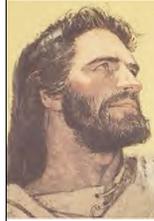


Welcome to

Journey through the Bible



**Book by book
Bible study**



The Gospel of John: Gems in John

These things have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus!

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" ... "I have seen and testify that this is God's Chosen One."

(1:29–34)

Andrew pointed Simon to Jesus!

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter). (1:40–42)

Philip pointed Nathanael to Jesus!

Jesus said to Philip, "Follow me." ... Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip. (1:43–46)

Truth brought Nathanael to Jesus!

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." (1:47–49)

Mary, His mother, pointed to Jesus!

At a wedding in Cana of Galilee, ... Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ... His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ... They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. ... He called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine ... but you have saved the best till now." (2:1-10)

Miracles pointed people to Jesus

While he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person. (2:23–25)

A Pharisee found Jesus at night!

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night ... Jesus said, "I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again" ... "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. ... Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

(3:5–15)

An adulterous woman found Christ!

A Samaritan woman came to draw water. ... Jesus answered, "Everyone who drink this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst. The water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't have to keep coming to draw water."

And became an unlikely evangelist!

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.

They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." (4:39–42)

A distraught father came to Jesus

There was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ... He went to Jesus and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. "Sir, come down before my child dies."

"Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." ... The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

"Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

His entire household believed Jesus

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed." (4:46-53)

But, many did not believe!

The Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" ...

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (6:41–42, 52)

They did not know who Jesus was!

At the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, "Where is he?"

Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

(7:11–13)

The Opposition Reached a Decision

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation." Then one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year spoke up. (11:47–49)

The “unknowing” prophetic voice!

“You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.” He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

(11:49–53)

Jesus knew the cross awaited Him!

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

(12:23–26)

People refused to believe the evidence!

Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. ... Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. but because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human praise more than praise from God. (12:37–43)

Jesus gave us a new commandment!

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (13:34-35)

Love is the essential birthmark of the born again follower of Christ!

Jesus did not leave us alone!

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. ...

He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” (14:16–19)

Jesus is with us every day we live!

Jesus gave us the resource for life!

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (14:26–27)

Jesus gives us peace even in the presence of the corona virus!

Jesus gave us a command to obey!

“My command is this:

Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ... I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.” (15:12–17)

The Holy Spirit makes it possible!

“When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” (16:12–15)

Jesus gave us a promise to claim!

“Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. (16:22–24)

Jesus is the source of eternal life!

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. (17:1-4)

Jesus prayed for you and for me!

“I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ... My prayer is not that You would take them out of the world but that You would protect them from the evil one.” (17:10–15)

Jesus died for you and for me

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” (19:23–24)

Have you looked and believed?

Peter and John started for the tomb. Both were running ... John reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter ... went into the tomb. He saw the burial cloth ... folded and lying by itself ... John also went inside. He saw and believed. (20:3-8)

Jesus left them/us a mission to fulfill

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, ... Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ... he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” (20:19–21)

We have a message that gives life!

Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

(20:29–31)

See you next week!

**As we follow
the spread of the Gospel
in the book of Acts**

