



LENT

JOURNEY

through John

LENTEN STUDY 2023

The Gospel of John is different from all of the other Gospels. It starts with a word of hope: light in the midst of darkness. We are introduced to the miracles of Jesus at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Then John immediately jumps to Jesus confronting the religious rulers of his day in the Temple. What follows from there is a story of miraculous healing, confrontation, expectation, and next steps for those who receive forgiveness from God.

Going together

This reading plan divides the book into 40 separate days. The questions are designed for you to reflect on the words and stories so that you may apply them to your life as you seek to walk humbly with your God. If you'd like a regular email with the scripture texts and questions included, let us know (details below).

Punching holes in the darkness

Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." We are people who follow the light. We punch holes in the darkness. In addition to this reading plan, I encourage you to find a way to serve, give, or do. It could be collecting extra food for a food drive. It could be giving up a meal eating out and putting the money toward an offering for Rise Against Hunger. It could mean beginning your day in prayer for others. It could mean enjoying times of study and fellowship. It could mean worshiping God regularly.

Whatever your response is this Lenten season

My prayer is that you find the sacredness in every moment of God's holy presence with you.
My prayer is that you draw closer to God with a desire to please and serve God alone.
My prayer is an echo of the prayer of Jesus that we will read on Day 32 of this study, that we "all may be one." -- Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin





Wednesday, February 22: John 1:1-28

Ash Wednesday

Day 1

What does this scripture tell me about God?

What does this scripture tell me about humanity?

What does this scripture tell me about the relationship between God and humanity?

Thursday, February 23: John 1:29-51

Day 2

What did you read in this passage that you did not remember before today?

What meaning does this passage have for Christians today?

What does this passage require of me?

Friday, February 24: John 2:1-25

Day 3

What sights, sounds, smells, and tastes did this reading evoke for you?

What would you be thinking and feeling in the midst of conflict and confrontation?

Saturday, February 25: John 3:1-21

Day 4

What happened in this story?

What did this story likely mean for the first hearers?

What does this story mean for me and my life?

Sunday, February 26: Join us in worship

Week One

Monday, February 27: John 3:22-36

Day 5

Try to write out a paraphrase of this passage into your own words.

Tuesday, February 28: John 4:1-42

Day 6

What do you think the writer intended to say for God to those for whom it was written?

What does this scripture have to say to the church today?

If I took this passage seriously, what change would I have to make in my life?

Wednesday, March 1: John 4:43-54

Day 7

What does this scripture tell me about God?

What does this scripture tell me about humanity?

What does this scripture tell me about the relationship between God and humanity?

Thursday, March 2: John 5:1-30

Day 8

What did you read in this passage that you did not remember before today?

What meaning does this passage have for Christians today?

What does this passage require of me?

Friday, March 3: John 5:31-47**Day 9**

What happened in this story?

What did this story likely mean for the first hearers?

What does this story mean for me and my life?

Saturday, March 4: John 6:1-21**Day 10**

What sights, sounds, smells, and tastes did this reading evoke for you?

What would you be thinking and feeling in the midst of the crowds?

Sunday March 5: Join us in worship**Week Two****Monday, March 6: John 6:22-58****Day 11**

Try to write out a paraphrase of this passage into your own words.

Tuesday, March 7: John 6:60-71**Day 12**

What do you think the writer intended to say for God to those for whom it was written?

What does this scripture have to say to the church today?

If I took this passage seriously, what change would I have to make in my life?

Wednesday, March 8: John 7:1-31**Day 13**

What does this scripture tell me about God?

What does this scripture tell me about humanity?

What does this scripture tell me about the relationship between God and humanity?

Thursday, March 9: John 7:32-53**Day 14**

What did you read in this passage that you did not remember before today?

What meaning does this passage have for Christians today?

What does this passage require of me?

Friday, March 10: John 8:1-30**Day 15**

What happened in this story?

What did this story likely mean for the first hearers?

What does this story mean for me and my life?

Saturday, March 11: John 8:31-59**Day 16**

What sights, sounds, smells, and tastes did this reading evoke for you?

What was the attitude of those trying to argue with Jesus?

Sunday, March 12: Join us for worship**Week Three****Monday, March 13: John 9:1-41****Day 17**

What do you think the writer intended to say for God to those for whom it was written?

What does this scripture have to say to the church today?

If I took this passage seriously, what change would I have to make in my life?

Tuesday, March 14: John 10:1-21**Day 18**

What did you read in this passage that you did not remember before today?

What meaning does this passage have for Christians today?

What does this passage require of me?

Wednesday, March 15: John 10:22-42**Day 19**

What sights, sounds, smells, and tastes did this reading evoke for you?

What is the significance of Jesus crossing the Jordan?

Thursday, March 16: John 11:1-27**Day 20**

What does this scripture tell me about God?

What does this scripture tell me about humanity?

What does this scripture tell me about the relationship between God and humanity?

Friday, March 17: John 11:28-57

Day 21

What happened in this story?

What did this story likely mean for the first hearers?

What does this story mean for me and my life?

Saturday, March 18: John 12:1-26

Day 22

What sights, sounds, smells, and tastes did this reading evoke for you?

What does it mean to worship and celebrate the works of God?

Sunday, March 19: Join us for worship

Week Four

Monday, March 20: John 12:27-50

Day 23

What does this scripture tell me about God?

What does this scripture tell me about humanity?

What does this scripture tell me about the relationship between God and humanity?

Tuesday, March 21: John 13:1-20

Day 24

What did you read in this passage that you did not remember before today?

What meaning does this passage have for Christians today?

What does this passage require of me?

Wednesday, March 22: John 13:21-38

Day 25

What happened in this story?

What did this story likely mean for the first hearers?

What does this story mean for me and my life?

Thursday, March 23: John 14:1-14

Day 26

Try to write out a paraphrase of this passage into your own words.

Friday, March 24: John 14:15-31

Day 27

What do you think the writer intended to say for God to those for whom it was written?

What does this scripture have to say to the church today?

If I took this passage seriously, what change would I have to make in my life?

Saturday, March 25: John 15:1-17

Day 28

What does this scripture tell me about God?

What does this scripture tell me about humanity?

What does this scripture tell me about the relationship between God and humanity?

Sunday March 26: Join us for worship

Week Five

Monday, March 27: John 15:18-27

Day 29

Try to write out a paraphrase of this passage into your own words.

Tuesday, March 28: John 16:1-15

Day 30

What did you read in this passage that you did not remember before today?

What meaning does this passage have for Christians today?

What does this passage require of me?

Wednesday, March 29: John 16:16-33

Day 31

Try to write out a paraphrase of this passage into your own words.

Thursday, March 30: John 17:1-26

Day 32

What sights, sounds, smells, and tastes did this reading evoke for you?

What is Jesus' prayer for his disciples?

What is Jesus' prayer for us today?

Friday, March 31: John 18:1-24

Day 33

What happened in this story?

What did this story likely mean for the first hearers?

What does this story mean for me and my life?

Saturday, April 1: John 18:25-40

Day 34

What sights, sounds, smells, and tastes did this reading evoke for you?

What made this decision so hard for Pilate?

Sunday, April 2: Join us for worship

Week Six

Monday, April 3: John 19:1-27

Day 35

What did you read in this passage that you did not remember before today?

What meaning does this passage have for Christians today?

What does this passage require of me?

Tuesday, April 4: John 19:28-42

Day 36

What does this scripture tell me about God?

What does this scripture tell me about humanity?

What does this scripture tell me about the relationship between God and humanity?

Wednesday, April 5: John 20:1-18

Day 37

What sights, sounds, smells, and tastes did this reading evoke for you?

What range of emotions do you think Mary Magdalene was experiencing?

Thursday, April 6: John 20:19-30

Day 38

What happened in this story?

What did this story likely mean for the first hearers?

What does this story mean for me and my life?

Friday, April 7: John 21:1-14

Day 39

Try to write out a paraphrase of this passage into your own words.

Saturday, April 8: John 21:15-25

Day 40

What do you think the writer intended to say for God to those for whom it was written?

What does this scripture have to say to the church today?

If I took this passage seriously, what change would I have to make in my life?

Easter Sunday, April 9

Join us for worship

6:45AM, 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM