

- Last week we studied key events John records in what we call the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of his Gospel account. We did a “deep dive” into the sixth chapter including Christ’s “feeding of the five thousand” and Christ “walking on the water.” We concluded John 6 with a look at what we commonly refer to as Jesus “Bread of Life discourse.” We also hit the highlights of chapters 7 and 8, with a special focus on the “woman caught in adultery.”
- This week we are going to look at the events covered in the ninth chapter through the thirteenth chapter of the book of John. We will look at some miracles John records Jesus performs, including curing the blind and raising the dead. We will look at some things Christ said, and how people reacted to those teachings.
- Jesus heals a man who had been blind from birth by putting mud on his eyes and telling him to go wash it off. The Jewish leaders don’t believe it until they call the man’s parents and they confirm the event. They then recall the man again, he said that he doesn’t know who Jesus is and he wonders that they don’t know who He is, but He gave this man his sight. They get mad and cast the formerly blind man out. Jesus says to the man that He came to make the blind see and those could see be made blind. Some of the Pharisees asks Him if He means they are blind. He responds that since they have claimed they could see, their guilt remains. He obviously means if they don’t accept Him then then don’t “see.” (John 9)
- Jesus compares himself to a door that sheep go through and a good Shepard that will protect his sheep from thieves who would kill and destroy. (John 10:1-20)
- Jesus is saying He and the Father are one. The Jewish religious leaders were going to lead an effort to stone him for this, when Jesus points out that their Old Testament (Psalm 82:6) said “Ye are Gods, sons of the most High” and so they stop for now. Jesus goes into the same area where John the Baptist had been and people there recognize John the Baptist had been talking about Jesus and many believed Him. (John 10:22-42)
- Jesus goes to the home of two women named Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus. He has heard that Lazarus has fallen ill. He is very close to this family. Lazarus dies when Jesus is on the way. Martha tells Christ that if He had been there, her brother would not have died. Jesus tells her that he will be resurrected, to which she says she knows he will be resurrected on the last day. Jesus says that He is the resurrection and she confirms that she believes He is the son of God. Mary and many Jews also say that if Christ had just been there he could have healed Lazarus so he would not have died. Christ weeps when he is brought to the tomb. Christ orders the stone over the grave to be rolled away. Mary objects because he has been dead four days now and there will be a stench. They do it anyway. Christ calls Lazarus to come out and he does. He tells them to release him from his binds because he has been bound up like a mummy. (John 11: 1-44)
- The Pharisees then plotted to kill Jesus because they are afraid of what the Romans will think if He continues to do signs. Caiaphas, the high priest, told them it was better for one man to die for the people than for the whole nation to be taken. From that day on, they started planning to kill Christ, and He was no longer able to walk openly among the Jews. (John 11:45-57).

- Mary (the same Mary that is the sister of Martha and Lazarus) uses an expensive ointment to wash the feet of Christ and wipes it with her hair. Judas Iscariot is not happy because he thinks the ointment should have been sold and the money used to help the poor. Jesus says the poor will always be with them, but Jesus will not. (John 12:1-8)
  - The religious leaders made plans to kill Lazarus too since Jesus had raised him from the dead. They wanted to cover up the evidence. Interesting thought question, what if they had killed him and Christ had just raised him again? (John 12:9-11)
  - A crowd of Jews who had seen Jesus raise Lazarus gets wind of the fact that Christ is coming into town for the Passover on a donkey (as prophesied in Zechariah 9:9) and they gather to praise him. (John 12:12-19)
  - The preparation for Passover is a hectic time. Some Greeks come seeking Jesus, Jesus says He will be lifted up and draw all men unto Him, He says many people won't believe in Him (quoting Isaiah 53:1 and Isaiah 6:10), and that He has come to save the world. (John 12:20-50)
  - Jesus washes the feet of the disciples, and says it is an example for them of service. (John 13:1-20)
  - Jesus indicates that one of his apostles will betray Him. He says it will be the one with whom he shares bread dipped in something (probably olive oil). He does so and gives it to Judas and then Satan enters Judas at that moment and Christ tells Him to go do it quickly. (John 13:21-30)
  - Christ explains that some people can tell if other people are followers of His in that they have love for one another. (John 13:31-35)
  - Christ predicts the fact that Peter will deny that he knows Him three times before a rooster crows. (John 13:36-38)
1. What does Christ use to heal the blind man in John 9?
  2. How do the Jewish religious leaders seek confirmation that the man was born blind?
  3. What does Christ mean when he says those that can see are made blind?
  4. What two things does Jesus compare himself to as a protector of sheep?
  5. When Jesus equates himself with God, what do the Jews want to do?
  6. How does Jesus answer them?
  7. What do the followers of John the Baptist do when they encounter Christ?
  8. Who are Lazarus sisters?
  9. What are the sister's reaction when Christ comes there?
  10. What does Christ do when He get to Lazarus tomb?
  11. Why does Mary object when Christ tells them to roll away the stone from the door?
  12. What happens when Christ calls Lazarus to come out?
  13. Why did the Pharisees start plotting to kill Christ?
  14. How did Christ react to the plot to kill him?
  15. What did Mary use to wash the feet of Christ? What did she use to dry them?
  16. What was Judas' reaction to all this?
  17. What did Christ tell Judas after he objected when Mary washed Christ's feet?

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18. Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Lazarus?
19. What is the significance of Christ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey?
20. What three things does John tell us Christ says in the Preparation for Passover?
21. What does Jesus do to show the disciples how to serve?
22. What does Jesus say is the sign that someone will betray Him? Who is it?
23. How does Christ say that the world will be able to identify His followers?
24. How many times does Christ say Peter will deny Him and before what event?

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