, beginning at the eldest to the youngest, leaving Jesus alone with the woman. Then Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.” What encouraging words to her! Just the same way, Jesus sets us free from sin and condemnation, causing us to walk in light instead of darkness. The woman stayed there in the presence of Jesus, because she had repented, and she received forgiveness for her sins. The key verse of this chapter is verse 36, “Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” Verse 34 explains that whoever commits sin is a slave of sin, but Jesus has power to free us from sin. In the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans, chapter 8, verse 1, we read, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,” referring to those who have received Him as Savior. Have you done this yet?

1. “He who is without _____, let him _____
_____.” Vs. 7
2. He said to the woman, “_____?
_____?” Vs. 10
3. Jesus said to her, “Neither _____;
go _____.” Vs. 11
4. “I am the _____. He who
_____ shall not _____,
but shall have _____.” Vs. 12
5. He said, “And He who _____ is _____ with _____ me. _____ The
Father _____, for I always
do _____.” Vs. 29
6. “As He spoke these words, _____.” Vs. 30
7. “... whosoever _____ sin is a _____
_____.” Vs. 34.
8. “... if _____ makes you _____, you shall _____
_____.” Vs. 36

9. "You are of your father _____.
He was a _____ from the beginning, _____

_____." Vs. 44

Chapter 9

1. Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

2. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3. Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

4. "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

5. "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6. When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

7. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

8. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

9. Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

10. Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

11. He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

12. Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

13. They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

14. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

15. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

16. Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

17. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

18. But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

19. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

20. His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

21. "but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

22. His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

23. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24. So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

25. He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

26. Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

27. He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

28. Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.

29. "We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

30. The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!

31. "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

32. "Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

33. "If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

34. They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

35. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

36. He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

37. And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

38. Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

39. And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

40. Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?"

41. Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

Lesson 9 — John 9

Jesus, the Light of the World

Many times in the Gospel of John, Jesus has been called the Light of the World. This becomes the theme of this chapter, not only because He tells us that He is the Light of the World, but He gives us a vivid illustration by healing the eyes of a poor man who was born blind. The disciples tried to get involved in a discussion with Jesus about this, as to who was to blame for this man being born blind. But Jesus said that the works of God were going to be manifested in the healing of this man. He sent the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam after anointing the eyes of the blind man with clay that He had made. The man obeyed and returned with perfect sight. The neighbors did not believe, and even the parents of this blind man were afraid to confess that Jesus had healed their son. The man was cast out of the Temple, but he accepted Jesus as his Savior, and so received spiritual sight as well as physical sight.

Can you say the same as this blind man, “One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see”? Before we know Jesus, we are spiritually blind, but He opens our eyes and we can see spiritual things.

After reading this chapter very carefully with your heart and mind open, answer the following questions:

1. What did the Pharisees say about Jesus? Vs. 16 _____

2. In which verses did Jesus say that He is the Light of the world? _____
3. What did Jesus put on the eyes of the blind man? _____
4. What did the man have to do to be healed? _____

5. What was the first thing the blind man said about Jesus to the Pharisees?

_____. Vs. 17
6. Why were the parents of this man afraid to confess that Jesus had healed their son? _____

7. Write the confession of the blind man who was healed _____
_____. Vs. 25
8. Why do you think this man believed that Jesus was of God? _____

9. In verse 38 we find this man doing something very important. What was it? _____
10. Which is worse, spiritual blindness or physical blindness? _____

Chapter 10

1. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2. "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3. "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4. "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5. "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

6. Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

7. Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8. "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9. "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10. "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

11. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

12. "But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

13. "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

14. "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

15. "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16. "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

17. "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18. "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

19. Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.

20. And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?"

21. Others said, "These are not the words of one

who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

22. Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

23. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.

24. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

25. Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

26. "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

27. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28. "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

30. "I and My Father are one."

31. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

32. Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

33. The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

34. Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, 'You are gods'?"

35. "If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36. "do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

37. "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

38. "but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."

39. Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

40. And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed.

41. Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true."

42. And many believed in Him there.

Lesson 10 — John 10

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Have you ever thought about what Jesus can be to us in every situation? If we walk in darkness, He is the light; if we are sick, He is our Divine Healer; if we are lost, He is our Savior. Here He tells us that He is the Good Shepherd, and that He gives His life for the sheep. We who have believed in Him are His sheep, and He is our Shepherd. In the Old Testament there is a very beautiful Psalm. Read it and think about what it says:

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23

Can you say, “The Lord is my shepherd?” He wants to be. If you have put all your trust and confidence in Him, He will take care of you. This chapter tells about the intimate relation that you can have with Jesus. Look for the many promises in this chapter and take them for your own life. Read the chapter very reverently, and then answer these questions.

1. What are the things that Jesus promises to do for the sheep?
In Vs. 9 _____
In Vs. 10 _____
In Vs. 28 _____
2. What did Jesus say about the thief in Vs. 10? _____

3. Who is the thief? _____
4. In whose name did Jesus do His mighty works? _____
5. Why were the Jews going to stone Jesus? _____

6. Jesus said, “I and My Father _____.” Vs. 30
7. Could any person take the life of Jesus? Vs. 18 _____
8. Then, how could He die for our sins? _____

9. What did Jesus tell the people to believe in if they could not believe in Him? _____
10. Where did Jesus go after He escaped from His enemies? _____

Chapter 11

1. Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2. It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3. Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

4. When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

5. Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6. So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.

7. Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

8. The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"

9. Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

10. "But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

11. These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

12. Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."

13. However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

14. Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

15. "And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

16. Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

17. So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

18. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away.

19. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that

Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

21. Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22. "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

23. Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24. Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

25. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

26. "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

27. She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

28. And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you."

29. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him.

30. Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him.

31. Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

32. Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

33. Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.

34. And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

35. Jesus wept.

36. Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

37. And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

38. Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

39. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him,

“Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

40. Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”

41. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

42. “And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.”

43. Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!”

44. And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

45. Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

46. But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.

47. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs.

48. “If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”

49. And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all,

50. “nor do you consider that it is expedient for us

that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.”

51. Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that

Jesus would die for the nation,

52. and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

53. Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

54. Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.

55. And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.

56. Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, “What do you think—that He will not come to the feast?”

57. Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

Lesson 11 — John 11

Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life

The multitudes followed Jesus day after day, but He had some friends who were very close to Him. Of course, His twelve disciples were always close to Him, but also there was a family in Bethany that loved Jesus very much. They were Mary, Martha and their brother, Lazarus. One day, Jesus received a very urgent message, and it was that His friend, Lazarus, was very ill. But Jesus did not hurry to get there, but stayed in the place where He was preaching. Finally, after two days had passed, He arrived at Bethany, even though He already knew that Lazarus was dead. He wanted to show that He had power even over death. He stood in front of Lazarus' tomb and called out, "Lazarus, come forth." Then everyone could see that He really was the resurrection and the life, just as He had explained to Martha before. Many believed on Him from that moment, and this made the Jews even more angry. Now they had even more excuse to look for a way to kill Him, because they saw that the multitudes were following after Him. He who had power over death, would soon lay down His life in sacrifice for many. How marvelous! He who was the resurrection and the life would die for those who hated Him. Is not this a wonderful love?

In this chapter, we find some proofs of the deity of Jesus Christ. Fill the spaces with the words that are missing to complete the sentences:

1. Jesus said, "This sickness is not _____, _____ but for _____." Vs. 4
2. Jesus knew that Lazarus was dead even before He arrived at Bethany.
True _____ False _____ Vs. _____
3. The disciples thought that they would die with Jesus if they went with Him.
True _____ False _____ Vs. _____
4. Lazarus had been dead for _____ days when Jesus arrived in Bethany.
5. Jesus said to Martha, "I am _____
_____. He who believes in Me, though _____
_____." Vs. 25
6. Jesus said, "Did I not say to you that _____
_____." Vs. _____
7. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, "Father, _____
_____." Vs. 41
8. "And he who had _____ came out." Vs. 44
9. "Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had _____
_____." Vs. 45
10. The priests and Pharisees said, "If we let Him alone like this, _____
_____." Vs. 48

Chapter 12

1. Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

2. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

3. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

4. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

5. "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

6. This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

7. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

8. "For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

9. Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

10. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,

11. because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

12. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13. took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna!

*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!
The King of Israel!"*

14. Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15. *"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
Behold, your King is coming,
Sitting on a donkey's colt."*

16. His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

17. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

18. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

19. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

20. Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.

21. Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22. Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

23. But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

24. "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

25. "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26. "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

27. "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

28. "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

29. Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

30. Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

31. "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

32. "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

33. This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

34. The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

35. Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he

who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

36. "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

37. But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

38. that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

*"Lord, who has believed our
report?
And to whom has the arm
of the Lord been revealed?"*

39. Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

40. *"He has blinded their eyes and
hardened their hearts,
Lest they should see with their
eyes,
Lest they should understand
with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them."*

41. These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

42. Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

43. for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44. Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.

45. "And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

46. "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

47. "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

48. "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

49. "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

50. "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Lesson 12 — John 12

Jesus, the Triumphant King

We have given this chapter that title because, although Jesus did not make Himself King of Israel as His disciples wanted Him to do, He entered Jerusalem as King of the spiritual kingdom of God. Each day that passed, the Jews were more furious because they could see how the people were following Jesus. The people wanted Jesus to be their king, so that He could take over and set them free from the Romans. But Jesus did not have His eyes on an earthly reign that would soon pass away. He knew that within a few days, He would begin a reign that would be more powerful than any earthly reign. This would be when He died on the cross of Calvary. For this reason, He did not get all excited about the shouts and proclamations of the people. Even when Philip came with some Greeks who were seeking Him, He could only tell them all that He must die and be raised up again to draw all men unto Himself. That which Mary did when she anointed Him with costly perfume was for His burial, He said. In this chapter, we see many references from the book of the prophet, Isaiah, from the Old Testament. They were written hundreds of years before, but they describe exactly the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ.

As you read this chapter, think about the many times that Jesus speaks of His death. Then fill in the spaces and answer the following questions:

1. Mary anointed _____ of Jesus, and wiped _____ with _____. Vs. 3
2. Why did Judas criticize Mary? _____
3. Jesus said, “ _____ ; she has kept this _____.” Vs. 7
4. The chief priests wanted to kill _____ also, because _____. Vs. 11
5. The people cried, “ _____ who comes in the _____ !” Vs. 13
6. The Greeks said, “Sir, _____.” Vs. 21
7. “He who _____ his life _____ , and he who _____ in this world _____.” Vs. 25
8. “And I, _____ from _____ the _____ earth, _____.” Vs. 32

Chapter 13

1. Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

2. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

3. Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,

4. rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

5. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

6. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

7. Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

8. Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

9. Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"

10. Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

11. For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

12. So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

13. "You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

14. "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

16. "Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

17. "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

18. "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, '*He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.*'

19. "Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

20. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives

whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

21. When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

22. Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

23. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

25. Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

26. Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

27. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

28. But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.

29. For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

30. Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

31. So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.

32. "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.

33. "Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.

34. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

36. Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

37. Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

38. Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times."

Lesson 13 — John 13

Jesus, the Servant

In the lesson today, the King that we saw in the last lesson, puts a towel around his waist, pours water into a basin, and begins to wash the disciples' feet. Very soon now, He will be betrayed by Judas. Nevertheless, He washes the feet of Judas, giving His disciples a real example of true humility. He ate with Judas, and loved him to the end, but the heart of Judas was filled with covetousness and bitterness, and there seemed to be no room there for the love of Jesus. In verse 21, Jesus announces to all of them that one of them is going to betray Him. They all began to question, "Who is it?" But then Judas went out of the room, and verse 30 tells us, "And it was night." How black is the night for the person who rejects Jesus and salvation. If you still have not given Him a place in your heart, invite Him right now to come into your heart and life. He will take away the darkness and the "night" of your life.

Then Jesus began to talk to His disciples about love, and that love would be the sign to the world that they were His disciples — that the love that they had one for the other would tell all men that they were His disciples. He also told them that the greatest among them was to be the servant of all.

After reading this chapter very carefully, write the answers to the following questions:

1. With whom was Jesus eating this night? _____
2. Which of the disciples did not want Jesus to wash his feet? _____
3. Why did Jesus wash his disciples' feet? _____

4. Finish this verse: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives _____

_____." Vs. 20
5. What was the new commandment that Jesus gave His disciples? _____

6. How would all men know that they were His disciples? _____

7. Who said, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for your sake." _____ . Vs. _____
8. Jesus answered him, "The rooster _____
till you _____." Vs. _____

Chapter 14

1. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
2. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.
4. "And where I go you know, and the way you know."
5. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"
6. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
7. "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."
8. Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."
9. Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
10. "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.
11. "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.
12. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
13. "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14. "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.
15. "If you love Me, keep My commandments.
16. "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—
17. "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows

Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

18. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

19. "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

20. "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21. "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

22. Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23. Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24. "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

25. "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

26. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

27. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you, Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28. "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

29. "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

30. "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

31. "But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Lesson 14 — John 14

Jesus, the Coming King

The disciples were very sad because Jesus kept telling them that very soon He would be leaving them. But in this chapter, He gives them His promise to return again. What a comfort to them and to us! He also gave them the promise of another Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who would come to be with them forever. He is the Spirit of truth and would guide them into all truth. Jesus Himself is the truth, just as verse 6 of this chapter tells us, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of His children. He has promised us that He will return to take us to be with Him forever in glory. The redeemed, those of us who have trusted in His precious blood to cleanse us and forgive us all our sins, will be caught up to be with Him when He comes again in the clouds. There is a lot written in the New Testament about His second coming. Just as everything that was foretold about His first coming came to pass, so it will be with His second coming. Are you ready? If you have received Jesus as your Savior, and are living in accordance with the teachings of the Bible, He will receive you along with all the saints (His children), according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

As you read this chapter, take note of the many promises that Jesus gives us. You can finish these verses with the missing words. Be sure to fill in the verse where it is asked for.

1. "Let not _____;
you believe in _____, believe also _____." Vs. _____
2. "I will come again and _____
that where I am, there _____." Vs. _____
3. Jesus said to him, " _____.
No one _____ except through Me." Vs. _____
4. "He who _____, the works _____,
_____ ; and greater works _____,
because _____." Vs. 12
5. "And whatever _____ in My name, _____
_____." Vs. 13
6. "If you _____, keep My _____." Vs. _____
7. "And I will pray the Father, and _____

_____, that He _____” Vs. _____
8. “But the _____, the _____
whom the _____ will send _____
He will _____
_____.” Vs. 26

Chapter 15

1. "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
2. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
3. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.
4. "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
5. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
6. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.
7. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
8. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
9. "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.
10. "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
11. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.
12. "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
13. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
14. "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
15. "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from

- My Father I have made known to you.
16. "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.
 17. "These things I command you, that you love one another.
 18. "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.
 19. "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
 20. "Remember the word that I said to you. 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
 21. "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.
 22. "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.
 23. "He who hates Me hates My Father also.
 24. "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.
 25. "But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, '*They hated Me without a cause.*'
 26. "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
 27. "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Lesson 15 — John 15

Jesus, the True Vine

Have you noticed how many different things that Jesus has called Himself? Here we have another parable. A parable is an illustration or a story that presents a spiritual truth, using something natural or material as an example. In this chapter, Jesus says that He is the vine, we are the branches and that His Father is the vinedresser. All of us know that the branches receive their life from the vine, and that the vinedresser cleans, prunes and cares for the branches so that they will bear more fruit. We see here that Jesus wants us to bear fruit; that is, that our lives give a testimony for Jesus and that we win others to Him. This is not difficult, because as we remain in the vine, we will bear much fruit, and the Father will cleanse us so that we can bear even more fruit.

In the last part of this chapter, Jesus explains to His followers that the world only loves those who are of the world, and that it hates the children of God because it hated Jesus Christ who represented the Father. Because they hated Jesus, they hated the Father, as well. But, in spite of that, His disciples continued to testify about Jesus, just as we do today. Have you ever testified to another person? This is the way that we bear fruit for the Lord. If you have never done this, why don't you testify to someone today, telling them that you have believed and trusted Christ as your Savior.

As you read this chapter, pay special attention to all of the promises that Jesus gives us. Then finish the following verses writing in the missing words.

1. "I am _____, and My Father is _____
_____." Vs. _____
2. "You are already _____ because _____
_____ spoken to you." Vs. _____
3. "I am the _____, you are the _____." Vs. _____
4. "If you _____ in Me, and My _____,
you will _____ what you desire, and it shall _____
_____." Vs. _____
5. "If you keep _____, you will _____
_____." Vs. _____
6. "This is My _____, that you _____ one another." Vs. _____
7. "Greater _____ has no one than this, than to _____
_____." Vs. 13
8. "You did not _____, but I _____ and
_____ that you should _____,
and that your fruit _____, that whatever _____
_____ He may give you." Vs. _____

Chapter 16

1. "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.
2. "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.
3. "And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.
4. "But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.
5. "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'
6. "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.
7. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
8. "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
9. "of sin, because they do not believe in Me;
10. "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;
11. "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
12. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
13. "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
14. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
15. "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.
16. "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."
17. Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father?'"
18. They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."
19. Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him,

and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

20. "Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.
21. "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
22. "Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.
23. "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.
24. "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.
25. "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.
26. "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;
27. "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.
28. "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."
29. His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!
30. "Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."
31. Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"
32. "Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
33. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Lesson 16 — John 16

Jesus, the Conqueror of the World

When Jesus was here on earth, He was the one who attracted everyone, but now He was about to leave. Now we hear Him explaining that the Holy Spirit is going to be the one to draw people, and that the Spirit would be the one to reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. In this way, we can say that Jesus still overcomes the world, because every day thousands of persons are brought to Jesus by the Holy Spirit, and they receive Him as Savior.

The disciples heard Him saying all this, and their hearts were very sad because their beloved Master was going to leave them. However, He explained to them that if He did not go away, the Holy Spirit would not come. Jesus was limited by His human body to be in one place at a time, but the Holy Spirit is not limited in this way. He is always present everywhere in the world. He is at your side right now. He helps you to understand the chapters that you read from the Bible. He will teach you all truth, just as Jesus promised. He will comfort you when you are sad and afflicted. In this same verse, Jesus said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Again, we are going to take note of the most important verses in this conversation that Jesus had with His disciples. Finish the following verses:

1. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is _____
_____ ; for if I _____ ,
the Helper _____ ; but if I _____
_____ , I will send Him to you." Vs. _____
2. "And when He has come, He will _____ ,
and of _____ , and of _____ ." Vs. _____
3. "Of sin, because _____ ;"
4. "Of righteousness, because _____
and _____ ;"
5. "Of judgment, because _____ ."
6. "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, _____ ;
for He shall not speak on _____ ." Vs. _____
7. "He will _____
_____ ." Vs. _____
8. "Ask, and you will _____ , that your _____
_____ ." Vs. 24
9. "Whatever you ask the Father in _____ , He _____
_____ ." Vs. 23
10. "For the Father himself _____ , because you have
_____ , and have believed that _____ ."

Chapter 17

1. Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

2. "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

3. "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

4. "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

5. "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

6. "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7. "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

8. "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

10. "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

11. "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

12. "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13. "But now I come to You, and these things I

speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

14. "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15. "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

16. "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17. "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

18. "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19. "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

20. "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

21. "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

23. "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24. "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25. "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

26. "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Lesson 17 — John 17
Jesus, the Intercessor

What is your feeling when someone says to you, “I am praying for you”? You have a good feeling, right? The 17th chapter of the Gospel of John contains the prayer that Jesus prayed for His disciples and for us. This was His last prayer before going to the cross, and it expresses His deep love for them. But it was not just for the disciples that He prayed, for we can apply this to ourselves, because He prayed not only for His disciples who were present, but for all those who would believe the Gospel through their preaching. See verse 20, “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;” If you have believed in Him, He is praying for you. Isn't it marvelous to know that Jesus prays for us? Do you believe that God answers His Son's prayers? Of course, and He will answer by blessing you with spiritual understanding as you read this chapter.

Read this chapter very reverently. Prayer is very sacred because it is having an audience with our Father in heaven. Then answer the following questions:

1. What things did Jesus say that He had done?
Vs. 4 _____
Vs. 6 _____
2. According to Vs. 3, what is eternal life? _____

3. What did the Lord Jesus ask that His Father do for His followers?
Vs. 11 _____
Vs. 13 _____
Vs. 15 _____
Vs. 17 _____
Vs. 24 _____
4. Which verses tell us that Jesus was with the Father before the world was made? _____
5. How do we know that Jesus was praying for us, too? _____
_____. Vs. _____
6. What does Jesus ask in verses 21 and 23 for the world? _____

Chapter 18

1. When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

2. And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

3. Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

4. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

5. They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

6. Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

7. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

8. Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way."

9. that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

10. Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

11. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

12. Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.

13. And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year.

14. Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

16. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

17. Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this

Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

18. Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

19. The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

20. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.

21. "Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

22. And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"

23. Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

24. Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

25. Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"

26. One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

27. Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

28. Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

29. Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

30. They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

31. Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,"

32. that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

33. Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the

King of the Jews?"

34. Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

35. Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

36. Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

37. Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

38. Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

39. "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

40. Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

Lesson 18 - John 18

Jesus, the Heavenly King

Jesus had prayed for His followers because He knew that very soon the prophecy would be fulfilled: “Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave me alone.” (John 16:32) He went with His disciples to a garden to pray. Judas knew the place very well, and so brought the Pharisees and the chief priests there to deliver Jesus into their hands. A large company came to arrest Him, carrying lanterns and torches and weapons. We know that He could have escaped from them, because He had said, “I lay down my life; no one can take it from me.”

Then they took Him to the chief priest, and he sent Him to Pilate to be judged. Pilate asked Him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered him, “My kingdom is not of this world . . .” He stood there before the ruler, but He was more the King than Pilate.

During this time, the disciples were scattered; Peter denied Him three times, and the rooster crowed! All of them were extremely afraid. And the multitude began to cry out, “Release Barabbas to us!” Verse 40 tells us that Barabbas was a robber. What would you have done if you had been there? Would you have denied the Lord? Even today, the world rejects Jesus and prefers a thief (Satan), but all of us must choose. Which shall we choose? The king of Glory!

Answer these questions after reading chapter 18:

1. Which of the disciples betrayed Jesus? _____
2. What happened to the company of soldiers when Jesus said, “I am He”?

3. What did Peter do to defend his Master? _____

4. To whom did they take Jesus after they had bound Him? _____

5. What advice had Caiaphas given the Jews? _____

6. What did the servant girl ask Peter? “_____”
_____?” He said to her, “_____.”
7. How many times did Peter deny Jesus? _____
8. What were the five questions that Pilate asked Jesus?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

Chapter 19

1. So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.
2. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.
3. Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.
4. Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."
5. Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"
6. Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."
7. The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."
8. Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid,
9. and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.
10. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"
11. Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."
12. From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."
13. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.
14. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"
15. But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"
16. Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.
17. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called

in Hebrew, Golgotha,
18. where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.
19. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE
KING OF THE JEWS.

20. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.
21. Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.' ' ' "
22. Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."
23. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.
24. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

*"They divided My garments
among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots."*

Therefore the soldiers did these things.
25. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
26. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"
27. Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.
28. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"
29. Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.
30. So when Jesus had received the sour wine,

He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

31. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32. Then the soldiers came and broke the the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

33. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

35. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

36. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "*Not one of His bones shall be broken.*"

37. And again another Scripture says, "*They shall look on Him whom they pierced.*"

38. After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

39. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

40. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

41. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

42. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

Lesson 19 — John 19

Jesus, the Sacrificed Lamb

The hour had come — the hour in which Jesus was to be sacrificed as the Lamb of God. It is indeed a dark day when humanity crucifies its Creator. He had come to His own, but His own did not receive Him. All had abandoned Him, and the Jews had condemned Him for blasphemy because He declared that He was the Son of God. They delivered Him to Pilate to be judged, and we saw in chapter 18 that Pilate did what he did to please the multitude. He took Jesus, and the soldiers whipped Him. Then the soldiers wove a crown of sharp thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. The One who had come from heaven had to suffer as the vilest of criminals. But He did not turn back, because it was for this that He came into the world. He said, “I lay down my life for my sheep. No man can take it from me; I will lay it down myself.” Also, in John 3:14, He said, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” He died for all — for Pilate, who condemned Him to death because he was afraid; for the priests who rejected Him; for the Roman soldiers who nailed Him to the cross. As the Apostle Peter wrote many years later: “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, should live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Then, in reality, it was our sins that nailed Him to the cross. Have you said “thank you!” to the Lord Jesus for dying in your place? Do it right now, because He died for you.

As you read this chapter, take note of the words spoken by different persons. Then you will be able to identify the words that they spoke:

1. “Hail, King of the Jews!” _____
2. “Where are You from?” _____
3. “Behold the man!” _____
4. “Away with Him! Crucify Him!” _____
5. “Behold your King!” _____
6. “We have no king but Caesar.” _____
7. “It is finished!” _____
8. Many prophecies were fulfilled in this chapter because we read these words several times, “That the Scriptures might be fulfilled.” Look for every place where you find these words and write the number of the verse:

9. Who buried the body of Jesus? _____
10. How did the soldiers make sure that Jesus was dead? _____

Chapter 20

1. Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

2. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

3. Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.

4. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

5. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

6. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there,

7. and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

8. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.

9. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

10. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

11. But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

12. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

14. Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.

15. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have laid Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

16. Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

17. Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I

have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

18. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

19. Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

21. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

22. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23. "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

26. And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

27. Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

28. And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29. Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30. And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

31. but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Lesson 20 — John 20
Jesus, the Resurrected Savior

What would have happened to us if the life of Jesus would have ended with chapter 19 of John? We would not have our salvation, because the perfect life that Jesus lived does not save us. It is because of His death that we receive forgiveness for our sins, and because of His resurrection that we are justified before God. But even His own disciples did not understand this when they saw Him die on the cruel cross; dying in shame, mocked, spat upon, scorned and pierced by the lance of the Roman soldier. The disciples were confused and sad because they had forgotten so many of the things that Jesus had told them. He had said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again” (John 2:19). “I lay down my life, that I might take it again” (John 10:17).

Very early on that first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. Later Peter and John came also, and they saw the empty tomb. They returned to tell the other disciples this astonishing news. But Mary stayed there in the garden weeping, and it was to her that Jesus appeared. Her tears were dried when she saw that her Savior had been raised from the dead. Later Jesus appeared to the disciples when they were in a room with the doors shut for fear of the Jews. The first words of Jesus to them were, “Peace be unto you.” Thomas was not present that first day, and so it was very difficult for him to believe, but when he did believe, he fell at Jesus’ feet, saying “My Lord and my God.” To believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is one of the fundamentals of the gospel. In this way, He proved that He was and is the Son of the Living God. He is no longer on the cross — the cross and the tomb are both empty, and He is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. The apostle Paul explains it this way: “. . . the gospel (good news) which I preached unto you . . . that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3,4). Have you believed in this gospel?

Read this chapter with faith in your heart, then answer the following questions:

1. Which of the disciples were the first to arrive at the tomb? _____
2. What did they see in the tomb? _____
3. Mary saw something else in the tomb. What was it? _____
4. What did they say to Mary? _____
5. What word did Jesus say that caused Mary to recognize Him? _____
6. What day of the week was it when Jesus appeared to His disciples? _____
7. Jesus said unto them, “Receive _____.”
8. Thomas said, “Unless I see in the print of the nails . . . I will

_____.”
9. Learn John 20:31 by memory and write it here: _____

Chapter 21

1. After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself:

2. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

3. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

4. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

6. And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

7. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for He had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

8. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.

9. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

10. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

11. Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

12. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord.

13. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

14. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

15. So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

16. He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

17. He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

18. "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

19. This he spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

20. Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21. Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

22. Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

23. Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

24. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

25. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Lesson 21 — John 21

Jesus, the Son of God

During the forty days after His resurrection until His ascension, Jesus was with His disciples in wonderful fellowship. Now their fears and the horror of seeing Him die had left them, but they still had not begun to preach the gospel. We see in this chapter that Peter decided to go back to fishing, his old work, and so the rest went along with him. They had not received the courage and the anointing that they received later on as it tells us in the book of Acts of the Apostles. The resurrection of Jesus had encouraged them, and now they were not behind closed doors because of their fear of the Jews. After fishing all night long without catching anything, about sunrise they saw a figure on the shore, but they did not recognize that it was Jesus. But they obeyed His instructions and cast the net on the right side of the boat, and made a miraculous catch of fish. Then they knew that it was Jesus, and they all joyfully went to shore.

Do you remember how many times Peter denied the Lord Jesus? Yes; three times. Here we see that Jesus had something to say to Peter. He had already forgiven Peter for being a coward and disloyal to Him, but He wanted something more. He asked him, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?” Peter answered Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. Two more times the Lord repeated this question until Peter was grieved in his heart. And each time Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep . . . feed My lambs.” Peter had denied the Lord three times — now he affirms his love for Jesus three times.

If Jesus came to you at this moment with this same question, what would you say? Do you love the Lord sufficiently to tell others about what He has done in your life? Do you love Jesus more than you love the world? 1 John 2:15 tells us, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” If we truly love Him, we will serve Him; we will leave the pleasures of the world, sin, lying, idolatry, etc., and we will serve the Lord. He waits for our answer, “Yes, Lord, I love you. I want to serve you with all my heart, my strength, my soul and my mind.” Tell Him this right now.

1. How many of the disciples were fishing? _____
2. Which disciple recognized Jesus first? _____
3. What did he do? _____
4. What did Jesus have prepared for them when He said, “Come and dine?”

5. Are all the things that Jesus did written in this book? _____

6. What have you received for your spiritual life by studying this course?
