



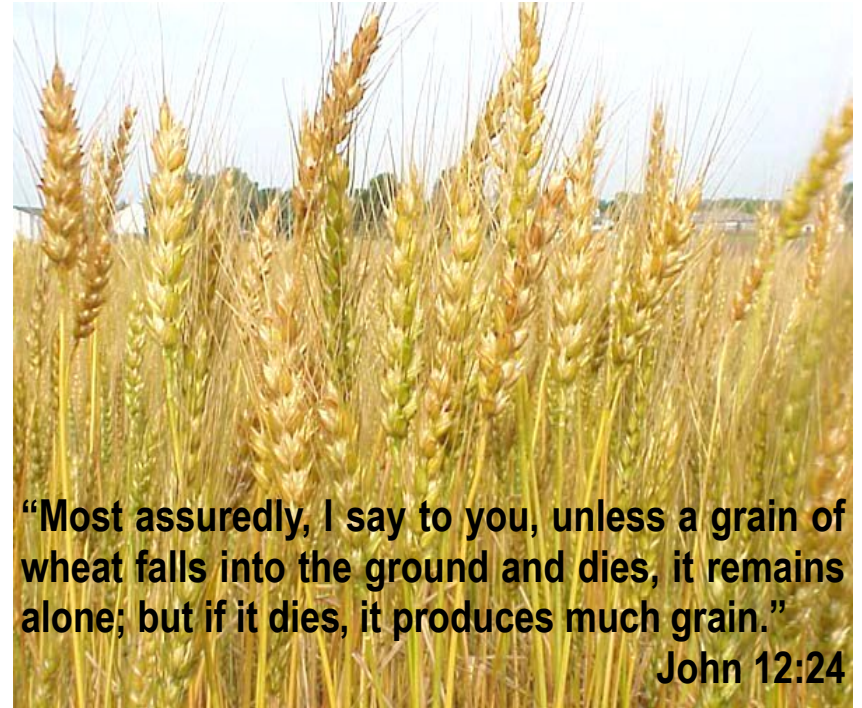
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“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

John 12:24

John 8-14

July 10-16th, 2008

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Ti 3:16-17)

The Gospel of John-

Our passage this week moves us through the completion of Jesus' signs and wonders, to see Him humbling Himself in washing the disciples' feet. As we wonder at His humbling example, we also move into the words of His last night with His chosen disciples. As you marvel at His works, note His heart behind the works. As you view His love and depth, keep it fast in your mind that they are the very essence of the Father in heaven. What He saw the Father doing He did. What He heard the Father say, He said. And through it all, He left us with an perfect display of the heart of the God of the universe. May He bless you as you pour out your life at His feet and hear His loving word whispering in your ear today!

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Additional Commentary: (Great Resource!)
http://preceptaustin.org/john_commentaries.htm

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“The Way to God” by Charles H. Spurgeon
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Daily Bible Study

Thursday, July 10th, 2008

Passage for today: John 8

Questions to Ponder

1. This chapter gives us a vivid picture of the confrontation that Jesus faced in His ministry. What do the confrontations seen here reveal to us about Jesus and those who opposed Him? The Jews accused Jesus of many things here. How did He respond? Lessons for us?
2. Jesus' life was full of confrontation—why? What was it that caused Him to handle it so well? What can we learn from this? Today, do you see much confrontation in your life due to your walk with Christ? Should you? How should you respond? (Matt. 5:10-12; Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet 2-4.)
3. Jesus knew who He was. His identity was based upon what the Father said. Could the same be said of the unbelieving Jews here? Could the same be said of you? Explain.

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John 8

Condemnation (1–11). The woman was guilty, but where was the man? Both of them deserved to die (Lev. 20:10). It was a trap and Jesus knew it, but He ended up trapping the trappers. Did He write on the ground to remind them that He had written the Law (Exod. 31:18) or to refer them to Jeremiah 17:13 (see Luke 10:20)? Here is our wonderful assurance: “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 8:1).

Illumination (12–29). The religious leaders did not know where they were going or where He was going because they were in the dark spiritually. They had the light of the Law (v. 5; Prov. 6:23) and of conscience (v. 9), but they did not have the light of life. Consequently, they did not know the Father or understand what Jesus taught them.

Liberation (30–59). The people were in bondage to Rome and to the Law of Moses, yet they said they were free! In verse 35, Jesus may have been referring to Isaac and Ishmael (Gen. 21:8–21), since the Jews had mentioned Abraham (v. 33). The Son makes you free (v. 36), so trust Him and follow Him. His truth makes you free (v. 32), so study it, believe it, and obey it. Satan imposes slavery that seems like freedom (2 Pet. 2:19); Jesus gives you a yoke that sets you free (Matt. 11:28–30).

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Jn 8:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Friday, July 11th, 2008

Passage for today: John 9

Questions to Ponder

1. This chapter lays before us another sign performed by Jesus. How does this *sign* prove that He is indeed the One anointed and sent by God? What does this *chapter* reveal to us about Him being the Son of God?
2. What do we learn about the Pharisees here? Do you see people like them in the world today? Explain. How does the blind man's testimony to them shed light on their blindness? What does it say to us about who Jesus is?
3. Jesus heals again on the Sabbath here. What words does He say concerning how and when His work is to be done? (Verses 4 – 5). See also John 5:17 where Jesus speaks of the Father's work and His own. How do these verses apply to us today?

With the word Bible Commentary

John 9

Irritation (1–12). By putting clay on the man's eyes, Jesus encouraged him to obey and wash on the Sabbath. Sometimes the Lord irritates us before He illuminates us. His power is so great that He can use common things like dirt and water to produce a miracle. The man could hear but not see, and the Word produced faith (Rom. 10:17).

Interrogation (13–34). The man was questioned by the neighbors (v. 10) and by the Pharisees (vv. 15, 19, 26). Instead of seeking the truth and the freedom it brings (8:32), the Pharisees denied the truth and ended up in worse bondage. If we ask questions sincerely, with a willingness to obey, the Lord will lead us to the truth (7:17). If we are not honest with God, He will never show us His light.

Identification (35–41). The Pharisees were false shepherds who threw the man out, but Jesus the Good Shepherd took him in! The man knew that He was "a Man called Jesus" (v. 11), "a prophet" (v. 17), and "a Man of God" (v. 33); but he needed to learn that He is "the Son of God" (v. 35). He believed and was saved. Beware a spiritual experience that comes short of true salvation.

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Jn 9:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Saturday, July 12th, 2008

Passage for today: John 10

Questions to Ponder

1. Verses 1-21 present the Good Shepherd illustration and explanation. Once again, Jesus' words cause trouble among the Jews—why? What are the distinctions of Jesus' sheep? Are you one of them? Explain.
2. Thus far in John, we have seen much concerning the signs and works of Jesus. Once again, what was He seeking to prove by performing them? How do the words we see of signs and works in this chapter support the fact that God had sent Jesus? Is this relevant for us today?
3. Verses 34-36 present some difficulty. What does Jesus mean by His use of Psalm 82:6 in this passage?
4. What is God seeking to show you from this chapter today?

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John 10

God's people are His flock (Ps. 100:3; Acts 20:28), and they must beware strangers (v. 5), thieves (vv. 1, 10), and hirelings (v. 12). Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep (vv. 14–15) and speaks to them (v. 27), so He is not like the strangers. He protects the sheep (vv. 28–29), so He is not like the thieves; and He gives His life for the sheep, so He is not like the hirelings who run away from danger (vv. 11–13).

When you trust the Good Shepherd, He leads you out of the wrong fold and into the right flock (vv. 3–4, 16). He goes before you and leads you by His Word (v. 4), and He leads you in and out to find spiritual nourishment (v. 9).

There are many churches but only “one flock and one shepherd” (v. 16). Is the Lord using you to bring the “other sheep” to Him?

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Jn 10:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Sunday, July 13th, 2008

Passage for today: John 11

Questions to Ponder

1. This chapter presents the seventh and final sign performed by Jesus in John's gospel. How does this account prove Jesus to be the Messiah? Jesus here claims to give life to those who believe. How does this apply to you today?
2. What does Jesus say to the disciples concerning their fear of persecution? How might this apply to us as we seek to walk after the Lord today? Can you say you agree with Thomas' words at all? Explain.
3. In verses 49-50 Caiaphas prophesied of Jesus concerning the fact that one man must die for the rest. Does it surprise you that a Pharisee might be used as a mouthpiece for God? (See Balaam) What does this say to us about the God we serve?

With the word Bible Commentary

John 11

This experience was difficult for the Bethany family, but look at it in the light of God's love (vv. 3, 5, 36).

Love hears (1–3). The sisters sent their message to the Lord because they knew He was concerned about them. God's love keeps His ears open to our cries (Ps. 34:12–16).

Love waits (4–6). We think that love must act immediately, but sometimes delay brings a greater blessing: "God's delays are not God's denials." Jesus gave them a promise to encourage them while they waited (v. 4). The promise seemed to have failed, but Jesus knew what He was doing.

Love risks (7–16). It was dangerous for Jesus to return to Judea, but He went just the same. The raising of Lazarus helped to precipitate the plans that led to His death (vv. 45–57).

Love comforts (17–32). Jesus came to the sisters, listened to them, and assured them with His word. He cannot really help us until we move from "Lord, if . . ." (vv. 21, 32) to "Yes, Lord, I believe" (v. 27).

Love weeps (33–37). Jesus identifies with our sorrows (Heb. 4:15–16). He knew He would raise Lazarus from the dead, but He still wept with the sisters and their friends.

Love serves (38–44). We today are not able to raise the dead, but we can serve others as they go through the valley (Rom. 12:15). A loving heart will always find a way to bear others' burdens (Gal. 6:2).

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Jn 11:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Monday, July 14th, 2008

Passage for today: John 12

Questions to Ponder

1. This chapter brings us to the sixth day and fifth day prior to Jesus' death. What did God do in these two days to further prove Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God?
2. Take a moment to note the details and the depth of Mary's actions in verses 3-8. From what you see here, how would you describe Mary's heart toward the Lord? What might we learn from her example?
3. Take a look at various responses to Jesus and His sayings in this chapter. What contrasts and divisions do you see? What might we learn from this? Of the people mentioned, who would you say you relate most to today? Why?

With the word Bible Commentary

John 12

Fragrance (1–11). What would your plans be if you knew you had only six days to live? Jesus took time to visit dear friends and fellowship with them. Mary's adoration not only revealed her love, but it brought joy to His heart, exposed Judas's sin, and gave the church an example to follow. Are the places where you go filled with Christ's fragrance because of you (2 Cor. 2:15–16)?

Festival (12–19). Jesus took advantage of the large Passover crowd to present Himself as King (Zech. 9:9). He was forcing the Jewish leaders to act, for it was the Father's will that Jesus die on Passover. The crowd did not stay with Him. It is easier to shout in a parade than stand at a cross.

Fruitfulness (20–36). Jesus looked upon His death as an opportunity to glorify God (vv. 23, 28). Do you take that attitude when you face a time of trial? He saw Himself as a seed that would die and produce fruit and as a conqueror who would defeat Satan (v. 31; Col. 2:14–15). The Cross would open the way of salvation for both Jews and Gentiles (v. 32).

Faithlessness (37–50). In His words and works, Jesus showed Israel the light, but they chose to walk in darkness. The praise of men meant more to them than the praise of God (5:44). Be careful what you do with His words because you will hear them again when you see the Savior (v. 48).

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Jn 12:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Tuesday, July 15th, 2008

Passage for today: John 13

Questions to Ponder

1. This chapter begins what some call the Upper Room Discourse (Chapters 13-17). After twelve chapters showing the power of the Messiah, this chapter begins by showing us Jesus washing the disciples' feet. How is this significant? How would you describe the heart of Jesus here? What spiritual pictures are found in the washing of the feet of the disciples? How should we apply this to our lives?
2. How does Jesus view His betrayal by Judas? How did it begin the process of Jesus being glorified?
3. Jesus gives a "new commandment" here. Are you living these words out today? Explain.

With the word Bible Commentary

John 13

What Jesus knew (1–11). Because of what Jesus knew, He did what He did: He washed the disciples' feet. Jesus knew where He came from and where He was going. He knew that the Father had given Him all things (3:35). If you have all things in your hand, you will have no problem picking up a towel (1 Cor. 3:21–23). Jesus taught them a lesson in fellowship and in keeping themselves clean before the Lord (1 John 1:5–2:1).

What the disciples knew (12–20). Jesus taught them a second lesson: true happiness comes from humble service. Jesus gave them an example that we must follow today (Phil. 2:1–11). Alas, soon after this lesson, the disciples began to argue over who was the greatest (Luke 22:24–30).

What Judas knew (21–30). Jesus did not reveal Judas's secret; in fact, He treated him just like the others and they detected nothing amiss. What love that Jesus should not only protect the man who betrayed Him but even wash his feet! Jesus with the towel is the perfect example of humility; Judas with the bread is a perfect example of hypocrisy and treachery.

What the world must know (31–38). The distinguishing mark of true disciples is their love for one another (1 John 2:7–11), and it is the kind of love that the world can see. He commands us to love, and He gives us the power to obey (Rom. 5:5).

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Jn 13:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Wednesday, July 16th, 2008

Passage for today: John 14

Questions to Ponder

1. Jesus is about to go away from the disciples and yet He says twice in this chapter, “Let not your heart be troubled...” How do the words in this chapter seek to give them reason to not be troubled?
2. How do the words of Thomas, Philip and Judas show us the lack of understanding the disciples had concerning Jesus’ death and resurrection? Are they seeing things spiritually or physically at this time? Explain. Lessons for us?
3. “Keeping Jesus’ commandments/words” and “the Holy Spirit” are mentioned much in these near-final words of Jesus to His disciples. Why? How do these things apply to you today?

With the word Bible Commentary

John 14

No wonder the disciples were troubled (vv. 1, 27): Jesus was going to leave them, one of them would betray Him, and Peter would deny Him. Jesus encouraged them by telling them about Himself and the Father.

Jesus takes us to the Father (1–6). We have a home in heaven when life is over, and we shall meet Jesus and the Father. James M. Gray wrote, “Who could mind the journey when the road leads home?” Blessed assurance!

Jesus reveals the Father (7–11). In what He said (7:16) and did (5:19) during His earthly ministry, Jesus revealed the Father: “I and My Father are one” (10:30). How can we not love the Father when He is like Jesus?

Jesus glorifies the Father (12–18). He does it through His people as they do God’s works and keep His commandments. Apart from the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer, we could never glorify the Lord.

Jesus and the Father dwell with us (19–31). It is one thing for us to go to heaven and quite something else for heaven to come to us! There is a deeper fellowship with the Son and the Father for those who love Him, seek Him, and obey Him. We experience His peace as we commune with the Father and the Son in love.

Jesus is the way to the Father; He reveals the truth about the Father; and He shares the life of the Father with us. Why should our hearts be troubled?

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Jn 15:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson

Outline

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This Weeks Detail Outline

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 - 3. Discourse on Christ's departure (13:31–14:31)

John 8 Notes

Whose Child Are You?: *There is no record that Jesus ever called the publicans and sinners “children of the devil.” He reserved that title for the hypocritical Pharisees. By nature, we are all “children of wrath”; and by choice, we become “children of disobedience” (Eph. 2:1–3). When you receive Jesus Christ, you become a child of God (John 1:12–). But if you reject Christ and have a false righteousness (Rom. 9:30–10:13), you are in danger of becoming a “child of the devil,” for Satan is an imitator (2 Cor. 11:13–15). If Satan becomes your father, hell will be your home.*

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). With the word Bible commentary (Jn 8:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

John 10 Notes

In the Good Shepherd’s Flock: *Why does the Lord compare His people to sheep? They are prone to wander (Isa. 53:6) and need a shepherd to guide them. Sheep are clean animals (1 Pet. 2:25; 2 Pet. 2:20–22) and were used for sacrifices (Rom. 8:36; 12:1)? They flock together (Acts 4:32) and produce milk, lambs, and wool. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep intimately and calls them by name. He protects them and provides for them (Ps. 23). How wonderful to be one of His sheep!*

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). With the word Bible commentary (Jn 10:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

John 11 Notes

“If God is at work week by week raising men from the dead, there will always be people coming to see how it is done. You cannot find an empty church that has conversion for its leading feature. Do you want to know how to fill empty chapels? Here is the answer: Get your Lazarus.”

Samuel Chadwick, Methodist evangelist and educator (1860–1932)

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). With the word Bible commentary (Jn 11:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

John 13 Notes

The Holy Spirit: *The Holy Spirit is the Father's gift to you, a gift that will never be taken back (John 14:16). The Spirit is a person, like the Father and the Son, and is God; and He dwells in God's people (14:17). He enables you to witness for Christ (15:26–27; Acts 1:8) and through your witness convicts the lost (16:7–11). He will teach you the Word (14:26) and use it in your life to glorify Christ (16:12–15).*

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). With the word Bible commentary (Jn 13:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another [John 13:34–35].

Now He gives to them a new commandment. Some folk would seem to think that He said, “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you are *fundamental* in the faith.” Now friend, I believe in being fundamental in the faith, I believe in the inerrancy of the Word of God, in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Scriptures, in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that He died on the Cross for the expiation of sin; that He died a substitutionary, vicarious death for the sins of the world. I believe He was raised bodily and ascended back into heaven and that He is coming personally to take His church out of the world. But I want to say this, and I want to say it very carefully: believing those things does not convince the unsaved world outside. The world is dying for just a little love. Jesus says that His disciples are to be known for their love.

When I was a boy, my dad died and I went to work to support my mother and sister; so I stayed with two aunts and a bachelor uncle. One aunt was a Baptist and the other a Presbyterian. My uncle was an unbeliever and a beer drinker. Every Sunday he would get up just in time for the noon meal. For dinner every Sunday we heard all the Baptist dirt and the Presbyterian dirt. Years later, when my uncle was in the hospital, one of my aunts wept and asked me, “Vernon, why doesn't he come to Christ?” I almost told her. Friend, may I say, we do not win the lost by being Christian cannibals. “But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another” (Gal. 5:15). This is the type of

thing that is turning the unsaved away from the church today. This is the reason they don't come in to hear the gospel. They hear the gossip before they can hear the gospel! Do you realize that the most important commandment for a Christian is not to witness, not to serve, but to *love* other believers?

Tertullian writes that the Roman government was disturbed about the early church. Christians were increasing in number by leaps and bounds. Because they wouldn't take even a pinch of incense and put it before the image of the emperor, the Romans felt they might be disloyal. Spies went into the Christian gathering and came back with a report something like this: "These Christians are very strange people. They meet together in an empty room to worship. They do not have an image. They speak of One by the name of Jesus, who is absent, but whom they seem to be expecting at any time. And my, how they love Him and how they love one another." Now if spies came from an atheistic government to see whether Christianity is genuine and they came to your church, what would be the verdict? Would they go back to report how these Christians love each other?

—McGee, J. Vernon: *Thru the Bible Commentary: The Gospels (John 11-21)*. electronic ed. Nashville : Thomas Nelson, 1991 (Thru the Bible Commentary 39), S. 68

13:35 The badge of Christian discipleship is not a cross worn around the neck or on the lapel, or some distinctive type of clothing. Anyone could profess discipleship by these means. The true mark of a Christian is **love** for his fellow Christians. This requires divine power, and this power is only given to those indwelt by the Spirit.

—MacDonald, William ; Farstad, Arthur: *Believer's Bible Commentary : Old and New Testaments*. Nashville : Thomas Nelson, 1997, c1995, S. Jn 13:35

“Let Her Alone...”

John 12:1-8

The depth of Mary’s love for our Lord is moving! Think for a moment of the condition of her heart as we find her here six days before the crucifixion, pouring out a year’s wages worth of fragrant oil upon the feet of Jesus. Looking in on the scene, we might imagine a room packed full of people. Martha, Mary’s sister, was serving the meal. Lazarus, Mary’s brother, was dining with Jesus. As far as we know, the disciples were also there. And from later verses, we know that there were Jews from the area there watching Lazarus to see if the story they had heard of Jesus raising him was indeed true. The house was full, no doubt. And yet, we see Mary walk in with a box of very expensive oil that she had been saving for just this occasion. She broke the box and poured it on our Savior’s feet and then wiped His feet with her hair. It almost seems that she was so mesmerized with Jesus that she didn’t even acknowledge the crowd. Her heart was full of love for Him. And she longed to show it. But as she was doing it, others had to be challenged in their hearts. As they looked upon, they had to see something in Mary that they knew they didn’t have. They had to see a heart in Mary that they surely wanted to have within themselves. Judas’ words were recorded for us here. He, along with others, must have longed to have a devotion like Mary. But upon seeing his own lack, he was moved, like many of us would be, to put her down for the act. He stated that she was wasteful. He claimed that the act was inconsiderate of others. But the Lord knew her heart. And He knew Judas’ too. Mary’s heart was set on Him. Mary’s heart was purified by His love for her and was set free from sin and lust by the overwhelming love she knew He had for her. But Judas’ heart was set on other things. Oh, Friend, there is a love awaiting each of us from Jesus that would move our hearts to a life of extravagant worship! Jesus’ love is waiting indeed. Today, may the Lord find us with the same heart we see of Mary here! And may He find us saving and pouring out our treasures upon Him in free worship of Him as the Lord of love! May we worship Him so today! And may our lives move others to do the same!