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*And many other signs truly did Jesus
in the presence of his disciples,
which are not written in this book:
But these are written, that ye might believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;
and that believing ye might have life
through his name.*

John 20:30-31

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INTRODUCTION

All of Scripture is a revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. But the Gospel by the Apostle John is perhaps the most explicit of all the books of the Bible in seeking to set forth Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. John stated his purpose in John 20:30-31.

First of all, he wants us to know that this Jesus is the Christ, the long promised Old Testament Messiah. From Genesis to Malachi, God promised He would send One Who would deliver His people from their sins. Jesus came, the Seed of Abraham and heir of David's throne. But more than a mere man, Jesus Christ is God Himself come in the flesh. He is the very Son of God. Secondly, John did not write only to provide a record concerning an unusual event in history. He wants us to understand the truth about Jesus Christ, so that we might have eternal life through faith in Him, the Son of God. The facts of this account are not just true history. They are life imparting. To read this Gospel and fail to see that Jesus is God in the flesh is to miss the message completely. But it is also missed if we accept the historical fact of Jesus' life on earth, but do not believe in Him as God's Savior for our sins. The message of John's Gospel is that we may have eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. To state it another way, a true knowledge of Jesus will bring us to believe in Him and have eternal life.

Given this objective, each portion of the Gospel has been carefully selected by John, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in order to achieve this purpose. No story is given for interest's sake only. All parts of John's Gospel seek to exalt Jesus as the Divine Messiah and lead the reader to salvation through faith in Jesus, the Son of God.

John includes only eight miracles, but gives us perhaps the richest source of the teachings of Jesus in which He claims to be God and the only source of eternal life. An interesting aspect of this Gospel is John's use of several metaphors, such as: the new birth, the Lamb of God, living water, and the true vine, to mention some. All of the signs and teachings are skillfully used by the Holy Spirit to show Jesus as the Son of God and His mission to save sinners.

The following is an outline of John's Gospel:

1. Prologue
(1:1-18).
2. Presentation of the Son of God
(1:19-4:54).
3. Rejection of the Son of God
(5:1-12:50).
4. The Son of God ministers to His own
(13:1-17:26).
5. The death and resurrection of the Son of God
(18:1-20:31).
6. Epilogue
(21:1-25).

We must study this book with a sense of awe as we see the Son of God made flesh in Jesus, the God-Man. We should be greatly humbled and delighted to behold that the perfect Son of God came in human flesh as the Lamb of God to save sinners such as ourselves. It is the foundation for the most amazing message in all human history. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 5:36). We must know it, believe it and proclaim it!

SCHEDULE

Winter/Spring 2018

January 7	Lesson 1: The God Man John 1
January 14	Lesson 2: The Sovereign God John 2
January 21	Lesson 3: The New Birth and Faith John 3
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Memory Assignments

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

John 1:11-13

He came unto his own,
and his own received him not.

But as many as received him,
to them gave he power
to become the sons of God,
even to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood,
nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:29

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him,
and saith, Behold the Lamb of God,
which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 6:35

And Jesus said unto them,
I am the bread of life:
he that cometh to me shall never hunger;
and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Memory Assignments (continued)

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying,
I am the light of the world:
he that followeth me
shall not walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life.

John 10:9

I am the door:
by me if any man enter in,
he shall be saved,
and shall go in and out,
and find pasture.

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 11:25

Jesus said unto her,
I am the resurrection, and the life:
he that believeth in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him,
I am the way, the truth, and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father,
but by me.

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches:
He that abideth in me, and I in him,
the same bringeth forth much fruit:
for without me ye can do nothing.

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Anon., Latin, 11th century
Tr. by Edward Caswall, 1849

John B. Dykes, 1866

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee With sweet - ness fills my breast;
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem - 'ry find,
3. O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
4. But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show:
5. Je - sus, our on - ly Joy be thou, As thou our Prize wilt be;

But sweet - er far thy face to see, And in thy pres - ence rest.
A sweet - er sound than thy blest Name, O Sav - iour of man - kind.
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
The love of Je - sus, what it is None but his loved ones know.
Je - sus, be thou our Glo - ry now, And through e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

Lesson 1: The God Man

John 1

MEMORY: John 1:1

HYMN: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

PURPOSE: *To present Jesus, the Christ, Who is the Son of God, and Who came as the true revelation of God to be the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.*

1. What does John, the Apostle, tell us about the Word?
2. What was the duty of John the Baptist?
3. What are we told about those who are born as children of God?
4. What do we behold, or see, in the Word?
5. When the Jews came to John to inquire who he was, how did he answer?
I am not:
I am not:
I am not:
I am:
6. How did John describe Jesus?
7. How did Andrew describe Jesus to his brother Simon Peter?
8. How did Philip describe Jesus to Nathanael?
9. How did Nathanael describe Jesus?
10. What did Jesus tell Nathanael that he would see?
11. List the different names or titles of Jesus found in this chapter.

Lesson 2: The Sovereign God John 2

MEMORY: John 1:11 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see Jesus as He displays the power of God the Creator, and then directs His wrath on the corrupted house of God.*

1. Who told Jesus that there was no more wine?
2. What did Jesus tell the servants to do with the six water pots?
3. What happened to the water which was in the pots?
4. What does John say about this first miracle? What impact does it have upon the disciples?
5. What did Jesus find when He went into the temple?
6. What did He do about what He found in the temple?
7. What did He say to those who sold doves?
8. What did the disciples remember as they watched Jesus?
9. What sign did Jesus offer to the Jews as proof of His authority?
10. What impact did this event have upon the disciples, and when?
11. Why did Jesus not “commit” Himself to the people who “believed” in His name after they saw the signs which He did?

Lesson 4: The Savior of the World

John 4

MEMORY: John 1:13 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see how Jesus’ offer of living water to the Samaritan woman shows Him to be the Savior of the world.*

1. Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus should ask her for a drink?
2. What two things, if she had known them, would have led the woman to ask and receive living water?
3. What did Jesus tell her about the living water?
4. What did Jesus know about the personal life of this woman?
5. What did Jesus say about true worship of God?
6. What did Jesus tell the disciples about His food?
7. What did the Samaritans come to believe about Jesus, and why did they believe?
8. What did Jesus remark in response to the nobleman’s plea for help?
9. What was the response to this second sign done by Jesus?

Lesson 5: Equal with God John 5

MEMORY: John 1:29 and review

HYMN: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

PURPOSE: *To see that the opposition of the Jews to Jesus arose out of their ignorance of the teachings of Scripture concerning Christ.*

1. What reason did the sick man at the Pool of Bethesda give Jesus for his failure to get well?
2. How did Jesus heal the man?
3. What was the concern of the Jews when they saw the man who had been healed?
4. Why did the Jews want to kill Jesus?
5. Why has the Father committed all judgment to the Son?
6. Where is (eternal) life to be found?
7. What witnesses do we have of Who Jesus is?
8. How did Jesus know that the Jews did not have the love of God in them?
9. How did Jesus know that the Jews did not believe Moses?

Lesson 6: True Bread from Heaven

John 6

MEMORY: John 3:16 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see that Jesus is the bread of God, which gives life to all who believe in Him, and how it is that men come to eat of this bread.*

1. How much food was available to feed the multitude of 5,000?
2. After Jesus fed the multitude from this food, how much was left over?
3. What did the people who had seen this sign say?
4. Why did Jesus go to a mountain to be alone?
5. Why did the people seek Jesus at Capernaum?
6. What is the bread of God?
7. Who will come to Jesus, and what happens to those who come?
8. What is the will of the Father, and what is the work of God?
9. How can anyone come to Jesus?
10. How can we have life within us?
11. How did “many of his disciples” respond to His teaching here?
12. Why did Peter and the twelve not leave Jesus?

Lesson 7: This is the Christ!

John 7

MEMORY: John 6:35 and review

HYMN: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

PURPOSE: *To see the strong opposition to Jesus in the face of overwhelming evidence that He is the Christ.*

1. Why did Jesus' brothers want Him to go to Judea?
2. Why does the world hate Jesus?
3. How did Jesus tell the Jews they could know where His doctrine came from?
4. How did Jesus respond to the criticism that He healed on the Sabbath?
5. The Jews thought they knew where Jesus came from. What did He tell them that they did not know?
6. Why were the Jews unable to take Jesus?
7. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees about where He was going?
8. What teaching about water did Jesus say was in the Scriptures?
9. What teaching from Scripture prevented some from believing on Him?
10. What did Nicodemus suggest that they should do?

Lesson 8: The Eternal God

John 8

MEMORY: John 8:12 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see Jesus as the One Who is not of the world, but of God, and as the Eternal God, is the only source of light and life to men.*

1. Who did Jesus say should be the one to condemn and execute the woman caught in adultery?
2. What did Jesus say would be true about those who follow Him?
3. How did Jesus say we can know the Father?
4. How did Jesus say He was different from the Jews?
5. What would the Jews know when they “lifted up the Son of Man”?
6. What is freedom, and how can we be free?
7. What is true of those who have God as their Father?
8. What is true of those who have the devil as their father?
9. What made Abraham glad?
10. Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus?

Lesson 9: The Light of the World

John 9

MEMORY: John 10:9 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see in the sign of the healing of the blind man by Jesus that He is the only One Who is able to heal the spiritual blindness of men.*

1. What question did the disciples ask about the blind man?
2. Why was the blind man born blind?
3. What did Jesus do to the blind man, and what did He tell the blind man to do?
4. What happened when the blind man obeyed Jesus?
5. What did the man who had been blind tell the Pharisees about the “man...called Jesus”?
6. Why were the blind man’s parents afraid of the Jews?
7. What did the man who had been blind find so “marvelous” about the Pharisees?
8. After the man had been cast out of the synagogue, what did Jesus ask him?
9. How did the man healed of his blindness respond to Jesus’ claim to be the Son of God?
10. Why did Jesus say He had come into the world?

Lesson 10: The Good Shepherd John 10

MEMORY: John 10:11 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see Jesus as the Good Shepherd Who gives His life for the sheep, in order that He may give them eternal life.*

1. What is the difference between a thief or robber and the shepherd of the sheep?
2. Why did Jesus call Himself “the door”?
3. Why does the thief come?
4. Why did Jesus come?
5. What does the Good Shepherd do?
6. Why does the Father love Jesus?
7. Why did the Jews not believe Jesus?
8. What does Jesus say is true about the sheep?
9. Why did the Jews try to stone Jesus?
10. What reason did Jesus give that they should believe on Him?

Lesson 11: The Resurrection and the Life

John 11

MEMORY: John 11:25 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see the resurrection of Lazarus as the sign that Jesus is the One Who provides eternal life to all who believe in Him.*

1. Why did Jesus say that Lazarus had become sick?
2. What did Jesus do when He heard that Lazarus was sick?
3. Why was Jesus glad that He was not present when Lazarus died?
4. How long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived?
5. What did Martha think Jesus was talking about, when He said that Lazarus would rise from the dead?
6. What did Martha believe about Jesus?
7. What did Mary say when she saw Jesus?
8. What did Jesus do when He came to the tomb of Lazarus?
9. Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?
10. What prophetic message did Caiaphas give?
11. How did the chief priests and Pharisees respond to the resurrection of Lazarus?

Lesson 12: The Hour has Come John 12

MEMORY: John 14:6 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see Jesus, the King of Israel, as He approaches the hour of His death.*

1. What upset Judas Iscariot?
2. What did Jesus say that Mary was doing?
3. Why did the chief priests desire to put Lazarus to death?
4. When Jesus came into Jerusalem, what title did the multitude give Him?
5. What did Jesus say about “the hour” that had come?
6. What did Jesus say about His death?
7. Why did the Jews not believe in Jesus?
8. Why did some of the Pharisees who did believe in Jesus not confess Him?
9. What did Jesus say about those who believe in and see Him?
10. What did Jesus say about the command of the Father?

Lesson 13: A New Commandment

John 13

MEMORY: John 15:5 and review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see the love of Jesus for His own as an example of our love for one another.*

1. What does John tell us about the love of Jesus?
2. What did the devil do to Judas?
3. What did Jesus do after dinner?
4. Why did Peter ask to have his feet, hands and head washed?
5. What answer did Jesus give to this request by Peter?
6. What lesson did Jesus want the disciples to learn from what He did?
7. What did Jesus say would make the disciples happy?
8. How did the disciples react to the announcement by Jesus that one of them would betray Him?
9. How are people to know that we are disciples of Jesus?
10. Peter was sure that he would die for the Lord. What did the Lord tell him he would do before 24 hours were up?

Lesson 14: A Message of Comfort

John 14

MEMORY: Review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see the provision Jesus has made for our comfort and peace following His departure to go to the Father.*

1. Why did Jesus say that He was leaving them?
2. How can we go to the Father?
3. How did Jesus answer Philip’s request in verse 8?
4. What did Jesus say is the way to get Him to do the things that we ask?
5. What did Jesus say He will pray to the Father about?
6. What is true of those who love Jesus?
7. What did Jesus tell us about the Holy Spirit in this chapter?
8. Why should the departure of Jesus be a cause of rejoicing to us?
9. Why did Jesus tell of His departure to the Father?
10. How will the world know that Jesus loves the Father?

Lesson 15: The True Vine John 15

MEMORY: Review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see the meaning of abiding in Jesus, the True Vine.*

1. What picture of Jesus and the Father is given?
2. What does the Father do to the vine?
3. How can we bear “much fruit”?
4. What glorifies the Father?
5. How do we abide in the love of Jesus?
6. What did Jesus tell us about joy?
7. What is true of the friends of Jesus?
8. Why did Jesus choose us?
9. Why does the world hate the friends of Jesus?
10. What did Jesus tell us about the Holy Spirit?

Lesson 16: The Spirit of Truth John 16

MEMORY: Review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To learn those things which Jesus spoke in order that we may have peace in a world of tribulation.*

1. Why did Jesus say He was speaking to the disciples?
2. Jesus spoke of a time to come when His disciples will be killed. Why will people do this?
3. Why was it “expedient” for Jesus to go away?
4. What will the Comforter, or Spirit of truth, do for the world when He comes?
5. What will the Comforter, or Spirit of truth, do for the believer when He comes?
6. What do you think that Jesus was referring to when He spoke of sorrow being turned into joy?
7. What did Jesus tell us about making requests of the Father?
8. Why does the Father love the disciples?
9. What did Jesus promise the disciples from Himself, and from the world?

Lesson 17: Jesus Prays John 17

MEMORY: Review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Purpose: To learn those things which Jesus desires of the Father as He prays on the eve of His death.

1. What is the first request that Jesus made?
2. What authority did Jesus claim for Himself?
3. How did Jesus describe eternal life?
4. How did Jesus describe the disciples?
5. For whom does Jesus pray, and for whom does He not pray?
6. The second request Jesus makes is in verse 11. What is it?
7. The third and fourth requests made by Jesus are in the 15th and 17th verses. What are they?
8. What request did Jesus make in verse 21?
9. How is the world to know that Jesus was sent by the Father?
10. What was the final request made by Jesus in verse 24?
11. Why did Jesus declare the name of the Father to us?

Lesson 18: The Son of God Under Arrest

John 18

MEMORY: Review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see the righteous Son of God, betrayed and denied by His friends, willingly submitting Himself to those who falsely accused Him of evil.*

1. What did Jesus know as He went forward to meet the Jews who had come to arrest him?
2. Why did Jesus tell the Jews to let His disciples go?
3. Why did Jesus tell Peter to put away his sword?
4. Who provided Peter with his first opportunity to deny the Lord?
5. What did the high priest ask Jesus about?
6. How did Jesus answer the high priest?
7. What happened after Peter's third denial?
8. How did the Jews answer when Pilate asked what the accusation was against Jesus?
9. Why did the Jews bring Jesus to Pilate?
10. Why did Jesus not resist Pilate and the Jews?
11. Who will hear the voice of Jesus?
12. Who was the man that the Jews preferred to Jesus?

Lesson 19: The Son of God Crucified

John 19

MEMORY: Review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To examine the death of Jesus as an event which occurred by the hands of wicked men, but in fulfillment of Scripture.*

1. After Pilate had Jesus scourged, what judgment did he pronounce?
2. Why did the Jews feel that Jesus should die?
3. What did Jesus say to Pilate’s claim to have power over His life?
4. Why did Pilate condemn Jesus to be crucified?
5. What title did Pilate have written on the cross of Jesus?
6. Why did the soldiers cast lots for Jesus' coat?
7. How is the death of Jesus described?
8. What Scriptures were fulfilled by the soldiers’ treatment of the body of Jesus?
9. How is Joseph of Arimathea described?
10. What did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus do?
11. Where was the body of Jesus placed?

Lesson 20: The Son of God Resurrected

John 20

MEMORY: Review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see the account of the resurrection of Jesus, and the promise of blessing to those who believe in Him.*

1. What report did Mary Magdalene bring to Peter and the other disciples?
2. What did Peter see when he entered the tomb?
3. How did the “other disciple” react to the empty tomb?
4. What did the two disciples not know from Scripture at this time?
5. Why was Mary weeping before the empty tomb of Jesus?
6. What did Jesus tell Mary after He made Himself known to her?
7. What did Jesus show the disciples when He first met with them?
8. What did Thomas say would have to happen for him to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead?
9. After Thomas saw and believed, what did Jesus tell him?
10. Why did John write this book?

Lesson 21: Follow Me! John 21

MEMORY: Review

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PURPOSE: *To see, in the last meeting of Jesus with His disciples, the individual responsibility to follow Him.*

1. What were the disciples doing when Jesus came to them at the Sea of Tiberias?
2. What advice did Jesus give to the unsuccessful fishermen?
3. What happened when the disciples followed His instruction?
4. Who was first to realize that it was the Lord Who had spoken to them?
5. What did Simon Peter do?
6. What did the disciples find when they came to the shore?
7. What three questions did Jesus ask Peter?
8. What three commands did Jesus give Peter?
9. What did Jesus tell Peter about his death?
10. What did Jesus tell Peter when he asked about the “disciple whom Jesus loved”?

NAMES OF CHRIST IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
(From an outline of John, by Dr. John G. Mitchell)

John 1 Christ the Word
John 2 Christ the Creator
John 3 Christ the Saviour
John 4 Christ the Water of Life
John 5 Christ the Judge
John 6 Christ the Bread of Life
John 7 Christ the Heavenly One
John 8-9 Christ the Light of the World
John 10 Christ the Shepherd
John 11 Christ the Resurrection and the Life
John 12 Christ the Center of Attraction
John 13:1-35 Christ the Advocate
John 13:36-14:31 Christ the Coming One
John 15:1-16:4 Christ the Vine
John 16:5-33 Christ the Pre-eminent One
John 17 Christ our High Priest
John 18-19 Christ the Faithful One
John 20 Christ the Victorious One
John 21 Christ the Great and Chief Shepherd