

KNOWING JESUS H

This study is for anyone. Whether you have known Jesus for decades or if you're curious and may be open to having a relationship with God. My warmest welcome and please feel free to share with whomever this will bless.

For my visual learners:

- Optional movie to watch for a visual display of Jesus' love for you: The Passion of Christ by Mel Gibson
- Who is Jesus from The Bible Project (searchable on YouTube)
- How God is Both One and Three at the Same Time from The Bible Project (searchable on YouTube)

Personal testimony on Jesus' character:

I was in my MBA grad school program at the University of Miami and one of our group projects was to pick from a list of films the professor provided. We had to write a paper about the protagonist, antagonist, the arch of the story and the fall and essentially what the true meaning of the movie was about. Our team picked The Passion of Christ movie from the selections.

One of the classmates, he was very outspoken, he was extremely book smart and came from an Indian background – he never saw The Passion of Christ and the rest of us all watched it, so he was going off our experience. To this day, I wish I would've asked him to watch the movie or read the book for his own experience.

I was guiding that project because I knew the Bible pretty well. I'm not an expert theologian (that's my husband) but I had my fair share of studying the Bible and the Holy Spirit will show me new things all the time while reading. I remember my classmate submitted the paper and said that Jesus was healing people with the magic he had. I remember kindly correcting him and saying it is the Holy Spirit that did all those things when Jesus was on earth. Jesus did the will of his Father.

I could tell he didn't understand so I went a step further.... I went online and did some research since I know this student is passionate about research and true knowledge – I met him where he was at.

I found this review on the movie and texted it in our WhatsApp group thread:

The Passion of Christ - The Ultimate Love Story 🧡



The Passion of Christ is really about a love story -- the love that Christ has for you and me. He was willing to go to the cross, take all the humiliation, extraordinary pain and suffering, and most of all, the sin of the entire human race -- past, present and future -- upon Himself. He was willing to allow Himself to be separated from His Father, God, when He bore my sins and yours. He did it because He loves us, and He so desperately wants you and me to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

After I sent this text, this classmate's demeanor changed completely. You can visibly see he was intrigued and his heart was touched. I felt that he wanted to know more about Jesus. Then he said "I am going to look into Jesus more" after that.

A seed was planted in his heart.

— I may have founded this organization, but God gave me the title 'Gardener'. To this day, that's the best position title the Holy Spirit softly spoke to my heart. I am a gardener who plants seeds of Jesus in people's hearts. Their faith will grow with their relationship with God as God waters that seed.

Open up the Bible or YouVersion Bible app (A physical Bible is better for studies) & take a piece of paper and write your answers down (it's so powerful when you write it down, your heart truly changes with this study!)

Go to the Book of John

Background context of John

John the son of Zebedee, a Palestinian Jew who was among the 12 disciples and part of Jesus' inner apostolic circle. He was known as the disciple "whom Jesus loved" (John 13:23). In addition to this Gospel, John wrote 1–3 John and Revelation. It is believed that he composed his Gospel account sometime between AD 70 (the year the temple was destroyed) and AD 100 (the end of John's life). The Gospel was likely written in Ephesus, a significant city in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) during the Roman Empire era. John's intended audience included both Jews and Gentiles residing in Ephesus and the broader Greco-Roman world toward the conclusion of the first century AD. The book of John is one of the gospels (There are 4 books in the gospels also known as The Good News: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John).

Overall, the Gospel of John offers a distinct perspective on the life, teachings, and significance of Jesus Christ, presenting Him as the divine Son of God who came to reveal God's love and bring salvation to the world.

John Bible Study Chapter by Chapter

1. The Word Became Alive: Read John 1

- a. In verses 1-5, What is the significance of calling Jesus "the Word" (Logos)?
- b. What do verses 4 and 5 say about the role of the Word in bringing life and light? What does that mean to you for your life?
- c. Who was John the Baptist, and what was his mission according to John 1:6-8?
- d. Why did the world not recognize the Word (Jesus) when He came (John 1:10-11)? Have you ever recognized the hand of God over your own life?
- e. What do verses 16-17 say about the grace we receive through Jesus Christ? What does that mean to you?
- f. How do John the Baptist's disciples respond when they hear him refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God (John 1:35-37)?
- g. How does Jesus' interaction with Philip and Nathanael (John 1:43-51) illustrate the calling of discipleship?
- h. <u>Reflection:</u> How can you share the message of Jesus being the "Lamb of God" with others?

2. Miracles from Jesus: Read John 2, 5, 6, 9, 11

John 2 | Water Into Wine

- a. What is the significance of Jesus turning water into wine? What does this miracle reveal about His identity and mission?
- b. Reflect on the importance of Jesus' first miracle being at a wedding. What symbolic meanings can be drawn from this?
- c. What does John reveal about the true meaning of Jesus' statement (John 2:21-22)?
- d. Reflect on the significance of Jesus cleansing the temple. What does this act tell us about His authority and mission?
- e. How does Jesus' miracle at the wedding in Cana demonstrate His compassion and power?
- f. <u>Reflection:</u> Reflect on the cleansing of the temple. How does this challenge you to examine the "temples" in your own life that may need cleansing?

John 5 | Healing at the Pool

- g. What is significant about Jesus healing the man at the pool on the Sabbath (John 5:1-9)?
- h. How do the Jewish leaders react to Jesus healing on the Sabbath (John 5:16-18)?
- i. What does Jesus say about eternal life and judgment (John 5:24-30)?
- j. <u>Reflection:</u> Have you experienced Jesus heal you or someone you know? Do you know that Jesus can still heal you physically?

John 6 | Feeding the 5,000 & Walking on Water

- k. What can we learn from Jesus' provision in the feeding of the five thousand (John 6:1-14)? What provision has Jesus done in your life, what provision are you needing?
- I. How do the people respond to this miracle (John 6:14-15)? If you were there how would you respond?
- m. What does Jesus walking on water reveal about His power (John 6:16-21)? Let's take it a step deeper, have you ever had the confidence and faith in Jesus to walk on water in your life circumstances? What is stopping you from doing that today?
- n. How does Jesus describe Himself as the "bread of life" (John 6:35)? What does that mean to you?
- o. What does Jesus teach about eternal life and belief in Him (John 6:40, 47-51)?
- p. Why do many of Jesus' followers find His teaching difficult to accept (John 6:60-66)? Isn't it the same today? How can we overcome this barrier?
- q. What can we learn from the disciples' decision to stay with Jesus despite difficult teachings? Are you scared to speak the Truth in love to people even though it is a hard biblical truth?
- r. <u>Reflection:</u> Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). If he provided this miracle of bread and fish, what can stop him from doing a miracle in your life? What is stopping you for being bold and talking about Jesus and His Word to people you know?

John 9 | Healing of the Man Born Blind

- s. What is significant about Jesus healing the man born blind (John 9:1-7)?
- t. How do the Pharisees react to the healing, and what does this reveal about their beliefs (John 9:13-17)?
- u. What is the significance of Jesus' statement about spiritual blindness (John 9:39-41)?
- v. Reflection: What does this chapter teach about faith and spiritual sight?

John 11 | Raising Lazurus from the Dead

- w. Why do Mary and Martha send a message to Jesus about Lazarus' illness (John 11:1-3)? What does that tell you about their faith?
- x. How does Jesus explain the situation of Lazarus' death to His disciples (John 11:11-14)? What is the significance of Thomas' statement in John 11:16?
- y. What do Martha's words to Jesus reveal about her faith (John 11:21-27)?
- z. What does Jesus' weeping reveal about His nature and compassion (John 11:35)?
- aa. What is the significance of Jesus praying aloud before raising Lazarus (John 11:41-42)? What does praying aloud do for you today?
- bb. Describe the miracle of Lazarus' resurrection. How does this demonstrate Jesus' power and authority (John 11:43-44)?
- cc. How do the people react to the miracle of Lazarus' resurrection (John 11:45-46)?
- dd. What does Jesus do in response to the growing threat against Him (John 11:54-57)?
- ee. <u>Reflection:</u> In your own life, has a situation moved you that you had compassion for someone's circumstances and you wept? Did you take action to pray for them?

3. The Sacrifice of True Love Just for You: Read John 3

- a. Who was Nicodemus, and what might his visit to Jesus at night signify about his character or position?
- b. What does Jesus mean by saying, "no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again"?
- c. How does Jesus explain the concept of being "born of water and the Spirit" to Nicodemus?
- d. How does Jesus respond to Nicodemus' confusion about being born again? (Verses 9-15)
- e. How does this Old Testament reference relate to Jesus' own mission and purpose?
- f. What does John 3:16 reveal about God's love and the purpose of Jesus' coming? What does that mean personally for you that He died for your sins without even knowing if you will follow Him or not?
- g. What does John mean when he says, "He must become greater; I must become less"? (Verses 25-30)
- h. What testimony does John give about Jesus' authority and the reception of His message?
- i. What does verse 36 say about the consequences of accepting or rejecting Jesus?
- j. <u>Reflection:</u> How does understanding the depth of God's love in John 3:16 impact your view of salvation and your approach to sharing the Gospel?

4. The Woman at the Well: Read John 4

- a. Why did Jesus choose to travel through Samaria, and what does this decision signify? What is the significance of Jesus stopping at Jacob's well? (Verses 1-6)
- b. How does the Samaritan woman react to Jesus asking her for a drink, and why is this interaction unusual?
- c. What do these verses tell us about the cultural and social barriers of the time?
- d. What does Jesus mean by "living water," and how does it contrast with the water from the well?
- e. How does Jesus' knowledge of her personal life affect her perception of Him?

- f. How does Jesus define true worship? What does it mean to worship in "spirit and truth"? (Verses 20-24)
- g. How do the disciples react to seeing Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman?
- h. What does the woman's response to her encounter with Jesus demonstrate about her faith and transformation after finding out that He is the Messiah?
- i. What does Jesus teach about the spiritual harvest, and how does He encourage His disciples to view their mission?
- j. How does the testimony of the Samaritan woman affect the townspeople, and what does this tell us about the power of personal testimony?
- k. <u>Reflection:</u> Consider the impact of personal testimony in sharing the Gospel. How can you effectively share your own experiences with others?

5. Freedom Over Religion: Read John 7

- a. What does Jesus mean when He says, "My time has not yet come"?
- b. Why does Jesus eventually go to the festival in secret, and what does this decision suggest about His approach to His mission? (Verses 10-13)
- c. What is significant about Jesus beginning to teach halfway through the festival?
- d. What does Jesus say about the source of His teaching, and how does this address the question of His authority? How does Jesus challenge the Jews regarding their adherence to the Law of Moses?
- e. What point does Jesus make about judging by mere appearances versus making a right judgment? Have you made judgments by how things look sometimes? What does this scripture mean to you?
- f. What questions do the people of Jerusalem raise about Jesus, and what are their reasons for doubting Him?
- g. How does Jesus address their doubts about His origins and mission?
- h. What reasons do some people give for believing in Jesus, and what miracles do they refer to?
- i. What is the significance of Jesus' invitation on the last day of the festival, and what does He mean by "living water"?
- j. How does John explain Jesus' reference to the Spirit, and what future event is he referring to? (This is in the Understanding the Holy Spirit study)
- k. What is the reaction of the Pharisees, and what does this reveal about their attitude towards those who believe in Jesus?

I. <u>Reflection:</u> How do you handle situations where people have differing opinions about Jesus or spiritual matters?

6. The Truth Will Set You Free: Read John 8

- a. What was the motive of the scribes and Pharisees in bringing the woman caught in adultery to Jesus?
- b. What is significant about Jesus' response, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her"?
- c. What might Jesus have written on the ground, and why do you think He did this?
- d. How do the accusers react to Jesus' statement, and what does this reveal about their own quilt?
- e. What is the significance of Jesus' words to the woman, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more"? What does this really mean that Jesus is saying this, what authority does this show?
- f. What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the light of the world"?
- g. What does Jesus mean when He says, "If you knew me, you would know my Father also"?
- h. What will happen when Jesus is "lifted up," according to verse 28? How do these verses explain the relationship between Jesus' actions and the Father's will? (Verses 28-30)
- i. What does Jesus say about the importance of holding to His teaching, and how does this lead to true freedom? What does it mean to "know the truth," and how does the truth set one free?
- j. How do Jesus' opponents claim Abraham as their father, and how does Jesus challenge this claim?
- k. What is the significance of Jesus' statement, "Before Abraham was born, I am"? (Reference Exodus 3:1-17)
- I. How do the Jews react to this statement, and what does their reaction indicate about their understanding of His claim?
- m. <u>Reflection:</u> How does Jesus' interaction with the woman caught in adultery shape your understanding of grace and forgiveness? Is there anyone in your life that you still need to forgive?

7. Christ's Illustrative Narratives (The Parables): Read John 10

- a. (Verses 1-6) What does Jesus mean when He talks about the thief and the shepherd in these verses?
- b. How do the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice, and what does this tell us about the relationship between Jesus and His followers?
- c. Why do you think the listeners did not understand what Jesus was telling them?
- d. (Verses 7-10) What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the gate for the sheep"?
- e. How does entering through Jesus as the gate lead to salvation and abundant life? What does this mean to you knowing that Jesus is the only way?
- f. How does Jesus, as the good shepherd, demonstrate His care and commitment to the sheep? Why is it significant that the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep?
- g. (Verses 14-18) What does Jesus mean when He says He has "other sheep that are not of this sheep pen"?
- h. How do the different reactions of the people to Jesus' words reflect their understanding or misunderstanding of His identity and mission?
- i. (Verses 25-30) What does Jesus mean when He says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me"?
- j. What assurance does Jesus give about the eternal security of His sheep, and how does He explain His unity with the Father? How does this make you feel that Jesus is referring to His followers as His sheep? What security do you feel in Christ?
- k. <u>Reflection:</u> What does the promise of abundant life through Jesus mean to you personally?

8. The Anointing of Jesus' Feet: Read John 12

- a. What is significant about the setting of this event, happening six days before the Passover?
- b. How does Mary's act of anointing Jesus' feet with perfume reflect her devotion and understanding of Jesus' identity?
- c. How does Judas Iscariot react to Mary's action, and what does this reveal about his character and priorities?

- d. What is the significance of Jesus' response to Judas, "Leave her alone. It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial"?
- e. How does Jesus' statement in verse 8, "You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me," help us understand the priorities in His ministry?
- f. (Verses 23-26) What does Jesus mean when He says, "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life"?
- g. How does Jesus express His inner turmoil about His impending death, and what does this reveal about His humanity? What does it mean to you that even Jesus felt the same emotions you feel now? How much more can you trust in Him knowing that He has been there before?
- h. <u>Reflection:</u> How can you better "walk in the light" of Jesus in your daily life, especially in the face of challenges and misunderstandings?

9. <u>Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet & Jesus Predictions': Read John 13</u>

- a. What does Jesus washing the disciples' feet teach us about humility and service?
- b. Why is it significant that Jesus knew His "hour had come" and still chose to serve His disciples in this way?
- c. How does Jesus' response to Peter ("Unless I wash you, you have no part with me") deepen our understanding of spiritual cleansing?
- d. What does Peter's response ("Then, Lord, not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!") reveal about his understanding of Jesus' actions?
- e. How does Jesus distinguish between being "clean" and needing only to wash the feet, and what might this signify about our spiritual lives? What does this mean for you, specifically?
- f. After washing their feet, what does Jesus explain to His disciples about the significance of what He did?
- g. How can we apply Jesus' teaching on servanthood in our daily lives?
- h. (Verses 18-20) How does Jesus' prediction of His betrayal fulfill Scripture?
- i. (Verses 26-30) What is the significance of Jesus giving the piece of bread to Judas?
- j. How does Judas' departure into the night symbolize the darkness of his actions?
- k. What does Jesus mean by saying, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him"?

- I. How is the glorification of Jesus connected to His impending suffering and death?
- m. What new command does Jesus give His disciples, and how is it related to the love He has shown them? Do you know that same love from Jesus applies to you today?
- n. How does this new commandment to "love one another" serve as a distinguishing mark of Jesus' disciples?
- o. What can we learn from Peter's overconfidence and subsequent denial about our own faith and reliance on Jesus?
- p. <u>Reflection</u>: In what ways can you practice the kind of servant leadership Jesus modeled in your own community or family?

10. Jesus is the Only Way: Read John 14

- a. What does Jesus mean when He tells His disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled"?
- b. What significance do you find in Jesus saying, "I will come back and take you to be with me"?
- c. How does Jesus' declaration, "I am the way and the truth and the life," impact your understanding of salvation?
- d. What does Philip's request, "Lord, show us the Father," reveal about his understanding of Jesus?
- e. Reflect on Jesus' statement, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." What does this mean for your faith?
- f. How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit, and what role does He say the Spirit will play in the lives of believers?
- g. Why is the Holy Spirit referred to as the "Spirit of truth"?
- h. Why does Jesus tell His disciples to be glad that He is going to the Father?
- i. How does Jesus explain His relationship with the Father in these verses?
- j. What is the significance of Jesus' obedience to the Father in the context of His impending death?
- k. <u>Reflection:</u> How can you apply Jesus' promise of preparing a place for you to your daily struggles and anxieties?

11. Relationship With God and The Helper: Read John 15 & 16

a. What does Jesus mean by referring to Himself as the vine and believers as the branches?

- b. How does the imagery of pruning help us understand the process of spiritual growth and discipleship?
- c. What does it mean to abide in Christ, and what are the consequences of not abiding in Him?
- d. How does Jesus' statement about branches that do not bear fruit being thrown away challenge our understanding of salvation and perseverance?
- e. Why does Jesus forewarn His disciples about the persecution they will face?
- f. How does Jesus' prediction of persecution relate to His earlier teachings about abiding in Him?
- g. What role does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will play after His departure?
- h. How does the Holy Spirit's coming relate to the disciples' understanding and proclamation of the truth?
- i. What does Jesus mean when He says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"?
- j. How does the assurance of Jesus' victory over the world give us hope and peace in the midst of trials? Who do you have to help you as a Counselor?
- k. <u>Reflection:</u> Reflect on what it means for you to abide in Christ. How can you deepen your connection with Him in your daily life?

12. Jesus Prays to God, His Father: Read John 17

- a. What is the significance of Jesus lifting His eyes to heaven and addressing the Father?
- b. What does Jesus mean by referring to the Father as "the only true God" and Himself as the one whom God sent?
- c. What is eternal life according to Jesus' definition in these verses?
- d. How does Jesus express His desire to glorify the Father and finish the work He was given to do?
- e. (Verses 11-12) What does Jesus pray for His disciples' protection from in these verses?
- f. Verses 11-12) How does Jesus describe His relationship with His disciples, and how does this relationship reflect the unity of the Trinity?
- g. What role does truth play in sanctifying believers, and how does Jesus set Himself apart as the source of truth?
- h. (Verses 20-23) What is the significance of Jesus' prayer for future believers, including us today?

- i. How does Jesus pray for unity among believers, and why is this important for the effectiveness of their witness?
- j. How does Jesus' prayer for believers' knowledge of His love and presence encourage you in your faith journey?
- k. <u>Reflection:</u> Reflect on your own journey of sanctification. How has Jesus' truth transformed your life?

13. <u>Jesus Got Betrayed: Read John 18</u>

- a. What do you observe about Jesus' actions and demeanor as He goes to the garden to pray?
- b. How does Judas' betrayal unfold, and what role do the soldiers and officials play in the arrest of Jesus?
- c. How does Jesus respond to Peter's attempt to defend Him with a sword?
- d. What does Jesus' statement about the cup the Father has given Him signify, and how does it demonstrate His submission to God's will?
- e. How does Peter's denial of Jesus fulfill Jesus' earlier prediction in John 13:36-38?
- f. Reflect on the fulfillment of Jesus' prediction and the weight of Peter's realization as he denies Jesus for the third time.
- g. How does Jesus respond to Pilate's question about whether He is the King of the Jews?
- h. What do you observe about the crowd's response to Pilate's offer to release Jesus, and what does this reveal about their motives?
- i. <u>Reflection:</u> Meditate on the sacrificial love of Jesus, who willingly endured unjust suffering for the sake of humanity's redemption. How does Jesus' sacrifice inspire you to live a life of selflessness and love?

14. Jesus Died and Resurrected: Read John 19

- a. (Verses 1-16) Reflect on Pilate's repeated attempts to release Jesus and the crowd's insistence on His crucifixion. What do you learn about human nature and the dynamics of mob mentality?
- b. (Verses 17-30) What significance do you find in Jesus' words, "It is finished," and how do they relate to His mission on earth?
- c. <u>(Verses 31-37)</u> Why did the soldiers break the legs of the criminals crucified alongside Jesus, and why did they not break His legs?
- d. What do you observe about the involvement of Nicodemus in preparing Jesus' body for burial, and what significance does this hold?

15. Jesus Resurrected: Read John 20

- a. (Verses 1-10) How do Peter and John respond to Mary's report, and what do they find when they enter the tomb?
- b. Verses (11-18) Reflect on Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus outside the tomb. What does Jesus' interaction with Mary reveal about His resurrection and His relationship with His followers?
- c. (Verses 19-23) What significance do you find in Jesus breathing on His disciples and commissioning them to carry on His mission?
- d. (Verses 24-31) Reflect on Thomas' reaction to the news of Jesus' resurrection and his subsequent encounter with Jesus. How does Jesus respond to Thomas' doubt, and what does this teach us about faith and belief?

16. Jesus Appears to His Disciples: Read John 21

- a. (Verses 1-14) What do you learn about Jesus' care for His disciples from this interaction, particularly in providing for their physical needs?
- b. (Verses 20-25) What impact does the resurrection of Jesus have on the disciples, and how does it shape their future ministry?
- c. <u>Reflection:</u> Reflect on the significance of Jesus' resurrection for your faith and your understanding of salvation. How does the reality of Jesus' victory over death give you hope and assurance in your daily life?
- d. <u>Reflection:</u> Reflect on Jesus' interactions with His disciples after His resurrection. How can you emulate His compassion, forgiveness, and commitment to His followers? In what ways can you respond to Jesus' call to "feed His sheep" by caring for and ministering to those around you?
- e. <u>Reflection:</u> How can you share the message of Jesus' resurrection with others, inviting them to experience new life in Him?

If this comprehensive study has blessed you, please say this prayer out loud:

Prayer Declaration:

Heavenly Father, I pray and declare that my faith is planted on good soil. I pray that my foundation is on the rock of Jesus. I pray that this study resonates with my spirit and I can use it to help others and go back to. Please use my growing faith to learn more about Jesus and His Word daily by spending time in Your presence, reading the Bible and spending time in praise and worship. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Call to salvation:

Will you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior today? Or have you known Jesus before and slipped away? He is calling you back! He died for you and me and wiped the slate clean of our sin. We have a second chance. If you want to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior or recommit your life to him, say this prayer out loud right now:

Heavenly Father, I recognize that I am a sinner and that my sin separates me from you. I repent of all my sins and confess Jesus as my Lord and my Savior. I believe with all my heart that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead. Lord Jesus, come into my heart and come into my life. The day I die, when I open my eyes, I will be in your arms. Amen!

Did you give your life to Jesus today? We want to hear from you! **Text saved to (954) 998-4054** one of the TBG members would like to pray for you and connect you with a community of believers.

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