

The Gospel of John

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Monday (Read John 10: 1-21)

This chapter begins by telling the parable of Jesus as a God Shepherd who knows all His sheep, guards them by His providence, guides them by His Spirit and Word and goes before them to set them in the way of His steps. Since many did not understand this parable, Jesus used another, saying "I am the door". What better security do we as the church have than this? Jesus is a door for passage and communication. We can only enter the Kingdom of heaven, through the door that is Jesus Christ Himself.

We see the grace of Jesus Christ as the shepherd when we read that He offered himself to be the sacrifice for the sake of our sins that we may be pardoned.

Finally we read that life with Christ may not always be easy. There may be times that we get reproached for following our Master the Good Shepherd. It is at these times that we must remember what Christ came and did for our sakes before we were even born!

Though guidance is our need each day
We need not search to find our way;
We only need a faithful Guide
And strive to stay close by His side.

Looking for guidance? Follow Christ, your Guide



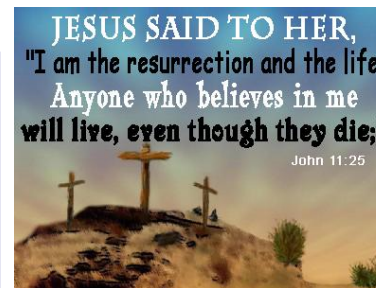
Tuesday (Read John 10: 22-42)

Many who actually saw Jesus' miracles refused to believe that He was the Messiah. They were ready to execute Him for claiming to be God. Jesus told them, "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works [miracles], that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him" (vv.37-38).

The miracles of Jesus identified Him as the Son of God, the Saviour who had come to give His life for the sins of the world. His works and resurrection were not magic tricks, but miracles of love and grace

It took a miracle to put the stars in place;
It took a miracle to hang the world in space.
But when He saved my soul, cleansed and made me whole,

It took a miracle of love and grace!
**Believe in God and you'll believe in miracles;
believe in His Son and you'll experience them!**
**What miracles are happening in your life today
that you need to acknowledge and thank God
for?**



Wednesday (Read John 11:1-27)

This passage reassures us of two truths that can be found in Jesus' words when He speaks to His disciples on the way to Lazarus' grave; on the topic of death.

The first truth was revealed when Jesus said that Lazarus was asleep and that He would wake him (vv.11-14). His disciples responded, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." Jesus replied, "Lazarus is dead." Saying that He would waken Lazarus, was His gentle way to teach them that they didn't need to dread death any more than sleep. Because of His power, resurrecting someone from the grave was like waking someone from sleep.

The second truth in Jesus' statement can be seen when he says to Martha: "He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (vv.25-26). Of course, believers aren't exempt from dying physically, but Jesus promised that they will live eternally. As the resurrection and the life, He will "waken" their bodies someday. His power to do this was demonstrated when He raised Lazarus (vv.43-44).

When someone we love goes to be with Jesus, these promises give us comfort and assurance.

Thursday (Read John 11: 28-57)

Jesus at the grave wept for Lazarus as well as for Mary and Martha and their grief. In verse 33 we read that he “groaned in the spirit and was troubled”. In Luke 19:41-44 we also read that Jesus wept over Jerusalem . And Jesus knows and shares our grief today. Our emotions are God-given. They are a characteristic of our having been made in the image of God. We grieve as he did. But as He promised, we will see Him again in the place He’s preparing for us ([John 14:3](#)). In heaven, our grief will end. “God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying” ([Rev. 21:4](#)).

He knows our burdens and our crosses,
Those things that hurt, our trials and losses,
He cares for every soul that cries,
God wipes the tears from weeping eyes.
If you doubt that Jesus cares, remember His tears.

In this chapter we also read that Caiaphas the high priest unknowingly spoke prophetically about Jesus when he said it would be better for one man to die than for the whole nation to perish ([Jn. 11:50-52](#)). When on the cross Jesus took the penalty we deserved, He put the welfare of others ahead of His own.

Love yourself last, and you will grow in spirit
To see, to hear, to know, and understand;
The blessing of the Lord, you will receive it,
And all God's joys will be at your command.
We are most useful to God when we are most useful to others
In what ways can you put others before yourself in your own life?



Friday (Read John 12: 1-26)

The chapter begins with 3 key events:
* Mary shows Christ a token of her love by anointing His feet with expensive fragrant oil. We read of Judas’ disappointment in this and Jesus reminds all that His time on earth is limited.
* The chief priests plot to kill Lazarus in an attempt to disprove Jesus’ ability to have raised him from the dead because they were disappointed that many of the Jews had converted on account of this.
* Jesus triumphantly enters into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) where as King of Kings he greets the multitude in all humility whilst riding on a donkey.

The chapter then proceeds to Passover week, where we read that Jerusalem was swarming with visitors, including some Greeks who asked Philip if they could see Jesus. In response, Jesus simply said, “**The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified**” ([Jn. 12:23](#)). Then, contrary to what His listeners may have anticipated, Jesus compared His life to a seed, which must die in order to live and bear fruit. As believers in Christ, we shrink from the thought of dying to self – putting ourselves last. Yet in nature we easily accept that a seed must pass through death to produce new life in the spring season. We know that seeds germinate under the ground’s surface, though we don’t see it happening. In today’s circumstances, if we die to self and let the Spirit control our sinful desires, we can be confident that spiritual fruit will germinate within us, even though we can’t see it yet. We can rejoice over every seed of self that dies, for it’s a sign of the coming of spring to our lives.

Saturday (Read John 12: 27-50)

Several key points arise from today’s readings:

- Jesus willingly left His glory in heaven and came to earth, clothed with our humanity, knowing that His purpose was to die for our sins. When talking about His approaching death on the cross, Jesus said, “**Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour**” ([Jn. 12:27](#)). Sacrifice, not self-preservation, was our Saviour’s goal. And He accomplished it to the glory of God.
- We learn about some leaders who were also motivated by a desire to please others. In their case, however, they refused to follow Jesus openly because they wanted to be accepted by the Pharisees. Although they had seen the Saviour’s miracles and believed in Him, they wouldn’t acknowledge this publicly. “They loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (v.43).
- God holds us responsible for the freedom we possess. Jesus said, “**I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness**” ([Jn. 12:46](#)). Choosing Christ will deliver you from the darkness of sin and give your life meaning. It’s your choice.

Jesus is calling, "Today you must choose!"
If you delay, you surely will lose;
Listening now, you can hear the Lord's voice,
Take His salvation—a beautiful choice!
Those who look for truth are in the dark if they reject the One who is the Light.
What decisions must you make to put God first in your life? How can you avoid the darkness of the world and live in the light that comes from being in the presence of God?