

17. (Week of December 20, 2015)

The Gospel of John

JOHN 15-16

Memory Verse: *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing"* John 15:5 ESV).

- Sun:** John 15:1-11 – Identify each part in this allegory: the vine, the vinedresser (or gardener), the branches, and the fruit. What are the secrets of fruit-bearing?
- Mon:** John 15:12-17 – What commandment does Jesus repeat in verses 12 and 17? (See also John 13:34-35.) How is such love demonstrated?
- Tue:** John 15:18-25 – What kind of treatment should Christians expect from the world and why?
- Wed:** John 15:26-16:4 – Repeat yesterday's question. Also, how does the Holy Spirit help us in facing a hostile world (15:26-27)?
- Thu:** John 16:5-15 – Why is it to our advantage that Jesus went away and sent the Holy Spirit? What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the world? To believers? To Christ himself?
- Fri:** John 16:16-22 – The disciples wondered what Jesus meant by "a little while" (vv. 16-18). How does he explain what he meant in verses 19-22?
- Sat:** John 16:23-33 – What precious promises does Jesus give his disciples concerning prayer? How can we have peace in the midst of trouble (v. 33)?

18. (Week of December 27, 2015)

The Gospel of John

John 17

Memory Verse: *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one"* (John 17:15 ESV).

- Sun:** John 17:1-5 – What is Jesus' prayer for himself? Why is this prayer not an ego trip? How does Jesus define eternal life?
- Mon:** John 17:6-8 – Describe Jesus' relationship to his disciples up to this present time.
- Tue:** John 17:9-12 – Over the next four days consider each of these questions as you read the assigned verses: (1) Who is Jesus praying for? (2) What is his request? (3) What is the relationship of Jesus' disciples to the world? (4) How are these verses an encouragement to you?
- Wed:** John 17:13-15 – See Tuesday's questions.
- Thu:** John 17:16-19 – See Tuesday's questions.
- Fri:** John 17:20-23 – See Tuesday's questions.
- Sat:** John 17:24-26 – What does Jesus desire for his followers in verse 24? What does he promise his followers in verse 26? Throughout this prayer how has Jesus addressed God (see vv. 1, 5, 11, 21, 24, 25)?

19. (Week of January 3, 2016)

The Gospel of John

JOHN 18

Memory Verse: *"For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice"* (John 18:37 ESV).

- Sun:** John 18:1-11 – What impresses you about Jesus Christ in this scene?
- Mon:** John 18:12-14 – To what indignities what Christ subjected in these verses?
- Tue:** John 18:15-18 – Why do you think Peter denied Jesus? (Review John 13:36-38.) Have you ever denied Christ?
- Wed:** John 18:19-24 – Evaluate and discuss Jesus' responses to the high priest.
- Thu:** John 18:25-27 – Repeat Tuesday's questions.
- Fri:** John 18:28-32 – What irony does John the writer insert into the midst of this scene in verse 28?
- Sat:** John 18:33-40 – What impresses you about Jesus Christ in his trial before Pilate? (See 1 Tim. 6:13.) How would you answer Pilate's question in verse 38? What is Pilate's verdict in verse 38?

20. (Week of January 10, 2016)

The Gospel of John

JOHN 19

Memory Verse: *"It is finished"* (John 19:30 ESV).

- Sun:** John 19:1-11 – What impresses you about Jesus Christ in this scene? Also, what is Pilate's verdict in verses 4 and 6? Why was Pilate afraid in verse 8?
- Mon:** John 19:12-16 – What is the irony of the statement of the chief priests in verse 15?
- Tue:** John 19:17-22 – What did Pilate's inscription reveal (perhaps unintentionally) about Jesus? (See also 18:33, 36-37; 19:3, 14-15.)
- Wed:** John 19:23-27 – What Scripture was fulfilled in Jesus' crucifixion? What impresses about Jesus' care for his mother?
- Thu:** John 19:28-30 – What additional Scripture was fulfilled in Jesus' crucifixion? What is the meaning of Jesus' saying, "It is finished"?
- Fri:** John 19:31-37 – What additional Scriptures were fulfilled in Jesus' crucifixion? Why does John the writer include all these fulfilled prophecies in his narrative?
- Sat:** John 19:38-42 – What is the significance of Jesus' burial? How are Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus an example to us?