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NAME:

SCRIBBLE DOWN THE NAMES OF SOME

IF YOU'VE GOT A FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE, WRITE IT HERE.



PEOPLE WHO HAVE IMPACTED YOUR LIFE.



THIS IS A LIST...

Fill the lines with things that really matter to you.

GRAB A FRIEND (OR TWO...)

AND ASK THEM TO WRITE POSITIVE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOU HERE.

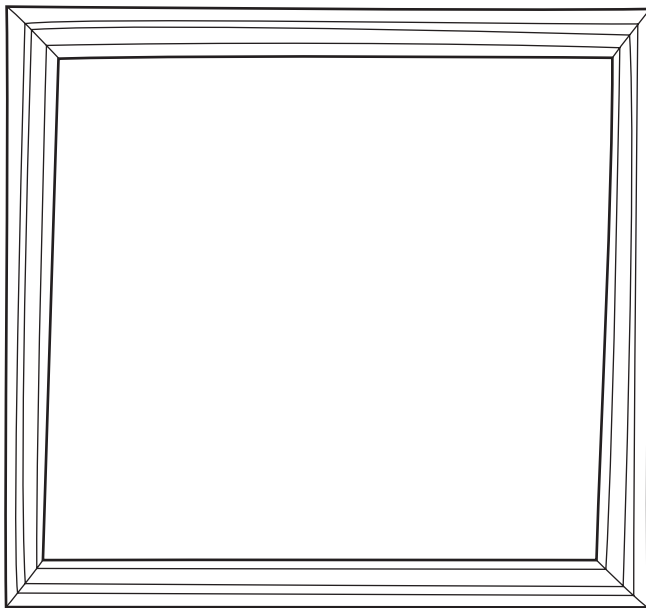
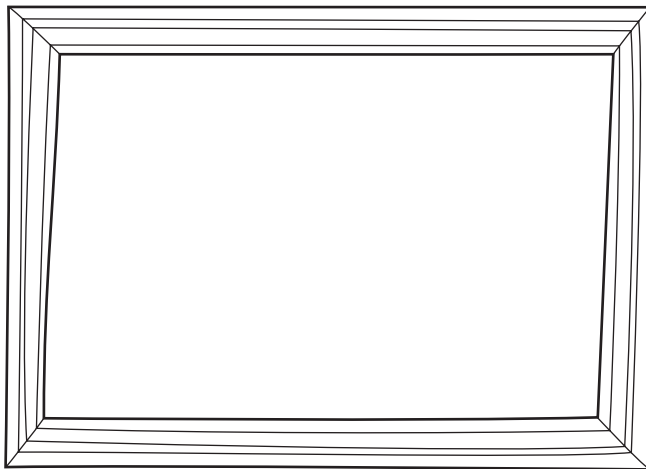
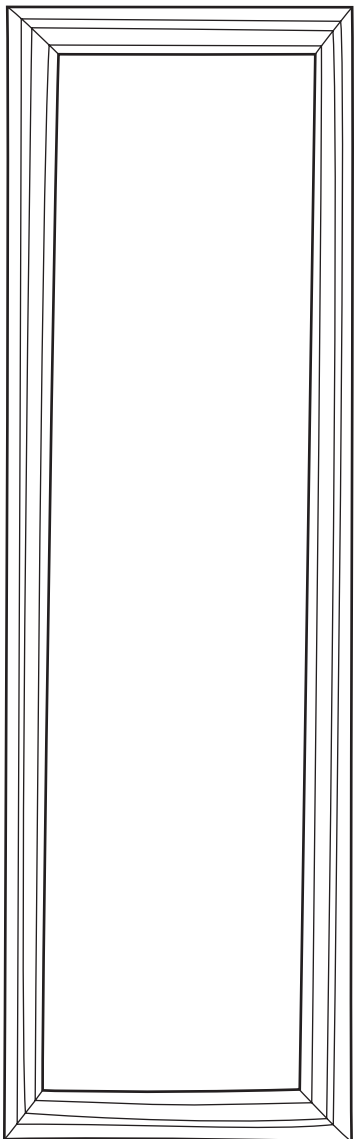


ON THIS LINE, DRAW YOUR LIFE JOURNEY UP UNTIL THIS POINT, AND MARK IT WITH IMPORTANT MOMENTS.

THE GALLERY OF

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS

Cover this space by sticking in things that remind you of times when you encountered God or had a significant moment with him. It could be leaves from walks, letters from friends, wristbands from events... anything!



GOD



X MARKS THE SPOT...

So go ahead and draw an X somewhere on this page that represents your relationship with God. How close to him, or far away, do you feel? Mark it with today's date. Whenever you come back to this page, see if you feel any different and draw another X.

WHY

• READ THE •

BIBLE?

The Bible has something to say about almost all the questions we might be asking - whether about our relationships, our purpose here on earth or how to live a good life. People in really tough situations have read the Bible and found themselves changed. God speaks to us through the Bible, bringing a message of hope, love, forgiveness, freedom and purpose. We learn that nothing can ever separate us from God's love, and we find out more about this God who loves us unconditionally and can make a difference to us today.

The Bible is one of the most influential historical documents of all time and has been transforming people's lives for thousands of years. To hear some stories of how it's still changing people's lives today, go to gnbyouthedition.co.uk/stories

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

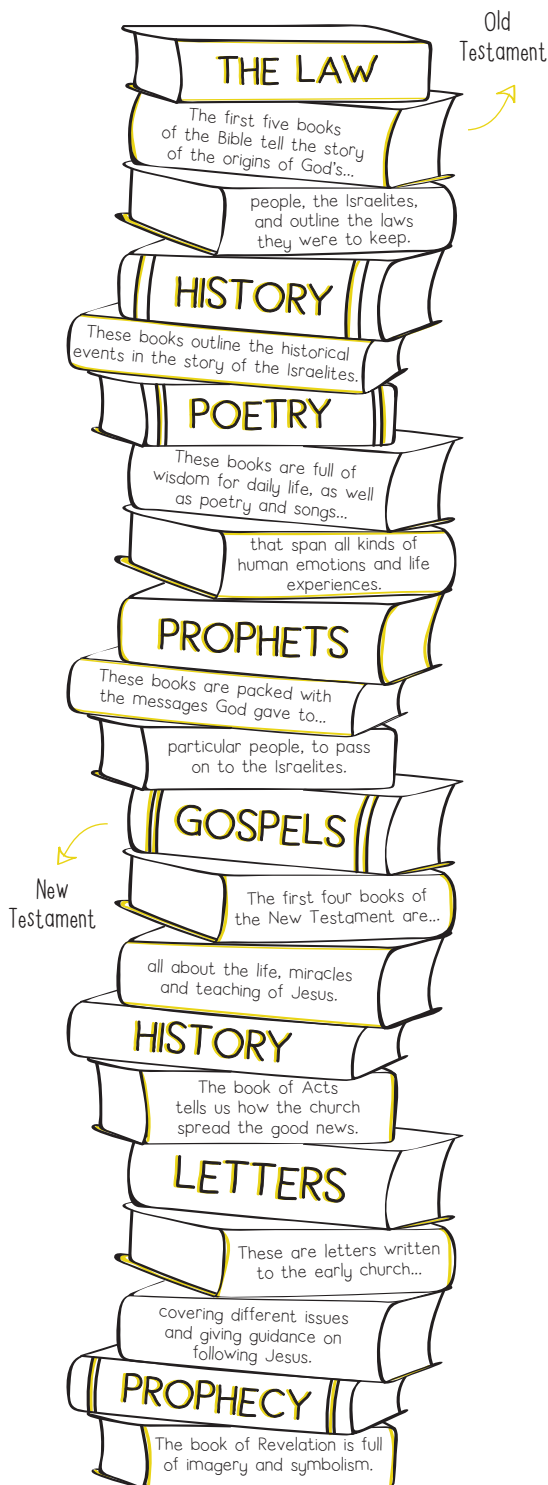
The Bible is more like a library than one book. It's a whole collection of books that tell us who God is and how we fit into the big story of life. It can help to shape our lives today and make a difference to the way we view our identity. We find out that God loves and cares about us and has a plan for our lives.

Take a quick look at the 'What's inside' page (p. 2). You'll see that the Bible is split into two parts called the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament tells us about the Jewish people's history and the way they understood God. The New Testament is the story of Jesus and the difference he makes to our understanding of the same God.

There are loads of different types of books in the Bible. Just as you might have a favourite film genre - such as action, sci-fi or comedy - there might be some biblical genres that interest you more than others. There are songs, poems, stories, letters and much more to unpack.

CHECK THEM OUT!

However, the whole Bible is one big story with a common theme that runs throughout all the little stories. (A fancy word for this kind of big story is 'metanarrative'.)



HOW TO USE THIS BIBLE

Sometimes, getting the most out of the Bible depends on the type of person God created you to be.

ARE YOU A

CREATIVE PERSON?

MAKE USE OF THE SPACE!

COLOUR, DRAW AND IMAGINE.

HIGHLIGHT GREAT VERSES AND MAKE
THE MOST OF THE INTERACTIONS.

ARE YOU A REFLECTIVE PERSON?

Always allow yourself time to

STOP AND THINK.

Use the space to write out your thoughts, and
ask loads of questions about what you read.

THERE'S ALWAYS MORE TO FIND OUT.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE PERSON?

Feel free to take this Bible around with you!

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE READ IN YOUR ROOM.

Carry it with you when you're exploring
new places, and read it there.

Are you a

TALKER?

This book has loads in it to chat about.

GET TOGETHER WITH MATES
and talk through what you read.

Write down questions as you read,
and try to answer them.

ARE YOU A BIT OF EVERYTHING?

Use the Bible differently depending on how you feel at the time.

THERE'S NO RIGHT WAY TO DO IT!



Page number.

2 Chron.
Ezra
Nehem.
Esther
Job

The verse number you are reading.

A list of books either before or after this one.

The book you are reading and the chapters on these pages.

PSALMS 103, 104

- 14 He knows what we are made of;
he remembers that we are dust.
- 15 As for us, our life is like grass.
We grow and flourish like a wild flower;
16 then the wind blows on it, and it is gone —
no one sees it again.
- 17 But for those who honour the LORD, his love lasts for ever,
and his goodness endures for all generations
- 18 of those who are true to his covenant
and who faithfully obey his commands.
- 19 The LORD placed his throne in heaven;
he is king over all.
- 20 Praise the LORD, you strong and mighty angels,
who obey his commands,
who listen to what he says.
- 21 Praise the LORD, all you heavenly powers,
you servants of his, who do his will!
- 22 Praise the LORD, all his creatures
in all the places he rules.
Praise the LORD, my soul!

The chapter number you are reading.

In Praise of the Creator

104

- 1 Praise the LORD, my soul!
O LORD, my God, how great you are!
You are clothed with majesty and glory;
2 you cover yourself with light.
You have spread out the heavens like a tent
3 and built your home on the waters above.*
You use the clouds as your chariot
and ride on the wings of the wind.
4 You use the winds as your messengers
and flashes of lightning as your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth firmly on its foundations,
and it will never be moved.
- 6 You placed the ocean over it like a robe,
and the water covered the mountains.
- 7 When you rebuked the waters, they fled;
they rushed away when they heard your shout of command.
- 8 They flowed over the mountains and into the valleys,
to the place you had made for them.
- 9 You set a boundary they can never pass,
to keep them from covering the earth again.
- 10 You make springs flow in the valleys,
and rivers run between the hills.
- 11 They provide water for the wild animals;
there the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12 In the trees near by,
the birds make their nests and sing.
- 13 From the sky you send rain on the hills,
and the earth is filled with your blessings.
- 14 You make grass grow for the cattle

PSALM 104

Use this space to

— DOODLE —

**DIFFERENT
IMAGES**

that are used in Psalm
104. Reflect on God as
Creator while you do it.

There are different things for you
to do in the margins. Some are creative,
some will make you think and some just
leave room for you to do your own thing!

Extra information about the text

104.3 *the waters above*: A reference to the waters above the celestial dome (Gen 1.6–7).

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

On this page are a bunch of ideas to help you engage with the Bible. If you're finding it hard to get going, here are some top tips to start you off.

READ THE GOSPEL OF MARK

It's short, snappy and all about Jesus.
(Don't worry if you can't read it all in one go, though.)

PROVERBS IS FULL OF WISDOM FOR LIFE

... and you can read just one verse at a time.

THE PSALMS SPAN THE WHOLE RANGE OF HUMAN EMOTION

... and their poetic style makes them easy to read.
Perhaps start with a short one, like Psalm 23.

CHECK OUT THE BIBLE READING PLANS ON PAGES 19-20

To find out how to connect with God

through the Bible and prayer,
head to gnbyouthedition.co.uk/connectbible
and gnbyouthedition.co.uk/connectprayer
to watch a couple of

≡ FILMS ≡

WE MADE ABOUT IT.

GOT 5 MINUTES?

If you've only got a few minutes, that's cool, but it might be worth picking a story from the Gospels or a psalm to focus on - something punchy and short. The key is not to spend the whole time reading. Make space before and afterwards to process what you've read, and be creative.

GOT 15 MINUTES?

15 minutes is a good amount of time to go through a chapter of the Bible. It's probably best not to grab any chapter at random, though. Maybe start at the beginning of a new book? Pray first, read a chapter, stop for a minute, then read it again. On the second time, underline, ask questions, colour and imagine! And it's always good to ask: what does this mean for me?

GOT 30 MINUTES?

If you have a bit longer, you can read a longer chapter, or a few chapters back to back. Or you can go really deep on one chapter, or even one verse. Having more time means you can focus on reflecting more. Try memorising a few verses, or close your eyes and keep repeating a passage, pulling out different words. If you make a habit of meditating like this, it could change your life!

THE BIBLE:

HOW IT CAME TOGETHER

So, how did the Bible come together? Who put all of the books in order and why were those ones chosen?

WELL, HERE'S A SNAPSHOT.

The early Christians (in churches that sprang up after Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven) needed guidance on how to live their lives as followers of Jesus. They used both the Jewish holy scriptures (which we call the Old Testament) and also stories of eyewitnesses' experiences with Jesus.

The Old Testament was based on oral history - stories passed down from generation to generation. Once the Jews were in exile, it seemed important to make sure all their laws and stories were written down, and so the Old Testament was gradually put together.

Regarding the eyewitnesses' stories of Jesus, the believers realised that once these people had died, their stories would be lost, so many people tried to put them down in writing. There were also letters written by church leaders such as Paul and Peter to answer the early believers' questions and to encourage them as they worked out how to live the Christian life.

However, after the first century AD, lots of less reliable books began to appear, causing confusion. In AD367, a bishop called Athanasius put together a list of the most trustworthy books and letters to read. His list was backed up by two councils of important people in the cities of Rome and Carthage, and that list formed the New Testament we have today.

You can find out more detail about how the Bible was put together

(and how reliable it is) by heading to gnbyouthedition.co.uk/bibletogether to

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WE MADE ABOUT IT.

HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

A Christian is someone who follows Jesus. Living as a Christian means saying 'yes' to this journey every day. It's saying 'yes' to something that will not always be easy, might look different from the world around you, but which promises to be an amazing adventure!

If you have never considered yourself Christian, or would like to renew your commitment to living as a follower of Jesus, you might want to pray a prayer a bit like this - a prayer that invites Jesus into your life:

FATHER GOD, THANK YOU
THAT YOU LOVE ME.
JESUS, THANK YOU THAT
YOU DIED AND ROSE AGAIN
FOR ME. I AM SORRY FOR
WHEN I HAVE NOT DONE
THE RIGHT THING. PLEASE
FILL ME WITH YOUR HOLY
SPIRIT SO THAT I CAN LIVE
LIFE AS A FOLLOWER OF
YOU. AMEN.

GOD + PEOPLE = CHURCH

As human beings, we are not meant to live out our lives, and our faith, alone.

Instead, we were created to
LIVE IN RELATIONSHIP
with others - with our friends, family
and those around us.

We are designed to learn to love and follow Jesus alongside others and to pray, serve, support, love and connect with each other in community.

THIS COMMUNITY, THIS BODY OF PEOPLE, IS THE CHURCH!

A lot of the time we think church is just a building, but it is so much more than that - it is the people of God. God wants us to journey together, and this is why it's so important to get plugged into church.

THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

WRITTEN: AD90-100

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

The Gospel of John is the last of the four Gospels. This one is quite different from the other three. It starts not with a factual account of some part of Jesus' life, but at the beginning of time, using symbolic language to represent who Jesus is. There are no parables in this book but there's plenty of imagery, as well as seven of Jesus' miracles and seven 'I am' statements describing who he is. John shows Jesus as both fully God and fully man - God in human form.

TURN THESE SHAPES INTO

SOMETHING 
ELSE



(AD24)

JESUS' BAPTISM**HEALING AND TEACHING****DEATH****RESURRECTION**

(AD27)

WHY READ IT?

The book of John shows the incredible nature of Jesus as fully God, but also as God in human form. Jesus experienced human life and knows what it is like to feel emotions, to struggle, and to experience loss, excitement and joy. He is a God who understands everything we go through.

JESUS WAS BOTH FULLY MAN & FULLY GOD

As you read John's Gospel, write a list of things in it that show that Jesus was fully man. Then, write a list of things that show Jesus was also fully God.



The Word of Life

1 In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²From the very beginning the Word was with God. ³Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. ⁴The Word was the source of life,^{*} and this life brought light to humanity. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

⁶God sent his messenger, a man named John, ⁷who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light. ⁹This was the real light — the light that comes into the world and shines on everyone.

¹⁰The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. ¹²Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. ¹³They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father.

¹⁴The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

¹⁵John spoke about him. He cried out, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'He comes after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.'"

¹⁶Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. ¹⁷God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is the same as God and is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John the Baptist's Message

(Mt 3.1–12; Mk 1.1–8; Lk 3.1–18)

¹⁹The Jewish authorities in Jerusalem sent some priests and Levites to John, to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰John did not refuse to answer, but spoke out openly and clearly, saying: "I am not the Messiah."

²¹"Who are you, then?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

"No, I am not," John answered.

"Are you the Prophet?"^{*} they asked.

"No," he replied.

²²"Then tell us who you are," they said. "We have to take an answer back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³John answered by quoting the prophet Isaiah:

"I am 'the voice of someone shouting in the desert:
Make a straight path for the Lord to travel!'"

²⁴The messengers, who had been sent by the Pharisees, ²⁵then^{*} asked John, "If you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet, why do you baptize?"

²⁶John answered, "I baptize with water, but among you stands the one you do not know. ²⁷He is coming after me, but I am not good enough even to untie his sandals."

1.4 *The Word was the source of life; or What was made had life in union with the Word.*

1.21 *the Prophet:* The one who was expected to appear and announce the coming of the Messiah.

1.24–25 *The messengers, who had been sent by the Pharisees,* ²⁵ then; or *Those who had been sent were Pharisees; they.*

John



Zechar.

Malachi

Matt.

Mark

Luke

²⁸All this happened in Bethany on the east side of the River Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Lamb of God

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, “There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.’ ³¹I did not know who he would be, but I came baptizing with water in order to make him known to the people of Israel.”

³²And John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and stay on him. ³³I still did not know that he was the one, but God, who sent me to baptize with water, had said to me, ‘You will see the Spirit come down and stay on a man; he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen it,” said John, “and I tell you that he is the Son of God.”

The First Disciples of Jesus

³⁵The next day John was standing there again with two of his disciples, ³⁶when he saw Jesus walking by. “There is the Lamb of God!” he said.

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this and went with Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned, saw them following him, and asked, “What are you looking for?”

They answered, “Where do you live, Rabbi?” (This word means “Teacher”.)

³⁹“Come and see,” he answered. (It was then about four o'clock in the afternoon.) So they went with him and saw where he lived, and spent the rest of that day with him.

⁴⁰One of them was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹At once he found his brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah.” (This word means “Christ”.) ⁴²Then he took Simon to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “Your name is Simon son of John, but you will be called Cephas.” (This is the same as Peter and means “a rock”.)

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come with me!” ⁴⁴(Philip was from Bethsaida, the town where Andrew and Peter lived.) ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about. He is Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”

⁴⁶“Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” answered Philip.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, “Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him!”

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “I saw you when you were under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹“Teacher,” answered Nathanael, “you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰Jesus said, “Do you believe just because I told you I saw you when you were under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than this!” ⁵¹And he said to them, “I am telling you the truth: you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man.”



The Wedding in Cana

2 Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine left."

⁴"You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold about a hundred litres. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim, ⁸and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water, ⁹which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have had plenty to drink, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!"

¹¹Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

¹²After this, Jesus and his mother, brothers, and disciples went to Capernaum and stayed there a few days.

Jesus Goes to the Temple

(Mt 21.12–13; Mk 11.15–17; Lk 19.45–46)

¹³It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. ¹⁴There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. ¹⁵So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins; ¹⁶and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market place!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire."

¹⁸The Jewish authorities replied with a question, "What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this?"

¹⁹Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again."

²⁰"Are you going to build it again in three days?" they asked him. "It has taken 46 years to build this Temple!"

²¹But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body.

²²So when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said.

Jesus' Knowledge of Human Nature

²³While Jesus was in Jerusalem during the Passover Festival, many believed in him as they saw the miracles he performed. ²⁴But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew them all.

²⁵There was no need for anyone to tell him about them, because he himself knew what was in their hearts.

Jesus and Nicodemus

3 There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. ²One night he went to Jesus

JOHN 2.19-22

In the Old Testament,
it was believed that

• GOD'S •
PRESENCE

lived in the temple.
When Jesus described
himself as the temple,
he was signalling
the presence of God
walking, and living,
among the people.

John



Zechar.
Malachi
Matt.
Mark
Luke

and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him."

³Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again."*

⁴"How can a grown man be born again?" Nicodemus asked. "He certainly cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!"

⁵"I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus. "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. ⁶A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again.* ⁸The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹"How can this be?" asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰Jesus answered, "You are a great teacher in Israel, and you don't know this? ¹¹I am telling you the truth: we speak of what we know and report what we have seen, yet none of you is willing to accept our message. ¹²You do not believe me when I tell you about the things of this world; how will you ever believe me, then, when I tell you about the things of heaven? ¹³And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven."*

¹⁴As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.

¹⁸Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God's only Son. ¹⁹This is how the judgement works: the light has come into the world, but people love the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil. ²⁰All those who do evil things hate the light and will not come to the light, because they do not want their evil deeds to be shown up. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light in order that the light may show that what they did was in obedience to God.

Jesus and John

²²After this, Jesus and his disciples went to the province of Judea, where he spent some time with them and baptized. ²³John also was baptizing in Aenon, not far from Salim, because there was plenty of water in that place. People were going to him, and he was baptizing them. ²⁴(This was before John had been put in prison.)

²⁵Some of John's disciples began arguing with a Jew* about the matter of ritual washing. ²⁶So they went to John and said, "Teacher, you remember the man who was with you on the east side of the Jordan, the one you spoke about? Well, he is baptizing now, and everyone is going to him!"

²⁷John answered, "No one can have anything unless God gives it to him. ²⁸You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.'

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3.3; 3.7 again; or from above.

3.13 The quotation may continue through verse 21.

3.25 a Jew; some manuscripts have some Jews.

²⁹The bridegroom is the one to whom the bride belongs; but the bridegroom's friend, who stands by and listens, is glad when he hears the bridegroom's voice. This is how my own happiness is made complete. ³⁰He must become more important while I become less important."

He who Comes from Heaven

³¹He who comes from above is greater than all. He who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly matters, but he who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He tells what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his message. ³³But whoever accepts his message confirms by this that God is truthful. ³⁴The one whom God has sent speaks God's words, because God gives him the fullness of his Spirit. ³⁵The Father loves his Son and has put everything in his power. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not have life, but will remain under God's punishment.

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

4 The Pharisees heard that Jesus was winning and baptizing more disciples than John. ²(Actually, Jesus himself did not baptize anyone; only his disciples did.) ³So when Jesus heard what was being said, he left Judea and went back to Galilee; ⁴on his way there he had to go through Samaria.

⁵In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water." ⁸(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan — so how can you ask me for a drink?" (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.)*

¹⁰Jesus answered, "If only you knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water."

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you haven't got a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water?" ¹²It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his sons and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?"

¹³Jesus answered, "All those who drink this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and give him eternal life."

¹⁵"Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶"Go and call your husband," Jesus told her, "and come back."

¹⁷"I haven't got a husband," she answered.

Jesus replied, "You are right when you say you haven't got a husband. ¹⁸You have been married to five men, and the man you live with now is not really your husband. You have told me the truth."

¹⁹"I see you are a prophet, sir," the woman said. ²⁰"My Samaritan ancestors worshipped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God."

4.9 *Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use; or Jews will have nothing to do with Samaritans.*

John

JOHN 4.28-30, 39



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This woman shared her story
with others and they then
believed for themselves.

There is

POWER IN OUR STORIES!

Spend some time writing
down the story of what
Jesus has done in your life,
and look for an opportunity
to share it.

²¹Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. ²³But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God’s Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. ²⁴God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is.”

²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything.”

²⁶Jesus answered, “I am he, I who am talking with you.”

²⁷At that moment Jesus’ disciples returned, and they were greatly surprised to find him talking with a woman. But none of them said to her, “What do you want?” or asked him, “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸Then the woman left her water jar, went back to the town, and said to the people there, ²⁹“Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?” ³⁰So they left the town and went to Jesus.

³¹In the meantime the disciples were begging Jesus, “Teacher, have something to eat!”

³²But he answered, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³So the disciples started asking among themselves, “Could somebody have brought him food?”

³⁴“My food,” Jesus said to them, “is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do. ³⁵You have a saying, ‘Four more months and then the harvest.’ But I tell you, take a good look at the fields; the crops are now ripe and ready to be harvested! ³⁶The one who reaps the harvest is being paid and gathers the crops for eternal life; so another who sows and the one who reaps will be glad together. ³⁷The saying is true, ‘One sows, another reaps.’ ³⁸I have sent you to reap a harvest in a field where you did not work; others worked there, and you profit from their work.”

³⁹Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I have ever done.”

⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days.

⁴¹Many more believed because of his message, ⁴²and they said to the woman, “We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world.”

Jesus Heals an Official’s Son

⁴³After spending two days there, Jesus left and went to Galilee.

⁴⁴For he himself had said, “A prophet is not respected in his own country.” ⁴⁵When he arrived in Galilee, the people there welcomed him, because they had gone to the Passover Festival in Jerusalem and had seen everything that he had done during the festival.

⁴⁶Then Jesus went back to Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. A government official was there whose son was ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to go to Capernaum and heal his son, who was about to die. ⁴⁸Jesus said to him, “None of you will ever believe unless you see miracles and wonders.”

⁴⁹“Sir,” replied the official, “come with me before my child dies.”



⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Go, your son will live!”

The man believed Jesus' words and went. ⁵¹On his way home his servants met him with the news, “Your boy is going to live!”

⁵²He asked them what time it was when his son got better, and they answered, “It was one o'clock yesterday afternoon when the fever left him.” ⁵³Then the father remembered it was at that very hour that Jesus had told him, “Your son will live.” So he and all his family believed.

⁵⁴This was the second miracle that Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

The Healing at the Pool

5 After this, Jesus went to Jerusalem for a religious festival. ²Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool* with five porches; in Hebrew it is called Bethzatha.* ³A large crowd of sick people were lying in the porches — the blind, the lame, and the paralysed.* ⁵A man was there who had been ill for 38 years. ⁶Jesus saw him lying there, and he knew that the man had been ill for such a long time; so he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷The sick man answered, “Sir, I have no one here to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am trying to get in, somebody else gets there first.”

⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.” ⁹Immediately the man got well; he picked up his mat and started walking.

The day this happened was a Sabbath, ¹⁰so the Jewish authorities told the man who had been healed, “This is a Sabbath, and it is against our Law for you to carry your mat.”

¹¹He answered, “The man who made me well told me to pick up my mat and walk.”

¹²They asked him, “Who is the man who told you to do this?”

¹³But the man who had been healed did not know who Jesus was, for there was a crowd in that place, and Jesus had slipped away.

¹⁴Afterwards, Jesus found him in the Temple and said, “Listen, you are well now; so stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”

¹⁵Then the man left and told the Jewish authorities that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶So they began to persecute Jesus, because he had done this healing on a Sabbath. ¹⁷Jesus answered them, “My Father is always working, and I too must work.”

¹⁸This saying made the Jewish authorities all the more determined to kill him; not only had he broken the Sabbath law, but he had said that God was his own Father and in this way had made himself equal with God.

The Authority of the Son

¹⁹So Jesus answered them, “I am telling you the truth: the Son can do nothing on his own; he does only what he sees his Father doing. What the Father does, the Son also does. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. He will show him even greater things to do than this, and you will all be amazed. ²¹Just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life,

5.2 *Near the Sheep Gate... a pool; or Near the Sheep Pool... a place.*

5.2 *Bethzatha; some manuscripts have Bethesda.*

5.3 *Some manuscripts add verses 3b–4: They were waiting for the water to move, ⁴because every now and then an angel of the Lord went down into the pool and stirred up the water. The first sick person to go into the pool after the water was stirred up was healed from whatever disease he had.*

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in the same way the Son gives life to those he wants to. ²²Nor does the Father himself judge anyone. He has given his Son the full right to judge, ²³so that all will honour the Son in the same way as they honour the Father. Whoever does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him.

²⁴“I am telling you the truth: those who hear my words and believe in him who sent me have eternal life. They will not be judged, but have already passed from death to life. ²⁵I am telling you the truth: the time is coming — the time has already come — when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear it will come to life. ²⁶Just as the Father is himself the source of life, in the same way he has made his Son to be the source of life. ²⁷And he has given the Son the right to judge, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not be surprised at this; the time is coming when all the dead will hear his voice ²⁹and come out of their graves: those who have done good will rise and live, and those who have done evil will rise and be condemned.

Witnesses to Jesus

³⁰“I can do nothing on my own authority; I judge only as God tells me, so my judgement is right, because I am not trying to do what I want, but only what he who sent me wants.

³¹“If I testify on my own behalf, what I say is not to be accepted as real proof. ³²But there is someone else who testifies on my behalf, and I know that what he says about me is true. ³³John is the one to whom you sent your messengers, and he spoke on behalf of the truth. ³⁴It is not that I must have a human witness; I say this only in order that you may be saved. ³⁵John was like a lamp, burning and shining, and you were willing for a while to enjoy his light. ³⁶But I have a witness on my behalf which is even greater than the witness that John gave: what I do, that is, the deeds my Father gave me to do, these speak on my behalf and show that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father, who sent me, also testifies on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his face, ³⁸and you do not keep his message in your hearts, for you do not believe in the one whom he sent. ³⁹You study the Scriptures, because you think that in them you will find eternal life. And these very Scriptures speak about me! ⁴⁰Yet you are not willing to come to me in order to have life.

⁴¹“I am not looking for human praise. ⁴²But I know what kind of people you are, and I know that you have no love for God in your hearts. ⁴³I have come with my Father’s authority, but you have not received me; when, however, someone comes with his own authority, you will receive him. ⁴⁴You like to receive praise from one another, but you do not try to win praise from the one who alone is God; how, then, can you believe me? ⁴⁵Do not think, however, that I am the one who will accuse you to my Father. Moses, in whom you have put your hope, is the very one who will accuse you. ⁴⁶If you had really believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But since you do not believe what he wrote, how can you believe what I say?”

Jesus Feeds a Great Crowd

(Mt 14.13–21; Mk 6.30–44; Lk 9.10–17)

6 After this, Jesus went across Lake Galilee (or, Lake Tiberias, as it is also called). ²A large crowd followed him, because they had seen his miracles of healing those who were ill. ³Jesus went up a hill and sat down with his disciples. ⁴The time for the Passover Festival was near. ⁵Jesus looked round and saw that

a large crowd was coming to him, so he asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?”⁶ (He said this to test Philip; actually he already knew what he would do.)

⁷Philip answered, “For everyone to have even a little, it would take more than 200 silver coins* to buy enough bread.”

⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, who was Simon Peter’s brother, said, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But they will certainly not be enough for all these people.”

¹⁰“Make the people sit down,” Jesus told them. (There was a lot of grass there.) So all the people sat down; there were about 5,000 men. ¹¹Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were all full, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces left over; let us not waste any.” ¹³So they gathered them all up and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves which the people had eaten.

¹⁴Seeing this miracle that Jesus had performed, the people there said, “Surely this is the Prophet* who was to come into the world!” ¹⁵Jesus knew that they were about to come and seize him in order to make him king by force; so he went off again to the hills by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

(Mt 14.22–33; Mk 6.45–52)

¹⁶When evening came, Jesus’ disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and went back across the lake towards Capernaum. Night came on, and Jesus still had not come to them. ¹⁸By then a strong wind was blowing and stirring up the water. ¹⁹The disciples had rowed about five or six kilometres when they saw Jesus walking on the water, coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰“Don’t be afraid,” Jesus told them, “it is I!” ²¹Then they willingly took him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached land at the place they were heading for.

The People Seek Jesus

²²Next day the crowd which had stayed on the other side of the lake realized that there had been only one boat there. They knew that Jesus had not gone in it with his disciples, but that they had left without him. ²³Other boats, which were from Tiberias, came to shore near the place where the crowd had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴When the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they got into those boats and went to Capernaum, looking for him.

Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁵When the people found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, “Teacher, when did you get here?”

²⁶Jesus answered, “I am telling you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. ²⁷Do not work for food that goes bad; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him.”

MAKE A NOTE
OF WHEN YOU
ARE GOING TO
SPEND TIME
• WITH GOD •
THIS WEEK

6.7 silver coins: A silver coin was the daily wage of a rural worker (see Mt 20.2).

6.14 the Prophet: See 1.21.

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²⁸So they asked him, “What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?”

²⁹Jesus answered, “What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent.”

³⁰They replied, “What miracle will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?” ³¹Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²“I am telling you the truth,” Jesus said. “What Moses gave you was not* the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. ³³For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴“Sir,” they asked him, “give us this bread always.”

³⁵“I am the bread of life,” Jesus told them. “Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶Now, I told you that you have seen me but will not believe. ³⁷Everyone whom my Father gives me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me, ³⁸because I have come down from heaven to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And it is the will of him who sent me that I should not lose any of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them all to life on the last day. ⁴⁰For what my Father wants is that all who see the Son and believe in him should have eternal life. And I will raise them to life on the last day.”

⁴¹The people started grumbling about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²So they said, “This man is Jesus son of Joseph, isn’t he? We know his father and mother. How, then, does he now say he came down from heaven?”

⁴³Jesus answered, “Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him to me; and I will raise him to life on the last day. ⁴⁵The prophets wrote, ‘Everyone will be taught by God.’ Anyone who hears the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶This does not mean that anyone has seen the Father; he who is from God is the only one who has seen the Father. ⁴⁷I am telling you the truth: he who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. ⁵⁰But the bread that comes down from heaven is of such a kind that whoever eats it will not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live for ever. The bread that I will give him is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live.”

⁵²This started an angry argument among them. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” they asked.

⁵³Jesus said to them, “I am telling you the truth: if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them to life on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is the real food; my blood is the real drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them. ⁵⁷The living Father sent me, and because of him I live also. In the same way whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This, then, is the bread that came down from heaven; it is not like the bread that your ancestors ate. They later died, but those who eat this bread will live for ever.”

⁵⁹Jesus said this as he taught in the synagogue in Capernaum.

6.32 What Moses gave you was not; or It was not Moses who gave you.



The Words of Eternal Life

⁶⁰Many of his followers heard this and said, “This teaching is too hard. Who can listen to it?”

⁶¹Without being told, Jesus knew that they were grumbling about this, so he said to them, “Does this make you want to give up? ⁶²Suppose, then, that you should see the Son of Man go back up to the place where he was before? ⁶³What gives life is God’s Spirit; human power is of no use at all. The words I have spoken to you bring God’s life-giving Spirit. ⁶⁴Yet some of you do not believe.” (Jesus knew from the very beginning who were the ones that would not believe and which one would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he added, “This is the very reason I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father makes it possible for him to do so.”

⁶⁶Because of this, many of Jesus’ followers turned back and would not go with him any more. ⁶⁷So he asked the twelve disciples, “And you — would you also like to leave?”

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. ⁶⁹And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One who has come from God.”

⁷⁰Jesus replied, “I chose the twelve of you, didn’t I? Yet one of you is a devil!” ⁷¹He was talking about Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. For Judas, even though he was one of the twelve disciples, was going to betray him.

Jesus and his Brothers

7 After this, Jesus travelled in Galilee; he did not want to travel in Judea, because the Jewish authorities there were wanting to kill him. ²The time for the Festival of Shelters was near, ³so Jesus’ brothers said to him, “Leave this place and go to Judea, so that your followers will see the things that you are doing. ⁴No one hides what he is doing if he wants to be well known. Since you are doing these things, let the whole world know about you!” ⁵(Not even his brothers believed in him.)

⁶Jesus said to them, “The right time for me has not yet come. Any time is right for you. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I keep telling it that its ways are bad. ⁸You go on to the festival. I am not going” to this festival, because the right time has not come for me.” ⁹He said this, and then stayed on in Galilee.

Jesus at the Festival of Shelters

¹⁰After his brothers had gone to the festival, Jesus also went; however, he did not go openly, but secretly. ¹¹The Jewish authorities were looking for him at the festival. “Where is he?” they asked.

¹²There was much whispering about him in the crowd. “He is a good man,” some people said. “No,” others said, “he is misleading the people.” ¹³But no one talked about him openly, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities.

¹⁴The festival was nearly half over when Jesus went to the Temple and began teaching. ¹⁵The Jewish authorities were greatly surprised and said, “How does this man know so much when he has never had any training?”

¹⁶Jesus answered, “What I teach is not my own teaching, but it comes from God, who sent me. ¹⁷Whoever is willing to do what God wants will know whether what I teach comes from God or whether I speak on my own authority. ¹⁸A person who speaks on his own authority is trying to gain glory for himself. But he

7.8 *I am not going*; some manuscripts have *I am not yet going*.

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who wants glory for the one who sent him is honest, and there is nothing false in him. ¹⁹Moses gave you the Law, didn't he? But not one of you obeys the Law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

²⁰"You have a demon in you!" the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?"

²¹Jesus answered, "I performed one miracle, and you were all surprised. ²²Moses ordered you to circumcise your sons (although it was not Moses but your ancestors who started it), and so you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath. ²³If a boy is circumcised on the Sabbath so that Moses' Law is not broken, why are you angry with me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? ²⁴Stop judging by external standards, and judge by true standards."

Is he the Messiah?

²⁵Some of the people of Jerusalem said, "Isn't this the man the authorities are trying to kill? ²⁶Look! He is talking in public, and they say nothing against him! Can it be that they really know that he is the Messiah? ²⁷But when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from. And we all know where this man comes from."

²⁸As Jesus taught in the Temple, he said in a loud voice, "Do you really know me and know where I am from? I have not come on my own authority. He who sent me, however, is truthful. You do not know him, ²⁹but I know him, because I come from him and he sent me."

³⁰Then they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹But many in the crowd believed in him and said, "When the Messiah comes, will he perform more miracles than this man has?"

Guards are Sent to Arrest Jesus

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things about Jesus, so they and the chief priests sent some guards to arrest him. ³³Jesus said, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I shall go away to him who sent me. ³⁴You will look for me, but you will not find me, because you cannot go where I will be."

³⁵The Jewish authorities said among themselves, "Where is he about to go so that we shall not find him? Will he go to the Greek cities where our people live, and teach the Greeks? ³⁶He says that we will look for him but will not find him, and that we cannot go where he will be. What does he mean?"

Streams of Life-giving Water

³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, "Whoever is thirsty should come to me, and ³⁸whoever believes in me should drink. As the scripture says, 'Streams of life-giving water will pour out from his side.'"

³⁹Jesus said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were going to receive. At that time the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not been raised to glory.

Division among the People

⁴⁰Some of the people in the crowd heard him say this and said, "This man is really the Prophet!"

7.38 Jesus' words in verses 37–38 may be translated: "Whoever is thirsty should come to me and drink. ³⁸ As the scripture says, 'Streams of life-giving water will pour out from within anyone who believes in me.'"

7.40 the Prophet: See 1.21.

READ THIS PASSAGE OUT

LOUD.



⁴¹Others said, "He is the Messiah!"

But others said, "The Messiah will not come from Galilee!" ⁴²The scripture says that the Messiah will be a descendant of King David and will be born in Bethlehem, the town where David lived." ⁴³So there was a division in the crowd because of Jesus. ⁴⁴Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

The Unbelief of the Jewish Authorities

⁴⁵When the guards went back, the chief priests and Pharisees asked them, "Why did you not bring him?"

⁴⁶The guards answered, "Nobody has ever talked like this man!"

⁴⁷"Did he fool you, too?" the Pharisees asked them. ⁴⁸"Have you ever known one of the authorities or one Pharisee to believe in him? ⁴⁹This crowd does not know the Law of Moses, so they are under God's curse!"

⁵⁰One of the Pharisees there was Nicodemus, the man who had gone to see Jesus before. He said to the others, ⁵¹"According to our Law we cannot condemn anyone before hearing him and finding out what he has done."

⁵²"Well," they answered, "are you also from Galilee? Study the Scriptures and you will learn that no prophet ever comes* from Galilee."

The Woman Caught in Adultery

8 [Then everyone went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Early the next morning he went back to the Temple. All the people gathered round him, and he sat down and began to teach them. ³The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all. ⁴"Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵In our Law Moses commanded that such a woman must be stoned to death. Now, what do you say?" ⁶They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger.

⁷As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened himself up and said to them, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." ⁸Then he bent over again and wrote on the ground. ⁹When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰He straightened himself up and said to her, "Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?"

¹¹"No one, sir," she answered.

"Well, then," Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again."*]

Jesus the Light of the World

¹²Jesus spoke to the Pharisees again. "I am the light of the world," he said. "Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness."

¹³The Pharisees said to him, "Now you are testifying on your own behalf; what you say proves nothing."

¹⁴"No," Jesus answered, "even though I do testify on my own behalf, what I say is true, because I know where I came from and

7.52 *no prophet ever comes*; one manuscript has *the Prophet will not come*.

8.11 Many manuscripts and early translations do not have this passage (8.1–11); others have it after Jn 21.24; others have it after Lk 21.38; one manuscript has it after Jn 7.36.

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where I am going. You do not know where I came from or where I am going. ¹⁵You make judgements in a purely human way; I pass judgement on no one. ¹⁶But if I were to do so, my judgement would be true, because I am not alone in this; the Father who sent me is with me. ¹⁷It is written in your Law that when two witnesses agree, what they say is true. ¹⁸I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me also testifies on my behalf.”

¹⁹“Where is your father?” they asked him.

“You know neither me nor my Father,” Jesus answered. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

²⁰Jesus said all this as he taught in the Temple, in the room where the offering boxes were placed. And no one arrested him, because his hour had not come.

You cannot Go Where I am Going

²¹Again Jesus said to them, “I will go away; you will look for me, but you will die in your sins. You cannot go where I am going.”

²²So the Jewish authorities said, “He says that we cannot go where he is going. Does this mean that he will kill himself?”

²³Jesus answered, “You belong to this world here below, but I come from above. You are from this world, but I am not from this world. ²⁴That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. And you will die in your sins if you do not believe that ‘I Am Who I Am’.”

²⁵“Who are you?” they asked him.

Jesus answered, “What I have told you from the very beginning.* ²⁶I have much to say about you, much to condemn you for. The one who sent me, however, is truthful, and I tell the world only what I have heard from him.”

²⁷They did not understand that Jesus was talking to them about the Father. ²⁸So he said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, you will know that ‘I Am Who I Am’; then you will know that I do nothing on my own authority, but I say only what the Father has instructed me to say. ²⁹And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, because I always do what pleases him.”

³⁰Many who heard Jesus say these things believed in him.

The Truth will Set you Free

³¹So Jesus said to those who believed in him, “If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; ³²you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³“We are the descendants of Abraham,” they answered, “and we have never been anybody’s slaves. What do you mean, then, by saying, ‘You will be free?’”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “I am telling you the truth: everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵A slave does not belong to a family permanently, but a son belongs there for ever. ³⁶If the Son sets you free, then you will be really free. ³⁷I know you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are trying to kill me, because you will not accept my teaching. ³⁸I talk about what my Father has shown me, but you do what your father has told you.”

³⁹They answered him, “Our father is Abraham.”

“If you really were Abraham’s children,” Jesus replied, “you would do* the same things that he did. ⁴⁰All I have ever done is to tell you the truth I heard from God, yet you are trying to kill

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8.25 *What I have told you from the very beginning; or Why should I speak to you at all?*

8.39 *If you really were... you would do; some manuscripts have If you are... do.*

me. Abraham did nothing like this! ⁴¹You are doing what your father did."

"God himself is the only Father we have," they answered, "and we are his true children."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "If God really were your Father, you would love me, because I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own authority, but he sent me. ⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to listen to my message. ⁴⁴You are the children of your father, the Devil, and you want to follow your father's desires. From the very beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the side of truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is only doing what is natural to him, because he is a liar and the father of all lies. ⁴⁵But I tell the truth, and that is why you do not believe me. ⁴⁶Which one of you can prove that I am guilty of sin? If I tell the truth, then why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷He who comes from God listens to God's words. You, however, are not from God, and that is why you will not listen."

Jesus and Abraham

⁴⁸They asked Jesus, "Were we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon in you?"

⁴⁹"I have no demon," Jesus answered. "I honour my Father, but you dishonour me. ⁵⁰I am not seeking honour for myself. But there is one who is seeking it and who judges in my favour. ⁵¹I am telling you the truth: whoever obeys my teaching will never die."

⁵²They said to him, "Now we are certain that you have a demon! Abraham died, and the prophets died, yet you say that whoever obeys your teaching will never die. ⁵³Our father Abraham died; you do not claim to be greater than Abraham, do you? And the prophets also died. Who do you think you are?"

⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I were to honour myself, that honour would be worth nothing. The one who honours me is my Father — the very one you say is your God. ⁵⁵You have never known him, but I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I obey his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see the time of my coming; he saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷They said to him, "You are not even fifty years old — and you have seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸"I am telling you the truth," Jesus replied. "Before Abraham was born, 'I Am'."

⁵⁹Then they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and left the Temple.

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. ²His disciples asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused him to be born blind? Was it his own or his parents' sin?"

³Jesus answered, "His blindness has nothing to do with his sins or his parents' sins. He is blind so that God's power might be seen at work in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must keep on doing the work of him who sent me; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light for the world."

⁶After he said this, Jesus spat on the ground and made some mud with the spittle; he rubbed the mud on the man's eyes ⁷and

8.57 *you have seen Abraham?*; some manuscripts have *has Abraham seen you?*

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said, "Go and wash your face in the Pool of Siloam." (This name means "Sent".) So the man went, washed his face, and came back seeing.

⁸His neighbours, then, and the people who had seen him begging before this, asked, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

⁹Some said, "He is the one," but others said, "No he isn't; he just looks like him."

So the man himself said, "I am the man."

¹⁰"How is it that you can now see?" they asked him.

¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made some mud, rubbed it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash my face. So I went, and as soon as I washed, I could see."

¹²"Where is he?" they asked.

"I don't know," he answered.

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

¹³Then they took to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴The day that Jesus made the mud and cured him of his blindness was a Sabbath. ¹⁵The Pharisees, then, asked the man again how he had received his sight. He told them, "He put some mud on my eyes; I washed my face, and now I can see."

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "The man who did this cannot be from God, for he does not obey the Sabbath law."

Others, however, said, "How could a man who is a sinner perform such miracles as these?" And there was a division among them.

¹⁷So the Pharisees asked the man once more, "You say he cured you of your blindness — well, what do you say about him?" "He is a prophet," the man answered.

¹⁸The Jewish authorities, however, were not willing to believe that he had been blind and could now see, until they called his parents ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son? You say that he was born blind; how is it, then, that he can now see?"

²⁰His parents answered, "We know that he is our son, and we know that he was born blind. ²¹But we do not know how it is that he is now able to see, nor do we know who cured him of his blindness. Ask him; he is old enough, and he can answer for himself!" ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, who had already agreed that anyone who said he believed that Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. ²³That is why his parents said, "He is old enough; ask him!"

²⁴A second time they called back the man who had been born blind, and said to him, "Promise before God that you will tell the truth! We know that this man who cured you is a sinner."

²⁵"I do not know if he is a sinner or not," the man replied. "One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see."

²⁶"What did he do to you?" they asked. "How did he cure you of your blindness?"

²⁷"I have already told you," he answered, "and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Maybe you, too, would like to be his disciples?"

²⁸They cursed him and said, "You are that fellow's disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹We know that God spoke to Moses; as for that fellow, however, we do not even know where he comes from!"

³⁰The man answered, "What a strange thing that is! You do not know where he comes from, but he cured me of my blindness! ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners; he does listen to people who respect him and do what he wants them to do. ³²Since the

beginning of the world nobody has ever heard of anyone giving sight to a person born blind. ³³Unless this man came from God, he would not be able to do a thing.”

³⁴They answered, “You were born and brought up in sin — and you are trying to teach us?” And they expelled him from the synagogue.

Spiritual Blindness

³⁵When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked him, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶The man answered, “Tell me who he is, sir, so that I can believe in him!”

³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have already seen him, and he is the one who is talking with you now.”

³⁸“I believe, Lord!” the man said, and knelt down before Jesus.

³⁹Jesus said, “I came to this world to judge, so that the blind should see and those who see should become blind.”

⁴⁰Some Pharisees who were there with him heard him say this and asked him, “Surely you don’t mean that we are blind, too?”

⁴¹Jesus answered, “If you were blind, then you would not be guilty; but since you claim that you can see, this means that you are still guilty.”

The Parable of the Shepherd

10 Jesus said, “I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. ⁴When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice.”

⁶Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he meant.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

⁷So Jesus said again, “I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever comes in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness.

¹¹“I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. ¹²When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴⁻¹⁵I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. ¹⁶There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become* one flock with one shepherd.

¹⁷“The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. ¹⁸No one takes my life

JOHN 10.10

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WHAT DOES THE
WORD ‘LIFE’
MEAN TO YOU?

10.16 *they will become*; some manuscripts have *there will be*.

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away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do.”

¹⁹Again there was a division among the people because of these words. ²⁰Many of them were saying, “He has a demon! He is mad! Why do you listen to him?”

²¹But others were saying, “A man with a demon could not talk like this! How could a demon give sight to blind people?”

Jesus is Rejected

²²It was winter, and the Festival of the Dedication of the Temple was being celebrated in Jerusalem. ²³Jesus was walking in Solomon’s Porch in the Temple, ²⁴when the people gathered round him and asked, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? Tell us the plain truth: are you the Messiah?”

²⁵Jesus answered, “I have already told you, but you would not believe me. The things I do by my Father’s authority speak on my behalf; ²⁶but you will not believe, for you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater* than everything, and no one can snatch them away from the Father’s care. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

³¹Then the people again picked up stones to throw at him. ³²Jesus said to them, “I have done many good deeds in your presence which the Father gave me to do; for which one of these do you want to stone me?”

³³They replied, “We do not want to stone you because of any good deeds, but because of your blasphemy! You are only a man, but you are trying to make yourself God!”

³⁴Jesus answered, “It is written in your own Law that God said, ‘You are gods.’ ³⁵We know that what the scripture says is true for ever; and God called those people gods, the people to whom his message was given. ³⁶As for me, the Father chose me and sent me into the world. How, then, can you say that I blaspheme because I said that I am the Son of God? ³⁷Do not believe me, then, if I am not doing the things my Father wants me to do. ³⁸But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, you should at least believe my deeds, in order that you may know once and for all that the Father is in me and that I am in the Father.”

³⁹Once more they tried to seize Jesus, but he slipped out of their hands.

⁴⁰Jesus then went back again across the River Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing, and he stayed there. ⁴¹Many people came to him. “John performed no miracles,” they said, “but everything he said about this man was true.” ⁴²And many people there believed in him.

The Death of Lazarus

11 A man named Lazarus, who lived in Bethany, was ill. Bethany was the town where Mary and her sister Martha lived. ²(This Mary was the one who poured the perfume on the Lord’s feet and wiped them with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.) ³The sisters sent Jesus a message: “Lord, your dear friend is ill.”

10.29 *What my Father has given me is greater; some manuscripts have My Father, who gave them to me, is greater.*

⁴When Jesus heard it, he said, “The final result of this illness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory.”

⁵Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶Yet when he received the news that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was for two more days. ⁷Then he said to the disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

⁸“Teacher,” the disciples answered, “just a short time ago the people there wanted to stone you; and are you planning to go back?”

⁹Jesus said, “A day has twelve hours, hasn’t it? So whoever walks in broad daylight does not stumble, for they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But if they walk during the night they stumble, because they have no light.” ¹¹Jesus said this and then added, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I will go and wake him up.”

¹²The disciples answered, “If he is asleep, Lord, he will get well.”

¹³Jesus meant that Lazarus had died, but they thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴So Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵but for your sake I am glad that I was not with him, so that you will believe. Let us go to him.”

¹⁶Thomas (called the Twin) said to his fellow-disciples, “Let us all go with the Teacher, so that we may die with him!”

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been buried four days before. ¹⁸Bethany was less than three kilometres from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Judeans had come to see Martha and Mary to comfort them over their brother’s death.

²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died! ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask him for.”

²³“Your brother will rise to life,” Jesus told her.

²⁴“I know,” she replied, “that he will rise to life on the last day.”

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and all those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷“Yes, Lord!” she answered. “I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

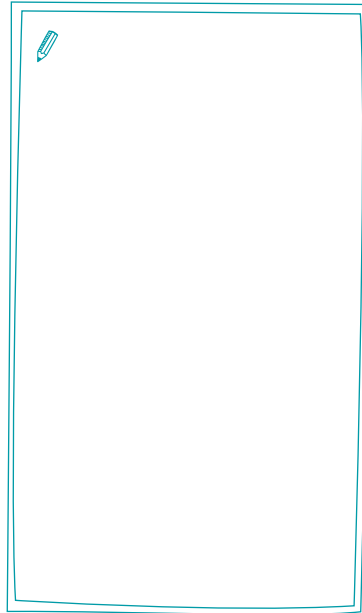
Jesus Weeps

²⁸After Martha said this, she went back and called her sister Mary privately. “The Teacher is here,” she told her, “and is asking for you.” ²⁹When Mary heard this, she got up and hurried out to meet him. ³⁰(Jesus had not yet arrived in the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.) ³¹The people who were in the house with Mary, comforting her, followed her when they saw her get up and hurry out. They thought that she was going to the grave to weep there.

³²Mary arrived where Jesus was, and as soon as she saw him, she fell at his feet. “Lord,” she said, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died!”

³³Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people who were with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved. ³⁴“Where have you buried him?” he asked them.

“Come and see, Lord,” they answered.



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³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ “See how much he loved him!” the people said. ³⁷ But some of them said, “He gave sight to the blind man, didn’t he? Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?”

Lazarus is Brought to Life

³⁸ Deeply moved once more, Jesus went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone placed at the entrance. ³⁹ “Take the stone away!” Jesus ordered.

Martha, the dead man’s sister, answered, “There will be a bad smell, Lord. He has been buried four days!”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believed?” ⁴¹ They took the stone away. Jesus looked up and said, “I thank you, Father, that you listen to me. ⁴² I know that you always listen to me, but I say this for the sake of the people here, so that they will believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ He came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave clothes, and with a cloth round his face. “Untie him,” Jesus told them, “and let him go.”

The Plot against Jesus

(Mt 26.1–5; Mk 14.1–2; Lk 22.1–2)

⁴⁵ Many of the people who had come to visit Mary saw what Jesus did, and they believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some of them returned to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷ So the Pharisees and the chief priests met with the Council and said, “What shall we do? Look at all the miracles this man is performing! ⁴⁸ If we let him go on in this way, everyone will believe in him, and the Roman authorities will take action and destroy our Temple and our nation!”

⁴⁹ One of them, named Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year, said, “What fools you are! ⁵⁰ Don’t you realize that it is better for you to let one man die for the people, instead of having the whole nation destroyed?” ⁵¹ Actually, he did not say this of his own accord; rather, as he was High Priest that year, he was prophesying that Jesus was going to die for the Jewish people, ⁵² and not only for them, but also to bring together into one body all the scattered people of God.

⁵³ From that day on the Jewish authorities made plans to kill Jesus. ⁵⁴ So Jesus did not travel openly in Judea, but left and went to a place near the desert, to a town named Ephraim, where he stayed with the disciples.

⁵⁵ The time for the Passover Festival was near, and many people went up from the country to Jerusalem to perform the ritual of purification before the festival. ⁵⁶ They were looking for Jesus, and as they gathered in the Temple, they asked one another, “What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?” ⁵⁷ The chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where Jesus was, he must report it, so that they could arrest him.

Jesus is Anointed at Bethany

(Mt 26.6–13; Mk 14.3–9)

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, the man he had raised from death. ² They prepared a dinner for him there, which Martha helped to serve; Lazarus was one of those who were sitting at the table with Jesus. ³ Then Mary took half a litre of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard, poured it on Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair.



The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house. ⁴One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot — the one who was going to betray him — said, ⁵“Why wasn't this perfume sold for 300 silver coins” and the money given to the poor?” ⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would help himself from it.

⁷But Jesus said, “Leave her alone! Let her keep what she has for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have poor people with you, but you will not always have me.”

The Plot against Lazarus

⁹A large number of people heard that Jesus was in Bethany, so they went there, not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from death. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus too, ¹¹because on his account many Jews were rejecting them and believing in Jesus.

The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

(Mt 21.1–11; Mk 11.1–11; Lk 19.28–40)

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the Passover Festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!”

¹⁴Jesus found a donkey and rode on it, just as the scripture says,

¹⁵“Do not be afraid, city of Zion!

Here comes your king,
riding on a young donkey.”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand this at the time; but when Jesus had been raised to glory, they remembered that the scripture said this about him and that they had done this for him.

¹⁷The people who had been with Jesus when he called Lazarus out of the grave and raised him from death had reported what had happened. ¹⁸That was why the crowd met him — because they heard that he had performed this miracle. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, we are not succeeding at all! Look, the whole world is following him!”

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

²⁰Some Greeks were among those who had gone to Jerusalem to worship during the festival. ²¹They went to Philip (he was from Bethsaida in Galilee) and said, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.”

²²Philip went and told Andrew, and the two of them went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has now come for the Son of Man to receive great glory. ²⁴I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains. ²⁵Those who love their own life will lose it; those who hate their own life in this world will keep it for life eternal. ²⁶Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honour anyone who serves me.

Jesus Speaks about his Death

²⁷“Now my heart is troubled — and what shall I say? Shall I say, ‘Father, do not let this hour come upon me’? But that is why I came — so that I might go through this hour of suffering. ²⁸Father, bring glory to your name!”

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JOHN 13:34

Jesus did a lot of
great things for his
disciples because

**HE LOVED
THEM.**

List three ways you can
demonstrate your love to
your friends this week.

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Then a voice spoke from heaven, "I have brought glory to it, and I will do so again."

²⁹The crowd standing there heard the voice, and some of them said it was thunder, while others said, "An angel spoke to him!"

³⁰But Jesus said to them, "It was not for my sake that this voice spoke, but for yours. ³¹Now is the time for this world to be judged; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. ³²When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." ³³(In saying this he indicated the kind of death he was going to suffer.)

³⁴The crowd answered, "Our Law tells us that the Messiah will live for ever. How, then, can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

³⁵Jesus answered, "The light will be among you a little longer. Continue on your way while you have the light, so that the darkness will not come upon you; for the one who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. ³⁶Believe in the light, then, while you have it, so that you will be the people of the light."

The Unbelief of the People

After Jesus said this, he went off and hid himself from them. ³⁷Even though he had performed all these miracles in their presence, they did not believe in him, ³⁸so that what the prophet Isaiah had said might come true:

"Lord, who believed the message we told?

To whom did the Lord reveal his power?"

³⁹And so they were not able to believe, because Isaiah also said:

⁴⁰"God has blinded their eyes

and closed their minds,

so that their eyes would not see,

and their minds would not understand,

and they would not turn to me, says God,

for me to heal them."

⁴¹Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

⁴²Even then, many of the Jewish authorities believed in Jesus; but because of the Pharisees they did not talk about it openly, so as not to be expelled from the synagogue. ⁴³They loved human approval rather than the approval of God.

Judgement by Jesus' Words

⁴⁴Jesus said in a loud voice, "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in him who sent me. ⁴⁵Whoever sees me sees also him who sent me. ⁴⁶I have come into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. ⁴⁷If anyone hears my message and does not obey it, I will not judge him. I came, not to judge the world, but to save it. ⁴⁸Those who reject me and do not accept my message have one who will judge them. The words I have spoken will be their judge on the last day! ⁴⁹This is true, because I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has commanded me what I must say and speak. ⁵⁰And I know that his command brings eternal life. What I say, then, is what the Father has told me to say."

Jesus Washes his Disciples' Feet

13 It was now the day before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. He had always loved those in the world who were his own, and he loved them to the very end.



²Jesus and his disciples were at supper. The Devil had already put into the heart of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, the thought of betraying Jesus.* ³Jesus knew that the Father had given him complete power; he knew that he had come from God and was going to God. ⁴So he rose from the table, took off his outer garment, and tied a towel round his waist. ⁵Then he poured some water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel round his waist. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Are you going to wash my feet, Lord?"

⁷Jesus answered him, "You do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later."

⁸Peter declared, "Never at any time will you wash my feet!"

"If I do not wash your feet," Jesus answered, "you will no longer be my disciple."

⁹Simon Peter answered, "Lord, do not wash only my feet, then! Wash my hands and head, too!"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Those who have had a bath are completely clean and do not have to wash themselves, except for their feet.* All of you are clean — all except one." ¹¹(Jesus already knew who was going to betray him; that is why he said, "All of you, except one, are clean.")

¹²After Jesus had washed their feet, he put his outer garment back on and returned to his place at the table. "Do you understand what I have just done to you?" he asked. ¹³"You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am. ¹⁴I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you. ¹⁶I am telling you the truth: slaves are never greater than their master, and messengers are never greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice!

¹⁸"I am not talking about all of you; I know those I have chosen. But the scripture must come true that says, 'The man who shared my food turned against me.' ¹⁹I tell you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe that 'I Am Who I Am.' ²⁰I am telling you the truth: whoever receives anyone I send receives me also; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

Jesus Predicts his Betrayal

(Mt 26.20–25; Mk 14.17–21; Lk 22.21–23)

²¹After Jesus had said this, he was deeply troubled and declared openly, "I am telling you the truth: one of you is going to betray me."

²²The disciples looked at one another, completely puzzled about whom he meant. ²³One of the disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was sitting next to Jesus. ²⁴Simon Peter motioned to him and said, "Ask him whom he is talking about."

²⁵So that disciple moved closer to Jesus' side and asked, "Who is it, Lord?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "I will dip some bread in the sauce and give it to him; he is the man." So he took a piece of bread, dipped it, and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered him. Jesus said to him,

13.2 *The Devil... betraying Jesus; or The Devil had already decided that Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, would betray Jesus.*

13.10 Some manuscripts do not have *except for their feet*.

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“Be quick about what you are doing!”²⁸ None of the others at the table understood why Jesus said this to him.²⁹ Since Judas was in charge of the money bag, some of the disciples thought that Jesus had told him to go and buy what they needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor.

³⁰ Judas accepted the bread and went out at once. It was night.

The New Commandment

³¹ After Judas had left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man’s glory is revealed; now God’s glory is revealed through him.³² And if God’s glory is revealed through him, then God will reveal the glory of the Son of Man in himself, and he will do so at once.³³ My children, I shall not be with you very much longer. You will look for me; but I tell you now what I told the Jewish authorities, ‘You cannot go where I am going.’³⁴ And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.³⁵ If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial

(Mt 26.31–35; Mk 14.27–31; Lk 22.31–34)

³⁶ “Where are you going, Lord?” Simon Peter asked him.

“You cannot follow me now where I am going,” answered Jesus; “but later you will follow me.”

³⁷ “Lord, why can’t I follow you now?” asked Peter. “I am ready to die for you!”

³⁸ Jesus answered, “Are you really ready to die for me? I am telling you the truth: before the cock crows you will say three times that you do not know me.

Jesus the Way to the Father

14 “Do not be worried and upset,” Jesus told them. “Believe¹ in God and believe also in me.² There are many rooms in my Father’s house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so.*³ And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.⁴ You know the way that leads to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?”

⁶ Jesus answered him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me.⁷ Now that you have known me,” he said to them, “you will know* my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need.”

⁹ Jesus answered, “For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?¹⁰ Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you,” Jesus said to his disciples, “do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work.¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do.

14.1 Believe; or You believe.

14.2 There are... were not so; or There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if it were not so, would I tell you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

14.7 Now that you have known me... you will know; some manuscripts have If you had known me... you would know.

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¹²I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do — yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me* for anything in my name, I will do it.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹⁵"If you love me, you will obey my commandments. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you for ever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit who reveals the truth about God. The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is* in you.

¹⁸"When I go, you will not be left all alone; I will come back to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no more, but you will see me; and because I live, you also will live. ²⁰When that day comes, you will know that I am in my Father and that you are in me, just as I am in you.

²¹"Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. My Father will love those who love me; I too will love them and reveal myself to them."

²²Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "Lord, how can it be that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

²³Jesus answered him, "Whoever loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and my Father and I will come to him and live with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me.

²⁵"I have told you this while I am still with you. ²⁶The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.

²⁷"Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am leaving, but I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father; for he is greater than I. ²⁹I have told you this now before it all happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe. ³⁰I cannot talk with you much longer, because the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, ³¹but the world must know that I love the Father; that is why I do everything as he commands me.

"Come, let us go from this place.

Jesus the Real Vine

15 "I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. ³You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. ⁴Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. ⁶Whoever does not remain in me is thrown out like a branch and dries up; such branches are gathered up and thrown

14:14 Some manuscripts do not have *me*.

14:17 *is*; some manuscripts have *will be*.

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into the fire, where they are burnt. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. ⁸My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples. ⁹I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

¹¹"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. ¹³The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. ¹⁴And you are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. ¹⁷This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

The World's Hatred

¹⁸"If the world hates you, just remember that it has hated me first. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, then the world would love you as its own. But I chose you from this world, and you do not belong to it; that is why the world hates you. ²⁰Remember what I told you: 'Slaves are not greater than their master.' If people persecuted me, they will persecute you too; if they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours too. ²¹But they will do all this to you because you are mine; for they do not know the one who sent me. ²²They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not come and spoken to them; as it is, they no longer have any excuse for their sin. ²³Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not done among them the things that no one else ever did; as it is, they have seen what I did, and they hate both me and my Father. ²⁵This, however, was bound to happen so that what is written in their Law may come true: 'They hated me for no reason at all.'

²⁶"The Helper will come — the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father. I will send him to you from the Father, and he will speak about me. ²⁷And you, too, will speak about me, because you have been with me from the very beginning.

16 ¹"I have told you this, so that you will not give up your faith. ²You will be expelled from the synagogues, and the time will come when anyone who kills you will think that by doing this he is serving God. ³People will do these things to you because they have not known either the Father or me. ⁴But I have told you this, so that when the time comes for them to do these things, you will remember that I told you.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

"I did not tell you these things at the beginning, for I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me where I am going. ⁶And now that I have told you, your hearts are full of sadness. ⁷But I am telling you the truth: it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove to the people of the world that they are wrong about sin and about what is right and



about God's judgement. ⁹They are wrong about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰they are wrong about what is right, because I am going to the Father and you will not see me any more; ¹¹and they are wrong about judgement, because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

¹²"I have much more to tell you, but now it would be too much for you to bear. ¹³When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God, he will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own authority, but he will speak of what he hears, and will tell you of things to come. ¹⁴He will give me glory, because he will take what I say and tell it to you. ¹⁵All that my Father has is mine; that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I give him and tell it to you.

Sadness and Gladness

¹⁶"In a little while you will not see me any more, and then a little while later you will see me."

¹⁷Some of his disciples asked among themselves, "What does this mean? He tells us that in a little while we will not see him, and then a little while later we will see him; and he also says, 'It is because I am going to the Father.' ¹⁸What does this 'a little while' mean? We don't know what he is talking about!"

¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to question him, so he said to them, "I said, 'In a little while you will not see me, and then a little while later you will see me.' Is this what you are asking about among yourselves? ²⁰I am telling you the truth: you will cry and weep, but the world will be glad; you will be sad, but your sadness will turn into gladness. ²¹When a woman is about to give birth, she is sad because her hour of suffering has come; but when the baby is born, she forgets her suffering, because she is happy that a baby has been born into the world. ²²That is how it is with you: now you are sad, but I will see you again, and your hearts will be filled with gladness, the kind of gladness that no one can take away from you.

²³"When that day comes, you will not ask me for anything. I am telling you the truth: the Father will give you whatever you ask him for in my name." ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your happiness may be complete.

Victory over the World

²⁵"I have used figures of speech to tell you these things. But the time will come when I will not use figures of speech, but will speak to you plainly about the Father. ²⁶When that day comes, you will ask him in my name; and I do not say that I will ask him on your behalf, ²⁷for the Father himself loves you. He loves you because you love me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I did come from the Father, and I came into the world; and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹Then his disciples said to him, "Now you are speaking plainly, without using figures of speech. ³⁰We know now that you know everything; you do not need someone to ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you believe now? ³²The time is coming, and is already here, when all of you will be scattered,

16.23 *the Father will give you whatever you ask him for in my name; some manuscripts have if you ask the Father for anything, he will give it to you in my name.*



know that you sent me. ²⁶I made you known to them, and I will continue to do so, in order that the love you have for me may be in them, and so that I also may be in them.”

The Arrest of Jesus

(Mt 26.47–56; Mk 14.43–50; Lk 22.47–53)

18 After Jesus had said this prayer, he left with his disciples and went across the brook called Kidron. There was a garden in that place, and Jesus and his disciples went in. ²Judas, the traitor, knew where it was, because many times Jesus had met there with his disciples. ³So Judas went to the garden, taking with him a group of Roman soldiers, and some temple guards sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees; they were armed and carried lanterns and torches. ⁴Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward and asked them, “Who is it you are looking for?”

⁵“Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered.

“I am he,” he said.

Judas, the traitor, was standing there with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they moved back and fell to the ground.

⁷Again Jesus asked them, “Who is it you are looking for?”

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they said.

⁸“I have already told you that I am he,” Jesus said. “If, then, you are looking for me, let these others go.” ⁹(He said this so that what he had said might come true: “Father, I have not lost even one of those you gave me.”)

¹⁰Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the High Priest’s slave, cutting off his right ear. The name of the slave was Malchus. ¹¹Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back in its place! Do you think that I will not drink the cup of suffering which my Father has given me?”

Jesus before Annas

¹²Then the Roman soldiers with their commanding officer and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus, bound him, ¹³and took him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jewish authorities that it was better that one man should die for all the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

(Mt 26.69–70; Mk 14.66–68; Lk 22.55–57)

¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That other disciple was well known to the High Priest, so he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the High Priest’s house, ¹⁶while Peter stayed outside by the gate. Then the other disciple went back out, spoke to the girl at the gate, and brought Peter inside. ¹⁷The girl at the gate said to Peter, “Aren’t you also one of the disciples of that man?”

“No, I am not,” answered Peter.

¹⁸It was cold, so the servants and guards had built a charcoal fire and were standing round it, warming themselves. So Peter went over and stood with them, warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

(Mt 26.59–66; Mk 14.55–64; Lk 22.66–71)

¹⁹The High Priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered, “I have always spoken publicly to everyone; all my teaching was done in the synagogues and in the Temple, where all the people come together. I have never said

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anything in secret. ²¹Why, then, do you question me? Question the people who heard me. Ask them what I told them — they know what I said.”

²²When Jesus said this, one of the guards there slapped him and said, “How dare you talk like that to the High Priest!”

²³Jesus answered him, “If I have said anything wrong, tell everyone here what it was. But if I am right in what I have said, why do you hit me?”

²⁴Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the High Priest.

Peter Denies Jesus Again

(Mt 26.71–75; Mk 14.69–72; Lk 22.58–62)

²⁵Peter was still standing there keeping himself warm. So the others said to him, “Aren’t you also one of the disciples of that man?”

But Peter denied it. “No, I am not,” he said.

²⁶One of the High Priest’s slaves, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, spoke up. “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” he asked.

²⁷Again Peter said “No” — and at once a cock crowed.

Jesus is Brought before Pilate

(Mt 27.1–2, 11–14; Mk 15.1–5; Lk 23.1–5)

²⁸Early in the morning Jesus was taken from Caiaphas’ house to the governor’s palace. The Jewish authorities did not go inside the palace, for they wanted to keep themselves ritually clean, in order to be able to eat the Passover meal. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and asked, “What do you accuse this man of?”

³⁰Their answer was, “We would not have brought him to you if he had not committed a crime.”

³¹Pilate said to them, “Then you yourselves take him and try him according to your own law.”

They replied, “We are not allowed to put anyone to death.” ³²(This happened in order to make the words of Jesus come true, the words he used when he indicated the kind of death he would die.)

³³Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus. “Are you the King of the Jews?” he asked him.

³⁴Jesus answered, “Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?”

³⁵Pilate replied, “Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶Jesus said, “My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!”

³⁷So Pilate asked him, “Are you a king, then?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me.”

³⁸“And what is truth?” Pilate asked.

Jesus is Sentenced to Death

(Mt 27.15–31; Mk 15.6–20; Lk 23.13–25)

Then Pilate went back outside to the people and said to them, “I cannot find any reason to condemn him. ³⁹But according to the custom you have, I always set free a prisoner for you during the Passover. Do you want me to set free for you the King of the Jews?”

⁴⁰They answered him with a shout, “No, not him! We want Barabbas!” (Barabbas was a bandit.)

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped. ²The soldiers made a crown out of thorny branches and put it on his head; then they put a purple robe on him ³and came to him and said, “Long live the King of the Jews!” And they went up and slapped him.

⁴Pilate went out once more and said to the crowd, “Look, I will bring him out here to you to let you see that I cannot find any reason to condemn him.” ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Look! Here is the man!”

⁶When the chief priests and the temple guards saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “You take him, then, and crucify him. I find no reason to condemn him.”

⁷The crowd answered back, “We have a law that says he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

⁸When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid. ⁹He went back into the palace and asked Jesus, “Where do you come from?”

But Jesus did not answer. ¹⁰Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Remember, I have the authority to set you free and also to have you crucified.”

¹¹Jesus answered, “You have authority over me only because it was given to you by God. So the man who handed me over to you is guilty of a worse sin.”

¹²When Pilate heard this, he tried to find a way to set Jesus free. But the crowd shouted back, “If you set him free, that means that you are not the Emperor’s friend! Anyone who claims to be a king is a rebel against the Emperor!”

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he took Jesus outside and sat down on the judge’s seat in the place called “The Stone Pavement”. (In Hebrew the name is “Gabbatha”.) ¹⁴It was then almost noon of the day before the Passover. Pilate said to the people, “Here is your king!”

¹⁵They shouted back, “Kill him! Kill him! Crucify him!”

Pilate asked them, “Do you want me to crucify your king?”

The chief priests answered, “The only king we have is the Emperor!”

¹⁶Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

Jesus is Crucified

(Mt 27.32–44; Mk 15.21–32; Lk 23.26–43)

So they took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷He went out, carrying his cross, and came to “The Place of the Skull”, as it is called. (In Hebrew it is called “Golgotha”.) ¹⁸There they crucified him; and they also crucified two other men, one on each side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate wrote a notice and had it put on the cross. “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews”, is what he wrote. ²⁰Many people read it, because the place where Jesus was crucified was not far from the city. The notice was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. ²¹The chief priests said to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews’, but rather, ‘This man said, I am the King of the Jews.’”

²²Pilate answered, “What I have written stays written.”

²³After the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took the robe, which was made of one piece of woven cloth without any seams in it. ²⁴The soldiers said to one another, “Let’s not tear it; let’s throw dice to see who will get it.” This happened in order to make the scripture come true:

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and gambled for my robe.”

And this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, “He is your son.”

²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “She is your mother.” From that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

The Death of Jesus

(Mt 27.45–56; Mk 15.33–41; Lk 23.44–49)

²⁸Jesus knew that by now everything had been completed; and in order to make the scripture come true, he said, “I am thirsty.”

²⁹A bowl was there, full of cheap wine; so a sponge was soaked in the wine, put on a stalk of hyssop, and lifted up to his lips. ³⁰Jesus drank the wine and said, “It is finished!”

Then he bowed his head and died.

Jesus' Side is Pierced

³¹Then the Jewish authorities asked Pilate to allow them to break the legs of the men who had been crucified, and to take the bodies down from the crosses. They requested this because it was Friday, and they did not want the bodies to stay on the crosses on the Sabbath, since the coming Sabbath was especially holy. ³²So the soldiers went and broke the legs of the first man and then of the other man who had been crucified with Jesus. ³³But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they did not break his legs. ³⁴One of the soldiers, however, plunged his spear into Jesus' side, and at once blood and water poured out. ³⁵(The one who saw this happen has spoken of it, so that you also may believe.* What he said is true, and he knows that he speaks the truth.) ³⁶This was done to make the scripture come true: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷And there is another scripture that says, “People will look at him whom they pierced.”

The Burial of Jesus

(Mt 27.57–61; Mk 15.42–47; Lk 23.50–56)

³⁸After this, Joseph, who was from the town of Arimathea, asked Pilate if he could take Jesus' body. (Joseph was a follower of Jesus, but in secret, because he was afraid of the Jewish authorities.) Pilate told him he could have the body, so Joseph went and took it away. ³⁹Nicodemus, who at first had gone to see Jesus at night, went with Joseph, taking with him about thirty kilogrammes of spices, a mixture of myrrh and aloes. ⁴⁰The two men took Jesus' body and wrapped it in linen with the spices according to the Jewish custom of preparing a body for burial. ⁴¹There was a garden in the place where Jesus had been put to death, and in it there was a new tomb where no one had ever been buried. ⁴²Since it was the day before the Sabbath and because the tomb was close by, they placed Jesus' body there.

The Empty Tomb

(Mt 28.1–8; Mk 16.1–8; Lk 24.1–12)

20 Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. ²She went running to

19.35 believe; some manuscripts have *continue to believe*.



Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. ⁴The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and saw the linen wrappings, but he did not go in. ⁶Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there ⁷and the cloth which had been round Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen wrappings but was rolled up by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back home.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

(Mt 28.9–10; Mk 16.9–11)

¹¹Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb ¹²and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³"Woman, why are you crying?" they asked her.

She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!"

¹⁴Then she turned round and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵"Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who is it that you are looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, "If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned towards him and said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (This means "Teacher".)

¹⁷"Do not hold on to me," Jesus told her, "because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God."

¹⁸So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.

Jesus Appears to his Disciples

(Mt 28.16–20; Mk 16.14–18; Lk 24.36–49)

¹⁹It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." ²²Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

John



Zechar.

Malachi

Matt.

Mark

Luke

²⁶A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then stretch out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!"

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

The Purpose of this Book

³⁰In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. ³¹But these have been written in order that you may believe* that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 After this, Jesus appeared once more to his disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how it happened. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael (the one from Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of Jesus were all together. ³Simon Peter said to the others, "I am going fishing."

"We will come with you," they told him. So they went out in a boat, but all that night they did not catch a thing. ⁴As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water's edge, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Then he asked them, "Young men, haven't you caught anything?"

"Not a thing," they answered.

⁶He said to them, "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some." So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in, because they had caught so many fish.

⁷The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken his clothes off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples came to shore in the boat, pulling the net full of fish. They were not very far from land, about a hundred metres away. ⁹When they stepped ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish on it and some bread. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

¹¹Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore full of big fish, 153 in all; even though there were so many, still the net did not tear. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³So Jesus went over, took the bread, and gave it to them; he did the same with the fish.

¹⁴This, then, was the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from death.

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵After they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?"

"Yes, Lord," he answered, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my lambs." ¹⁶A second time Jesus said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," he answered, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷A third time Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

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20.31 believe; some manuscripts have *continue to believe*.

Peter was sad because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” so he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you!”

Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep. ¹⁸I am telling you the truth: when you were young, you used to get ready and go anywhere you wanted to; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will bind you and take you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹(In saying this, Jesus was indicating the way in which Peter would die and bring glory to God.) Then Jesus said to him, “Follow me!”

Jesus and the Other Disciple

²⁰Peter turned round and saw behind him that other disciple, whom Jesus loved — the one who had leaned close to Jesus at the meal and had asked, “Lord, who is going to betray you?” ²¹When Peter saw him, he asked Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

²²Jesus answered him, “If I want him to live until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!”

²³So a report spread among the followers of Jesus that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he said, “If I want him to live until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴He is the disciple who spoke of these things, the one who also wrote them down; and we know that what he said is true.

Conclusion

²⁵Now, there are many other things that Jesus did. If they were all written down one by one, I suppose that the whole world could not hold the books that would be written.

Don't compare your
**RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD**

TO ANYONE ELSE'S.

Everyone's looks a
LITTLE DIFFERENT.

John



Acts
Romans
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2 Corin.
Galat.

THE
BIG
ISSUES

AND WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THEM

CREATION & THE ENVIRONMENT

KEY BIBLE VERSES: GENESIS 1; LEVITICUS 25.2-7;
PSALM 104; MATTHEW 22.39

The Bible tells us that God created the world and everything in it. The earth belongs to him and he gave humankind the responsibility of looking after it. However, it seems like we are messing it up instead. From filling the oceans with plastic that harms sea life to using up fossil fuels just so that we can live comfier lives, it's all got very out of hand.

Think of your most prized possession. Imagine that you give it to a friend to look after, but when you get it back, it's completely trashed.

That's a bit what it's like with people and God's earth.

The Bible also tells us to love our neighbours, and a lot of the things we do in our everyday lives have an impact on the places where people live, across the world as well as in our local areas. Loving our neighbours means being careful that the way we live doesn't have a negative impact on them and the places they inhabit.

Research humankind's

IMPACT

• ON THE ENVIRONMENT •

and then write down one thing you will do to make a difference (for example, recycle more).

EVANGELISM

The word 'evangelism' comes from a Greek word that means 'good news' - and it doesn't have to be something big and scary! Very simply, evangelism means sharing with others the good news that Jesus loves us and has plans for our lives, here and eternally.

The Bible says that some people are especially gifted to be evangelists and equip the church to share the gospel. But even if we don't have that particular gift, we can still give it a go. Imagine if there was a really good film at the cinema but you missed out on it because nobody told you about it. Our friends and family won't come to know about the life Jesus gives us if nobody tells them about him.

There are lots of different ways to share our faith. It can be through sharing our own story of what God has done in our lives, or telling people that they are loved by God, or showing them a video about the Christian message. Evangelism can also be done through the way we live our lives - for example, not stealing, not swearing and being different from the world around us.

Evangelism is about being yourself and communicating just a small bit of the amazing news that we are all deeply loved and cared for by Jesus.

KEY BIBLE VERSES: EPHESIANS 4.11; ROMANS 10.14-15; MATTHEW 28.18-19; REVELATION 12.11

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IDENTITY

KEY BIBLE VERSES: PSALM 139.15-16; ISAIAH 43.1-5;
JOHN 15.15; EPHESIANS 1.4-7; EPHESIANS 2.10;
JOHN 15.9; PHILIPPIANS 3.20; GALATIANS 3.26

Part of growing up is about figuring out who we are and the kind of people we hope to become. Loads of things have an influence on our identity, such as where we live, our family and friends, and our interests, but our identity is also tied in with our self-esteem and how we feel about ourselves. Our feelings can be positive ('I am a good friend') or negative ('I'm not good enough').

Our identity can be very 'me' focused, so our feelings about ourselves shift around as we look to ourselves or other people to figure out who we are. But God wants us to focus on him, and to know that we have a secure identity in his love for us. The Bible has loads of verses about how we are loved, accepted and forgiven, and about God's plan for our lives.

READ THE VERSES ABOVE ABOUT IDENTITY.

LET IT SINK IN

that these words are part of

• WHO YOU ARE. •

WRITE OUT THE VERSES THAT

JUMP OUT

to you the most, and stick them
somewhere you can see them.

LIVING DIFFERENTLY

Fitting in and being 'normal' can be important, especially when you're growing up. We don't like to be different in case we

- STAND OUT -

in the crowd and others tease us for it. But there are ways in which, as Christians, we might want to live differently from the people around us. The differences can range from what we wear and what music we listen to, to what we do with our boyfriend or girlfriend or going to church on a Sunday instead of playing football.

The world can be a dark place, and God has called us to represent him and bring his light into it, doing good things instead of bad. Fullness of life with Jesus is about freedom, light and love. So it is a privilege to be different, not a disadvantage.

Ultimately, our purpose is to know Jesus and make him known, not to fit in and be like everyone else. We don't need to be the most popular or achieve the most, because our approval comes from God and not the world around us - and that is so liberating!

KEY BIBLE VERSES: ROMANS 12.2;
MATTHEW 5.13-16; JAMES 1.22;
1 JOHN 2.15-17

MAKING WISE DECISIONS

It's hard being a young person! There's loads of pressure on you to behave in certain ways and there are loads of environments, such as parties, where you may not be sure about the wisest move to make. As Christians, we need to think about how to make good choices in those situations. Jesus partied but was perfect!

On motorways you'll see crash barriers in the middle of the road. They are there to prevent you from hitting oncoming traffic. If you hit a crash barrier it's not great, but at least it's not the other side of the road. Making wise decisions when you are partying or under peer pressure can be seen in the same way. Putting barriers in place to make sure you don't cross the line is a good idea.

– BE PROACTIVE! –

Put a limit on how many drinks you'll have before going out; make a choice on what level of banter is inappropriate; decide with your partner how far is too far. Start with what you know: the Bible is clear on some things, like getting smashed, or talking behind people's backs, or sex outside marriage. That's the other side of the motorway, so be wise - put a few barriers in place.

KEY BIBLE VERSES: PROVERBS 3.5-7; PROVERBS 21.5; PROVERBS 23.29-35; JOHN 17.14-16; 1 CORINTHIANS 6.12; 1 CORINTHIANS 15.33; EPHESIANS 5.18; PHILIPPIANS 4.8; 1 PETER 4.1-6

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MENTAL HEALTH

KEY BIBLE VERSES: PSALM 46.1-3; PSALM 73.26; MATTHEW 11.28-30; PSALM 34.17-20; PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Mental health is something we all have. Positive mental health means being able to cope with day-to-day life, and having a healthy self-esteem and belief in our abilities. Mental ill-health is the opposite - it's when we find everyday demands hard to cope with and lack a positive sense of self. We all have ups and downs, but when our mental health negatively impacts our lives and relationships with others, it can become a problem. This is when someone may have a mental illness.

You've probably heard of some of the more common problems, such as eating disorders, depression and anxiety, but there's a wide range of issues which can look different for each person. Just like someone who's got the flu, people with mental health problems need help and support to get better.

Most importantly, God wants us to know that he's right in the middle of every situation, and it's important for us to talk to God about our issues.

If you, or someone you know, struggles with their mental health, you may want to talk to someone you trust about it. You can also check out some of these websites for guidance:

nhs.uk (search 'youth mental health')

youngminds.org.uk

mind.org.uk

SEX & RELATIONSHIPS

KEY BIBLE VERSES: 1 THESSALONIANS 4.1-8;
1 CORINTHIANS 6.18-20; GENESIS 2.24-25;
1 CORINTHIANS 7.32-35, SONG OF SONGS 8.6-7

God designed us for relationships. We are created firstly for relationship with him, but also for relationships with each other - whether family, friends or boyfriend or girlfriend. Some Christians feel called to remain single and stay focused completely on God, while others feel called to romantic relationships and one day to marriage.

Either way, relationships can be tricky.

Sex is a great gift from God. Many Christians believe that it's not just a physical act. It also has a spiritual element, and is designed to take place within marriage, creating a lasting bond between two people.

Not everybody reads the Bible verses about relationships in this way but one thing is for sure - God can help us with pain or hurt or regrets when it comes to sex, as he cares about us and what we do with our bodies.

For more information on this topic,

head to gnbyouthedition.co.uk/sex
to watch a short

≡ **FILM** ≡

WE MADE ABOUT IT.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media can be seen as an incredible opportunity to connect with others and impact their lives. How we use this opportunity is massively important, and so is the way we let it affect us. About two-thirds of young people say that social media has a negative influence on the way they feel about themselves, so we need to be on our guard. While Jesus may not have had a social media account, he did say a lot about how we should speak to other people, and this is as true when we're using social media as when we're in face-to-face conversation.

When we look at our timelines, with other people's filtered and staged photos, it can be easy to compare ourselves to them and feel rubbish about ourselves (see 'Comparison'). So how could you

- MAKE THE -
EXPERIENCE BETTER

for other people? What would it look like for you to only post images that made people want to do good in the world rather than feel bad about themselves? Could you only write status updates and messages that brought life to those who read them? Or perhaps choose, each week, to raise awareness of something that matters to you and God? You have been given a tool - use it well!

KEY BIBLE VERSES: COLOSSIANS 4.5-6;
EPHESIANS 4.29-32; HEBREWS 10.24

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or gnbyouthedition.co.uk/war to watch a

≡ SHORT FILM ≡

WE MADE ABOUT THEM.

SUFFERING

How can there be a God when there is so much suffering? Great question! Firstly, suffering was never part of God's original plan - the start of Genesis shows us a perfect world going wrong. Secondly, suffering is also not part of God's final plan - the end of Revelation describes a future where there is no more suffering, evil or death. The Bible makes it clear that God is good, so God's nature is not to cause suffering. Much suffering is caused by humans (think about wars, terrorism, inequality and poverty), though not all of it is.

But even if God is not the cause, why does he allow it? Maybe so as not to go against our free will? Perhaps because he can meet us in our suffering?

We don't know for definite. Amazingly, though, the God of the Bible never distances himself from suffering. Jesus came to earth and experienced the worst kind of suffering. So we know that Jesus understands our pain, and he promises to be with us through our suffering. Maybe that is more powerful than a one-sentence explanation?

KEY BIBLE VERSES: GENESIS 3.14-19; JOB 5.6-7;
ROMANS 8.18-22; 2 CORINTHIANS 1.5; PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11;
1 PETER 2.21; 1 PETER 5.10; REVELATION 21.3-4

WAR & TERRORISM

KEY BIBLE VERSES: PSALM 10.17-18;
PSALM 46.1-2, 9-10; PROVERBS 24.10-11;
MATTHEW 5.43-48

It feels as if the world we are living in today is increasingly unstable. War is normal, terrorism is normal and they both appear to be happening everywhere. What is the Bible's response?

There is a lot of disagreement about the Christian response to war. Some argue that it can be acceptable to go to war, considering that in the Old Testament, God's people went to war under God's leadership. It's possible that war might prevent something even worse from happening, or protect innocent people. Others would argue that Christians should be pacifists and not take part in war for any reason, considering Jesus' command to love our enemies.

One thing the Bible is clear about is that we're meant to

— LOVE & PRAY —

for those who persecute and cause hurt to us. The people we read about in the news or on social media who have done terrible things - we pray for them and we love them. We don't excuse their actions or hope that they avoid justice, but we pray and we love. Christians are called to bring peace and love in a hurting world.