**The Good News According to John**

**John Chapter 1**

THE PROLOGUE TO THE GOOD NEWS (1:1-18)  
Creation Through the Word

1In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and what God was the word was.[[1]](#footnote-18211) 2This *word* was in the beginning with God. 3Everything came to be through it, and apart from it nothing came to be that has come to be. 4In it was life, and *that* life was the light of humankind. 5And the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness did not overcome it.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

6There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7This man came as a witness to testify about the light, so that through him all would believe. 8That man was not the light, but *he came* to testify about the light.

9The True Light, who gives light to every person, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, and *yet* the world did not know him. 11He came to his own and his own did not receive him. 12But to as many as received him—to those who believe in his name—he gave the right to become children of God, 13who were not born by blood,[[2]](#footnote-29237) nor by the will of the flesh, nor by the will of a man, but by God.

The Lamb of God

14The word became flesh and dwelled[[3]](#footnote-12140) among us, and we have seen his glory—the glory as the only begotten *Son* from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15John testified about him and called out, saying, “This was the one about whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was superior to me.’” 16For from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. 17For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.[[4]](#footnote-26422) 18No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in a most intimate relationship with[[5]](#footnote-15184) the Father, he has explained *him*.

JOHN THE BAPTIST TESTIFIES ABOUT JESUS (1:19-34)  
Who Is John the Baptist?

19And this is the witness of John when the Jews[[6]](#footnote-25799) sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” 20And he confessed, and did not deny it, but he confessed, “I am not the Christ.” 21And they asked him, “Who *are you* then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” And he answered, “No.” 22Then they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” 23He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord,”[[7]](#footnote-23224) as Isaiah the prophet said. 24And they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25And they asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” 26John answered them, saying, “I baptize in water, *but* among you stands one whom you do not know. 27*He is* the one who is coming after me—I am not *even* worthy to untie the strap of his sandal!” 28These things were done in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Lamb of God

29On the next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30This is he about whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who has surpassed me, because he was superior to me.’ 31And I did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing in water: so that he would be revealed to Israel.” 32And John testified, saying, “I have seen the spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and it remained on him. 33And I did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water, he said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the spirit descending and remaining on him, this is the one who baptizes with holy spirit.’ 34And I myself have seen *it*, and have testified, that this is the Son of God.”

THE DISCIPLES TESTIFY ABOUT JESUS (1:35-51)  
Andrew Testifies About Jesus

35Again on the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, 36and he looked at Jesus as he was walking by and said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” 37And the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus. 38And Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi (which translated means, “Teacher”), where are you staying?” 39He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” Therefore, they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day (it was about the tenth hour).[[8]](#footnote-20411) 40One of the two that heard what John *had said*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41This one first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means, “Christ”). 42He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John, you will be called Cephas,” (which translated means, “Peter”).

Philip and Nathanael Testify About Jesus

43On the next day he wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip, and Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, from the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the one who Moses wrote about in the Law, and *so did* the prophets: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46And Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said about him, “Behold, truly an Israelite in whom is no deceit!” 48Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” 49Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are King of Israel.” 50Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, I saw you underneath the fig tree, you believe? You will see greater things than these.” 51And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you all, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

**John Chapter 2**

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS: JESUS' SIGNS AND TEACHINGS TESTIFY ABOUT HIM (2:1-12:50)  
The Wedding in Cana: Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

1And on the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus had been invited to the wedding, and also his disciples. 3And when the wine began to run out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4And Jesus said to her, “*Dear* woman, what does your concern have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” 5His mother said to the servants, “Whatever he says to you, do it.” 6Now there were six stone water jars standing there *that were* *used* for the *ceremonial* cleansing of the Jews, each containing 20 or 30 gallons.[[9]](#footnote-28187) 7Jesus said to them, “Fill the water jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8And he said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the ruler of the feast.” And they took it. 9And when the ruler of the feast tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it was from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast called the groom 10and said to him, “Everyone sets out the good wine first, and when *people* have drunk freely, *then* that which is inferior, *but* you have kept the good wine until now.” 11This is the beginning of *his* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Jesus Moves to Capernaum

12After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and *his* brothers, and his disciples. And they stayed there only a few days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

13And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14And he found in the Temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the coin dealers were sitting *there*. 15And he made a whip out of cords, and drove *them* all out of the Temple, also the sheep and the oxen, and he poured out the moneychangers’ coins, and overturned their tables. 16And to those selling doves he said, “Take these things away from here! Stop making my Father’s house a house of merchandise!” 17(His disciples remembered that it was written, Zeal for your house will consume me).[[10]](#footnote-13023)

18So the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign *of your authority* can you show to us, since you are doing these things?” 19Jesus answered and said to them, “If you destroy this temple, I will raise it up in three days.” 20The Jews then said, “It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22Now when he was raised from among the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus at the Passover

23[[11]](#footnote-24239)Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in his name because they saw his signs that he was doing. 24But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all people, 25and because he did not need anyone to testify about people, for he himself knew what was in people.

**John Chapter 3**

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus About Salvation

1Now there was a person who was one of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, 2who came to him at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher *sent* from God, for no one is able to do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him.” 3Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born from above, he is not able to see the Kingdom of God.” 4Nicodemus said to him, “How is a person able to be born when he is old? *Surely* he is not able to enter a second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?” 5Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and of *the* Spirit, he is not able to enter into the Kingdom of God! 6That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be amazed that I said to you, you must all be born from above. 8The Spirit breathes where it wants to, and you hear its voice, but do not know where it comes from and where it goes; this is how it is with everyone who is born by the Spirit.” 9Nicodemus answered and said to him, “How are these things able to happen?” 10Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the *well-known* teacher of Israel and *yet* do not know these things? 11Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak that which we know, and testify about what we have seen, and *yet* you *people* are not accepting our testimony. 12If I told you *people* about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?” 13And no one has gone up to heaven, but he who came down from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.[[12]](#footnote-20951) 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so it was necessary that the Son of Man was lifted up 15in order that whoever believes in him will have life in the age *to come*. 16For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have life in the age *to come*. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world could be saved through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19And this is the verdict: that the light has come into the world and *yet* people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20For everyone who practices evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his works are exposed. 21But whoever lives by the truth comes to the light in order that his works can be clearly seen as having been carried out in *connection with* God.

John Testifies About Jesus

22After these things, Jesus and his disciples went into the land of Judea, and he spent some time with them there and he was baptizing. 23And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was an abundance of water there, and people were coming and were being baptized, 24for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

25Then an argument arose between some of the disciples of John and a *certain* Jew about *ceremonial* cleansing. 26And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, about whom you have testified, look, he is baptizing and everyone is going to him.” 27John answered and said, “A person is not able to receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven. 28You yourselves *can* testify about me, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’[[13]](#footnote-12247) but rather, ‘I have been sent before him.’ 29He who has the bride is the groom, but the friend of the groom who stands and hears him rejoices greatly because of the groom’s voice. Therefore, this joy of mine has been made full. 30He must increase, but I must decrease.

31“He who comes from above is above all. The one who is of the earth is of the earth, and he speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. 32He testifies about what he has seen and heard, and *yet* no one receives his testimony. 33The one who has received his testimony has certified with his seal that God is true. 34For he whom God sent continues to speak the words of God, for He continues to give *to him* the spirit without measure. 35The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. 36Whoever believes in the Son has life in the age *to come*, but whoever defies the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

**John Chapter 4**

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

1Now when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John, 2(although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples), 3he left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. 4And it was necessary that he pass through Samaria. 5So he came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph, 6and Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being tired from his journey, was sitting, just as he was, by the well. It was about the sixth hour.[[14]](#footnote-20214)

7A woman of Samaria came to draw water, *and* Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” 8(for his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food). 9So the Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask me for a drink, since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans). 10Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who is the one who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have been the one to ask him, and he would have given you living water.” 11She said to him, “Lord,[[15]](#footnote-28239) you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. From where then do you have that living water? 12Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his livestock?” 13Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, 14but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never ever thirst, but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to life in the age *to come*.” 15The woman said to him, “Lord, give me this water so I will not get thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw *water*.” 16Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” 17The woman answered and said to him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have rightly said, ‘I have no husband,’ 18for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truly.” 19The woman said to him, “Lord, I can see that you are a prophet. 20Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, yet you say that in Jerusalem is the Place[[16]](#footnote-20696) where people ought to worship.” 21Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22You worship that which you do not know. We worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming and now is here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such *people* to be his worshipers. 24God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming” (he who is called Christ).[[17]](#footnote-25557) “When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am *he*.”

27And at this point his disciples came, and they were amazed that he was speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” 28So the woman left her water jar and went away into the city, and said to the people, 29“Come see a man who told me everything I *ever* did. Can this be the Christ?” 30They went out of the city, and were coming to him.

31In the meanwhile the disciples were asking him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” 32But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him *something* to eat?” 34Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 35You have a saying, do you not, ‘There are still four months, and *then* comes the harvest.’ Listen! I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields—because they are already white *and ready* to harvest. 36Whoever reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for life in the age *to come*, so that the one who sows and the one who reaps can rejoice together. 37For in this *case* the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38I sent you to reap that on which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans Believe

39And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I *ever* did.” 40So when the Samaritans came to him they kept on asking him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41And many more believed because of his word, 42and they said to the woman, “Now it is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

43And after the two days he went out from there into Galilee. 44(Now Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his hometown.) 45So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him because they had seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast, for they also had gone to the feast.

Jesus Heals a Nobleman’s Son

46Then he came again to Cana of Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, because he was at the point of death. 48Therefore Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will not ever believe.” 49The nobleman said to him, “Lord,[[18]](#footnote-18104) come down before my child dies.” 50Jesus said to him, “Go your way, your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. 51And as he was still going down *to Capernaum*, his servants met him, saying that his son lived. 52So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”[[19]](#footnote-14404) 53So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives,” and he himself believed, and his whole house. 54Now this was a second sign that Jesus did when he had come out of Judea into Galilee.

**John Chapter 5**

Jesus Heals At the Pool On the Sabbath

1After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* there is a pool that in Hebrew is called “Bethesda,”[[20]](#footnote-21727) and it has five roofed colonnades. 3In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, *and* withered.[[waiting for the moving of the water. 4For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.]] 5And a certain man was there who had been in his infirmity *for* 38 years. 6When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been *in that condition* a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” 7The sick man answered him, “Lord,[[21]](#footnote-20968) I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” 8Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet, and walk.” 9And immediately the man became healthy, and took up his pallet and was walking around. Now it was *the* Sabbath on that day, 10so the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your pallet.” 11But he answered them, “The one who healed me, that *man* said to me, ‘Take up your pallet and walk.’” 12They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up *your pallet* and walk?’” 13But he who was healed did not know who it was because Jesus had slipped away—there was a multitude *of people* in that place.

14Afterward, Jesus found him in the Temple and said to him, “Look, you have been healed. Do not sin anymore, lest something worse happen to you!” 15The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. 16And for this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17But Jesus answered them, “My Father is always working, and I am *always* working.” 18For this reason, the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he not only was “breaking the Sabbath,” but also was calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

The Relationship of the Father and the Son

19So Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is not able to do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever he does, the Son also does in the same way. 20For the Father is a friend to the Son, and shows him all *the* things that he is doing. And he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. 21For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he wants. 22For the Father does not judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son 23so that all will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever is hearing my word and is believing him who sent me has life in the age *to come*, and does not come into condemnation, but has crossed over from death to life. 25Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who heard will live. 26For as the Father has life in himself, so He has also given to the Son to have life in himself. 27And he gave him authority to execute judgment because he is the Son of Man. 28Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29and will come out; those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, and those who have practiced evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30I am not able to do anything on my own. As I hear, I judge. And my judgment is righteous because I do not seek *to do* my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

31“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. 32It is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony that he testifies about me is true.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

33“You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. 34Now I do not accept the testimony *that comes* from people, but I say these things in order that you may be saved. 35He was the lamp that burns and shines, and you were willing to rejoice for a short time[[22]](#footnote-15800) in his light.

The Testimony of Jesus' Works

36“But the testimony that I have is greater than *that of* John, for the works that the Father has given me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about me, that the Father has sent me.

The Testimony of the Father

37“And the Father that sent me, he has testified about me. You have never heard his voice at any time nor seen his form. 38And you do not have his word residing in you because you do not believe him whom he sent.

The Testimony of Moses

39“You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have life in the age *to come*, and *yet* those are the ones that testify about me. 40But you do not want to come to me so that you can have life.

41“I do not accept glory from people, 42but I know you, that you do not have the love of God inside yourselves. 43I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me, *but* if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44How are you able to believe, *you* who are always accepting glory from one another and are not seeking the glory that *comes* from the only God? 45Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; there is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46For if you were believing Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. 47But since you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

**John Chapter 6**

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

1After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (which is *the Sea* of Tiberias). 2And a large crowd was following him because they saw the signs that he was doing on those who were sick. 3And Jesus went up onto the mountain, and he sat there with his disciples.

4Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. 5Jesus therefore, lifting up his eyes and seeing that a great multitude was coming to him, said to Philip, “Where are we going to buy bread so these can eat?” 6And he said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was about to do. 7Philip answered him, “200 denarii[[23]](#footnote-17687) worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that everyone could take a little.” 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, 9“There is a young boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” 10Jesus said, “Have the people sit down *to eat*.” Now there was much grass in the place, so the men sat down *to eat*, about 5,000 in number. 11Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, he distributed *the loaves* to those who had sat down *to eat*, likewise also with the fish, as much as they wanted. 12And when they were filled, he said to his disciples, “Gather up the broken pieces that are left over, so that nothing is lost.” 13So they gathered them up. And from the five barley loaves they filled twelve baskets with broken pieces that were left over by those who had eaten.

14Now when the people saw the sign that he did, they began to say *to one another*, “This is truly the prophet who is to come into the world.” 15Therefore, when Jesus knew that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself alone.

Jesus Walks on Water

16And when evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,[[24]](#footnote-22997) 17and having gotten into a boat, they were going across the lake to Capernaum. And it was now dark and *yet* Jesus had not yet come to them. 18And the lake *began* to be stirred up because of a strong wind that was blowing. 19Now when they had rowed about three or three and a half miles,[[25]](#footnote-16708) they saw Jesus walking on the lake and drawing near to the boat, and they were afraid. 20But he said to them, “It is I. Do not be afraid.” 21Therefore, they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

I Am the Bread of Life

22On the next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the lake saw that there were no other boats there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples had gone away alone 23(*but* other small boats came from Tiberius to near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks). 24So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the small boats and went to Capernaum seeking Jesus.

25And when they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” 26Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to life in the age *to come*, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on him the Father, God, has set his seal.” 28Therefore they said to him, “What must we do so that we are working the works of God?” 29Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in him whom he has sent.” 30So they said to him, “Then what sign will you *show us* in order that we can see it and believe you? What work? 31Our fathers ate the manna in the desert, as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”[[26]](#footnote-24235) 32Then Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

34Therefore, they said to him, “Lord,[[27]](#footnote-23238) give us this bread from now on.” 35Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never ever hunger, and whoever believes in me will never ever thirst. 36But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37All *those* whom the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will absolutely not cast out. 38For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39And this is the will of him who sent me: that all that he has given me, I lose none of them, but raise them up on the last day. 40For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him will have life in the age *to come*, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

41Therefore the Jews grumbled about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42And they said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” 43Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. 44No one is able to come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. 45It is written in the prophets, And they will all be taught by God.[[28]](#footnote-31544) Everyone who has heard from the Father and has learned, comes to me, 46not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God, he has seen the Father. 47Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has life in the age *to come*. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your fathers ate the manna in the desert, and they died. 50This is the bread that comes down out of heaven so that a person may eat of it and not die: 51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Indeed, the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

52Therefore the Jews argued intensely with each other, saying, “How is this man able to give us his flesh to eat?” 53Therefore Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in you. 54The one who continues to eat[[29]](#footnote-23954) my flesh and drink my blood has life in the age *to come*, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56The one who continues to eat my flesh and drink my blood remains in *union with* me, and I in *union with* him. 57Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who continues to feed on me—yes that one—will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down out of heaven, not as the Fathers[[30]](#footnote-16517) ate, and died. The one who continues to eat this bread will live forever.” 59He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Many Disciples Stop Following Jesus

60Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who is able to hear it?” 61But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Does this cause you to fall away? 62Then *what* if you were to see the Son of Man coming up to where he was before? 63It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. 64But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65And he said, “This is why I have said to you that no one is able to come to me, unless it is given to him by the Father.”

66From that *time* many of his disciples turned back, and did not walk any more with him. 67Therefore Jesus said to the Twelve, “Will you also go away?” 68Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of life in the age *to come*. 69And we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.” 70Jesus answered them, “Didn’t I choose you, the Twelve? And *yet* one of you is a devil.”[[31]](#footnote-23620) 71Now he was speaking of Judas *the son* of Simon Iscariot, for it was he, one of the Twelve, who was going to betray him.

**John Chapter 7**

Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles

1And after these things, Jesus walked in Galilee, for he would not walk in Judea because the Jews were trying *to find a way* to kill him. 2Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Tabernacles, was near. 3Therefore his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples also can see the works that you are doing. 4For no one does anything in secret when he is seeking to be known publicly. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world” 5(for not even his brothers believed in him). 6Therefore Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. 7The world is not able to hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it, that its works are evil. 8You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast because my time has not yet fully come.” 9And having said these things to them, he remained in Galilee.

10But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not openly, but in secret. 11Now the Jews were looking for him at the feast, and kept saying, “Where is he?” 12And there was a lot of secret discussion about him among the crowds. Some said, “He is a good man”; others said, “No, on the contrary, he leads the people astray.” 13Yet no one was speaking publicly about him because they were afraid of the Jews.

Jesus Teaches at the Feast

14Now about the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the Temple and *began* to teach. 15Then the Jews were amazed, *and* said, “How does this man have such learning when he has not been educated?” 16Therefore Jesus answered them and said, “My teaching is not my own, but his that sent me. 17If anyone is willing to keep doing his will, he will come to know about the teaching, whether it is of God, or *if* I am speaking on my own. 18The one who speaks from himself is seeking his own glory, but the one who is seeking the glory of one who sent him, he is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

19“Didn’t Moses give you the law? And *yet* not one of you is keeping the law. *If you are,* why are you trying to kill me?” 20The crowd answered, “You have a demon. Who is trying to kill you?” 21Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all were amazed. 22For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the Fathers),[[32]](#footnote-12021) and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man. 23If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the Law of Moses is not broken, are you enraged with me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? 24Stop judging by the outward appearance! Instead, judge with a righteous judgment.”

Can This Be the Christ?

25Therefore, some of them from Jerusalem said, “Isn’t this he whom they are trying to kill? 26And look, he is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to him. Can it be that the rulers really know that this is the Christ?[[33]](#footnote-27070) 27But we know where this man is from, yet when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from.” 28So Jesus cried out while teaching in the Temple, saying, “You both know me, and know where I am from. And I have not come on my own, but he who sent me is true, whom you do not know. 29I know him because I am from him, and he sent me.” 30Therefore, they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid his hand on him because his hour had not yet come. 31But many in the crowd believed in him, and they said, “When the Christ comes, will he do more signs than those that this man has done?”

Police Sent to Arrest Jesus

32The Pharisees heard the crowd secretly discussing these things about him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent *Temple* police to take him. 33So Jesus said, “I am with you a little while longer, and *then* I am going to the one who sent me. 34You will seek me and will not find me, and where I am, you are not able to come.” 35Therefore the Jews said among themselves, “Where will this man go that we will not find him? Will he go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? 36What is this word that he said, ‘You will seek me and will not find me, and, where I am, you are not able to come?’”

The Promise of the Spirit

37Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty—whoever believes in me—let him come to me and drink. 38As the Scripture has said, out of his belly will flow rivers of living water.” 39Now he said this about the spirit, which those who believed in him were going to receive, for as yet there was no spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Confusion About the Christ

40Then *some* of the crowd, when they heard these words, said, “Truly, this is the prophet!” 41Others said, “This is the Christ!” But some said, “What, does the Christ come out of Galilee? 42Hasn’t the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” 43So there arose a division among the crowd because of him. 44And some of them were wanting to arrest him, but no one laid his hands on him.

45Then the *Temple* police came *back* to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” 46The police answered, “No one has ever spoken like this.” 47So the Pharisees answered them, “You have not also been led astray, have you? 48Have any of the rulers believed in him, or *any* of the Pharisees? 49But this crowd that does not know the law—they are cursed. 50Nicodemus (the one who had come to him earlier *and* who was one of them) said to them, 51“Does our law condemn a man without first hearing from him and learning what he is doing?” 52They answered and said to him, “You are not from Galilee also, are you? Search, and you will see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.”

The Woman Caught in Adultery

53[[And each one went to his own house,]]

**John Chapter 8**

1[[but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2And early in the morning he came again into the Temple, and all the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3And the experts in the law and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst, 4they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. 5Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” 6But they were saying this to tempt him, in order to have *grounds* to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger. 7But when they continued asking him, he stood up and said to them, “Let the one who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8And again he stooped down and with his finger continued writing on the ground. 9Now when they heard *this*, they began going out, one by one, beginning with the oldest. And he was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst. 10And Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11And she said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore!”]]

I Am the Light of the World

12Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. The one who continues to follow me will not ever walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” 13Therefore the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf, your testimony is not true.” 14Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I came from or where I am going. 15You are judging according to the flesh; I am judging no one. 16Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent me *judge together*. 17Now even in your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. 18I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me.” 19Therefore they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me, nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” 20(He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury in the Temple, and *yet* no one arrested him because his hour had not yet come).

Jesus Warns Against Unbelief

21Then he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you are not able to come.” 22Therefore, the Jews were saying, “He will not kill himself, will he, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you are not able to come?’” 23And he said to them, “You are from beneath, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world. 24That is why I said to you that you will die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am *the one*, you will die in your sins.” 25Therefore they said to him, “You—who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Altogether, I am what I am telling you. 26I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but he who sent me is true, and what I have heard from him—these things I speak to the world.”

27They did not perceive that he was speaking to them of the Father. 28So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *the one*. And I do nothing of myself, but as the Father taught me, I speak these things. 29And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.” 30As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

The Truth Will Set You Free

31Then Jesus said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you continue in my word, *then* you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

33They answered him, “We are Abraham’s seed, and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will be set free?’” 34Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who continues to commit sin is a slave to sin. 35And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Children of the Devil

37“I know that you are Abraham’s seed. Yet you are trying to find *a way* to kill me because my word has no place in you. 38I speak the things that I have seen from *my* Father, and you also do the things that you heard from *your* father.” 39They answered and said to him, “Our father is Abraham.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40But now you are trying to find *a way* to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this! 41You keep doing the works of your father.” They said to him, “We were not born from sexual immorality. We have one Father—God.” 42Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, because I came from God and am here; for I have not come on my own, but he sent me. 43Why do you not understand what I am saying? Because you are not able to hear my word. 44You are of *your* father the Devil,[[34]](#footnote-10440) and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks out of his own *character*, for he is a liar, and the father of them. 45But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me. 46Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe me? 47The one who is of God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear *them* is that you are not of God.”

Jesus Is Greater Than Abraham

48The Jews answered and said to him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” 49Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks and judges. 51Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will absolutely not see death.” 52The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and *also* the prophets, but you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will absolutely not taste of death.’ 53Surely you are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died. Whom do you make yourself?” 54Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ 55And you have not known him, but I know him. And if I were to say, ‘I do not know him,’ *then* I would be like you: a liar. But I know him, and keep his word. 56Your father Abraham was overjoyed that he would see my day, and he saw *it*, and rejoiced.” 57Therefore, the Jews said to him, “You are not yet 50 years old, and you have seen Abraham?” 58Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am *the one*.” 59Therefore they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the Temple.

**John Chapter 9**

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. 2And his disciples asked him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, so that he was born blind?” 3Jesus answered, “Neither did this man sin, nor his parents; but let the works of God be revealed in him. 4We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one will be able to work. 5As long as I am in the world, I am a light of the world.”

6When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud out of the spittle, and put the mud on his eyes, 7and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,” (which is translated “Sent”). So he went and washed and came *back* seeing. 8Therefore, the neighbors and those who had seen him before—that he was a beggar—were saying, “Isn’t this the one who sat and begged?” 9Others were saying, “It is he,” *while* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am *he*.” 10So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” 11He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made mud and spread it on my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash,’ so I went and washed, and I received sight.” 12And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

Pharisees Investigate the Healing

13They brought to the Pharisees the one who had been blind. 14Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15So the Pharisees also were asking him how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” 16So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How is a man who is a sinner able to do such signs?” And there was a division among them. 17So they said again to the blind *man*, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”

18Now the Jews did not believe *the story* about him, that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the one who had received his sight. 19And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” 20His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind, 21but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him, he is of age, he will speak for himself.” 22(His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed him to be Christ,[[35]](#footnote-24396) he would be put out of the synagogue. 23That is why his parents said, “He is of age, ask him”).

24So a second time they called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” 25Therefore he answered, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that, although I was blind, now I see.” 26Then they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” 27He answered them, “I already told you, and you did not hear. Why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?” 28And they heaped insults on him, and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he is from.” 30The man answered and said to them, “Well, this is an amazing thing, that you do not know where he is from, and *yet* he opened my eyes. 31We know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, he hears him. 32Since the world began it was never heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.” 34They answered and said to him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

The Man Born Blind Believes

35Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and finding him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36He answered and said, “And who is he, Lord?[[36]](#footnote-14271) *Tell me* so that I can believe in him.” 37Jesus said to him, “You have both seen him, and it is he who is speaking with you.” 38And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he bowed down before him. 39And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see will see, and that those who see will become blind.”

Spiritual Blindness of the Pharisees

40Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and said to him, “We are not blind too, are we?” 41Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now, *since* you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

**John Chapter 10**

I Am the Door

1“Truly, truly, I say to you,[[37]](#footnote-30628) the one who does not enter into the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, that *person* is a thief and a robber. 2But the one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3To him the doorkeeper opens and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5And they will never follow a stranger, but will flee from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6Jesus spoke this veiled language to them, and they did not understand what those things were that he had been saying to them. 7Therefore Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out, and will find pasture. 10The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have life, and have *it* abundantly.

I Am the Good Shepherd

11“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not a shepherd *and* who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*. 13*He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. And I know my own and my own know me 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. And there will be one flock *with* one shepherd. 17This is the reason the Father loves me: because I lay down my life in order that I can receive it again. 18No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down and I have the authority to receive it again. This commandment I received from my Father.”

19Because of these words, a division arose again among the Jews. 20And many of them said, “He has a demon and is raving mad. Why do you listen to him?” 21Others said, “These are not the sayings of one *who* has a demon. Is a demon able to open the eyes of the blind?”

Jesus Rejected at the Feast of Dedication

22Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem 23(it was winter),[[38]](#footnote-28760) and Jesus was walking in the Temple; in Solomon’s porch.[[39]](#footnote-11032) 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep our souls in suspense? If you are the Christ,[[40]](#footnote-29640) tell us plainly.” 25Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name, these testify about me. 26But you do not believe because you are not of my sheep. 27My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, 28and I give them life in the age *to come*, and they will absolutely not perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29My Father, who has given *them* to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand. 30I and the Father are one.”

31The Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32Jesus answered them, “Many good works have I showed you from the Father. For which of those works are you going to stone me?” 33The Jews answered him, “We are not going to stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because you, being a man, make yourself a god.” 34Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, I said, you are gods?[[41]](#footnote-11446) 35If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and the Scripture is not able to be broken— 36do you say of him whom the Father made holy and sent into the world, ‘You speak blasphemy,’ because I said I am the Son of God? 37If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me. 38But if I am doing them, though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you will come to know and continue to know that the Father is in *union with* me, and I am in *union with* the Father.” 39Therefore they were again looking for a way to arrest him, and *yet* he went away out of their hand.

Beyond the Jordan—Many Believe

40And he went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he stayed there. 41And many came to him and were saying, “John never did a sign, but everything John said about this man was true.” 42And many believed in him there.

**John Chapter 11**

The Death of Lazarus

1Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2(And it was *this* Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick). 3Therefore the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, look! The man who is your friend is sick.” 4But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This sickness is not ending in death, but is to the glory of God, so that the Son of God will be glorified by it.” 5Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus, 6so when he heard that he was sick, he stayed two more days in the place where he was.

7Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let’s go to Judea again.” 8The disciples say to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” 9Jesus answered, “Are there not 12 hours in the day? If anyone walks around during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10But if anyone walks around in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” 11He said this, and after that he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” 12Therefore the disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” 13Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he spoke of taking rest in sleep. 14Therefore Jesus then said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. 15And I rejoice for your sakes that I was not there, so that you can believe. But let’s go to him.” 16Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s also go, that we can die with him.”

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

17So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. 18Now Bethany was near to Jerusalem, about one and three quarters miles off,[[42]](#footnote-23875) 19and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. 20Then Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22And even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” 23Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise up.” 24Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise up in the resurrection at the last day.” 25Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live even if he dies, 26and whoever lives and believes in me will not ever die in the age *to come*. Do you believe this?” 27She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ,[[43]](#footnote-17714) the Son of God, the One coming into the world.”

28And when she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying in secret, “The Teacher is here, and is calling for you.” 29And she, when she heard it, got up quickly and went to him. 30(Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met him). 31Then the Jews who were with her in the house and were comforting her, when they saw Mary, that she got up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to cry there. 32Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33Now when Jesus saw her crying, and the Jews who came with her *also* crying, he was deeply angered in the spirit, and was troubled, 34and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35Jesus burst into tears. 36Then the Jews said, “Look how he was a friend to him!” 37But some of them said, “Was not this *man*, who opened the eyes of the blind, able to have done something so that this man would not have died?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus

38Then Jesus, again deeply angered within himself, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be a bad odor, for he has been *dead* four days.” 40Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. 42And I knew that you always hear me, but because of the crowd standing around, I said it so they believe that you sent me.” 43And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44He who was dead came out, bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, “Loose him and let him go.”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

45Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what he did, believed in him. 46But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things that Jesus had done. 47Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Sanhedrin and said, “What are we to do? For this man is doing many signs. 48If we let him *go on* like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our Place[[44]](#footnote-27477) and our nation.” 49But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, 50nor do you take into account that it is better for you to have one man die for the People,[[45]](#footnote-29646) and not that the whole nation should perish.” 51(Now he did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, 52and not for the nation only, but also to gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.) 53So from that day on they made plans to kill him.

54Therefore Jesus did not walk openly among the Jews any more, but went from there to the region near the desert, to a city called Ephraim, and he stayed there with the disciples.

Passover Draws Near

55Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. 56So they were looking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the Temple, “What do you think? Surely he will not come to the feast, will he?” 57Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command that if anyone knew where he was, he was to report it so they could arrest him.

**John Chapter 12**

Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

1Then six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from among the dead. 2So they made him a supper there, and Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those who was reclining *to eat* with him. 3Then Mary, having taken three quarters of a pound[[46]](#footnote-31517) of expensive perfume made from pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair, and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one about to betray him), said, 5“Why wasn’t this perfume sold for 300 denarii[[47]](#footnote-18281) and given to the poor?” 6(Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the *money* box, he used to steal from what was put in it). 7Therefore Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She has kept this *until now* for the day of my burial, 8for the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

The Plot to Kill Lazarus

9Then a large crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, and they came, not only for Jesus’ sake, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from among the dead. 10But the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, 11because on account of him many of the Jews were deserting *them* and were believing in Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry

12On the next day a large crowd that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him, and they cried out, “Hosanna![[48]](#footnote-13886) Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the Lord![[49]](#footnote-12182) The King of Israel!” 14And Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it, just as it is written, 15Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion. Look! Your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt.[[50]](#footnote-30919) 16(His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him).

17Meanwhile the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from among the dead continued to testify *about him*. 18For this reason the crowd went and met him, because they heard that he had done this sign. 19Therefore the Pharisees said among themselves, “You see that you are not accomplishing anything! Look! The world has gone after him.”

Jesus Speaks of His Death

20Now there were certain Greeks among those who went up *to Jerusalem* to worship at the feast. 21So they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Lord,[[51]](#footnote-29003) we want to see Jesus.” 22Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew went, and Philip, and they told Jesus. 23And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it lives by itself alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25Whoever is overly attached to his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it, resulting in life in the age *to come*. 26If anyone serves me, let him follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27“Now my soul has become troubled. And *yet* what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But *it was* for this purpose I came to this hour. 28Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven, *saying,* “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” 29Therefore the crowd that stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for my sake, but for your sakes. 31Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33(Now he said this, clearly indicating what kind of death he was about to die). 34So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ[[52]](#footnote-10395) will remain forever,[[53]](#footnote-11609) and *so* how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this Son of Man?” 35Therefore Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtakes you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you become sons of light.” Jesus spoke these things, and *then* he departed and hid himself from them.

Belief and Unbelief of the Jews

37But although he had done so many signs before them, *yet* they did not believe in him, 38with the result that the word of Isaiah the prophet that he spoke was fulfilled: Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?[[54]](#footnote-29922) 39For this reason they were not able to believe, for again Isaiah said, 40He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and would return *to God*, and I would heal them.[[55]](#footnote-12055) 41Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory, and he spoke of him.

42Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *it* so that they would not be put out of the synagogue, 43for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

The Word Will Judge

44Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me *only*, but *also* in him who sent me. 45And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46I have come into the world *as* a light so that whoever believes in me will not remain in the darkness. 47And if anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him, for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48Whoever is rejecting me and is not receiving my words has one that is judging him: the word that I spoke, it will judge him on the last day. 49For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me, he has given me a command *as to* what to say and what to speak. 50And I know that his commandment is life in the age *to come*, so whatever I say, I say just as the Father has said to me.”

**John Chapter 13**

THE LAST SUPPER (13:1-17:26)  
Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

1Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his hour had come to depart out of this world to his Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2And during supper, the Devil[[56]](#footnote-30654) having already put into the heart of Judas, *son* of Simon Iscariot, to betray him, 3*Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from supper and laid aside his outer garment, and he took a towel and tied it around himself. 5Then he poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6Then he came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing, you do not know now, but afterward you will understand.” 8Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet—ever!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.” 9Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.” 10Jesus said to him, “Whoever has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all *of you*.” 11For he knew the one who was betraying him, that is why he said, “You are not all clean.”

12So when he had washed their feet and put on his outer garment and reclined again *to eat*, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13You call me, ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you rightly say so, for I am. 14So if I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also are obligated to wash one another’s feet. 15For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, neither is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. 17If you know these things, you are blessed if you put them into practice. 18I am not speaking about all of you. I know whom I have chosen. But let the Scripture be fulfilled: The one who eats my bread lifted up his heel against me.[[57]](#footnote-22603) 19From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it comes to pass, you will believe that I am *he*. 20Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who receives whomever I send, receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

One of You Will Betray Me

21When Jesus had spoken this, he was troubled in *his* spirit, and testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray me.” 22The disciples looked at one another, uncertain about whom he was speaking. 23One of the disciples, *the one* whom Jesus loved, was reclining *his head* on Jesus’ chest. 24Therefore Simon Peter nodded to him and inquired of him, “Tell *us* who it is that he is talking about.” 25He, leaning back as he was on Jesus’ chest, said to him, “Lord, who is it?” 26Therefore Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece *of bread* when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the piece, he gave it to Judas, *the son* of Simon Iscariot. 27And after the piece, then the Adversary[[58]](#footnote-30816) entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, “What you are doing, do more quickly!” 28Now no one reclining *to eat with him* knew why he spoke this to him. 29Indeed, some thought *it was* because Judas had the *money* box that Jesus said to him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or, that he should give something to the poor. 30Then he, having received the piece *of bread*, went out immediately; and it was night.

A New Commandment

31Now when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him immediately. 33Little children, I am with you *only* a little while longer. You will seek me, and as I said to the Jews, so I now say to you also, ‘Where I go, you are not able to come.’

34“I am giving to you a new commandment, ‘Love one another.’ Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another.”

Peter’s Denial Foretold

36Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you are not able to follow now, but you will follow afterwards.” 37Peter said to him, “Lord, why am I not able to follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” 38Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will absolutely not crow before you have denied me three times.

**John Chapter 14**

I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life

1“Do not let your heart be troubled. Continue to trust in God and continue to trust in me. 2In my Father’s house are many places to live. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will receive you to myself so that where I am you will be also. 4And where I am going, you know the way.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Seeing Jesus is Seeing the Father

7“If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you know him, and have seen him.” 8Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you such a long time, and you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ 10Do you not believe that I am in *union with* the Father, and the Father is in *union with* me? The words that I am saying to you I am not speaking from myself, but the Father living in *union with* me does his works. 11Keep on believing me, that I am in *union with* the Father and the Father in *union with* me, or else keep believing me because of the works themselves. 12Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who continues to believe in me, the works that I do, he will do also, and greater *works* than these will he do, because I go to the Father. 13And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, so that the Father is glorified in the Son. 14If you ask me anything in my name, I will do *it*.

Love and Obedience

15“If you love me, you will keep my commandments, 16and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, which will be with you forever. 17*This helper is* the spirit of truth, which the world is not able to receive, because it does not see it or know it. You know it, for it is present with you, and will be in you. 18I will not leave you as orphans: I will come to you. 19A little while longer and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. 20In that day you will know that I am in *union with* my Father, and you are in *union with* me, and I am in *union with* you.

21“Whoever has my commandments, and keeps them, that is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him.”

22Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” 23Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you are hearing is not mine, but the Father’s who sent me.

25“These things I have spoken to you *while* *I am* still with you. 26And the helper, the holy spirit, which the Father will send in my name, it will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Jesus’ Gift of Peace

27“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give *it* to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. 28You heard that I said to you, ‘I am going away,’ and ‘I am coming *back* to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29And now I have told you before it comes to pass, so that when it comes to pass, you will believe. 30I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. However, he has no power over me, 31but I do as the Father has commanded me so that the world can know that I love the Father. Get up, let’s go from here.

**John Chapter 15**

I Am the True Vine

1“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2Every branch in me that does not produce fruit, he takes it away, and every *branch* that produces fruit, he prunes it so that it can produce more fruit. 3Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4Live in *union with* me, and I *will live* in *union with* you. Just as the branch is not able to produce fruit by itself unless it lives in *union with* the vine, so neither can you, unless you live in *union with* me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. The one who lives in *union with* me, and I in him, that is the one who will bear much fruit, because apart from me you are not able to do anything. 6If anyone does not live in *union with* me, he is thrown away like a branch, and withers; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7If you live in *union with* me, and my words live in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. 8This is how my Father is glorified: that you bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

9“Just as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you: live in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will live in my love; just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and live in his love. 11I have spoken these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. 12This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this—that one would lay down his life for his friends. 14You are my friends if you do the things that I command you. 15No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his lord is doing. But I have called you friends because all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and produce fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 17These things I command you so that you will love one another.

The World Will Hate You

18“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before *it hated* you. 19If you were of the world, the world would befriend you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his lord.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. 21But all these things they will do to you on account of my name because they do not know the one who sent me.

22“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 24If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin, but now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25But let the word that is written in their law be fulfilled, They hated me without a cause.[[59]](#footnote-20554)

26“But when the helper comes that I will send to you from the Father, the spirit of truth that comes from the Father, it will testify about me, 27and you also must testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

**John Chapter 16**

1“I have told you these things so that you will not be caused to fall away. 2They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think that he offers a service to God. 3And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes, you will remember that I myself told you about them.

The Coming Helper

“And I did not say these things to you from the beginning because I was with you. 5But now I am going to the one who sent me, and *yet* none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send it to you. 8And when it comes, it will convict the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment. 9Concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you will see me no more; 11concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12“I still have many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them now. 13But when it, the spirit of truth, comes, it will guide you in all the truth, for it will not speak on its own, but whatever it hears, it will speak, and it will declare to you the things that are to come. 14It will glorify me, for it will take from what is mine, and will declare *it* to you. 15All things, whatever the Father has, are mine, therefore I said that it will take from what is mine and will declare *it* to you.

Sorrow Turned Into Joy

16“A little while and you will see me no more, and again a little while, and you will see me.” 17Therefore *some* of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he is saying to us, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me,’ and, ‘Because I go to the Father?’” 18So they kept saying *to each other*, “What is this that he is saying, ‘A little while?’ We do not know what he is saying.”

19Jesus knew that they were wanting to ask him, and he said to them, “Are you asking one another about this, that I said, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me?’ 20Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will cry and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be filled with sorrow, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21A woman, when she is giving birth, has pain because her hour has come; but when her child is born, she no longer remembers the distress, for the joy that a boy is born into the world. 22So you also have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. 23And in that day you will not ask me anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name. 24Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. *Now* keep asking, and you will receive, so that your joy is made full. 25“I have said these things to you in veiled language. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in veiled language, but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf, 27for the Father himself treats you as friends because you have befriended me, and have believed that I came from the Father. 28I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now in turn, I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

29His disciples said, “See, now you are speaking plainly, and are not speaking in veiled language. 30Now we know that you know all things, and do not need anyone to ask you a question. This is why we believe that you came from God.” 31Jesus answered them, “Do you believe now? 32Look! The hour is coming and has come that you will be scattered, each one for himself, and you will leave me alone, and *yet* I am not alone because the Father is with me. 33I have told you these things so that, in *union with* me, you have peace. In the world you will have hardships, but have courage; I have overcome the world.”

**John Chapter 17**

The Prayer of Jesus

1Jesus said these things,[[60]](#footnote-16039) and lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son can glorify you, 2just as you gave him authority over all flesh so that he could give life in the age *to come* to all those you have given him. 3And this is life in the age *to come*, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ[[61]](#footnote-32468) whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on the earth by accomplishing the work that you have given me to do. 5And now, Father, glorify me together with yourself with the glory that I had with you before the world was.

6“I revealed your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 8for the words that you gave me I have given to them, and they received *them* and truly knew that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf. I am not asking on behalf of the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10And all things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11And I am no longer in the world, and *yet* these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them safe in your name, *those* whom you have given me, so that they can be one, just as we *are*. 12While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me, and I guarded them, and not one of them perished but the son of destruction, resulting in the Scripture being fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you; and I am speaking these things in the world so that they have my joy made full in them. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them safe from the Wicked One. 16They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17Make them holy by the truth; your word is truth. 18Just as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I make myself holy, so that they themselves also can be made holy by the truth.

20“I am not asking for these alone, but also for those who *will* believe in me through their word, 21so that they can all be one, just as you, Father, *are* in *union with* me and I in *union with* you, that they also can be in *union with* us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. 22And the glory that you have given me, I have given to them, so that they can be one, just as we *are* one; 23I in *union with* them, and you in *union with* me, so that they can be perfected into one so that the world can know that you sent me, and loved them just as you loved me. 24Father, I want those whom you have given me to also be with me where I am, so that they can see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25“O righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these knew that you sent me. 26And I made known to them your name, and will make it known so that the love with which you loved me can be in them, and I in them.”

**John Chapter 18**

THE EVENTS LEADING TO JESUS' CRUCIFIXION (18:1-19:16)  
Jesus’ Betrayal in Gethsemane

1After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the ravine of the *brook* Kidron, to where there was a garden, which he himself and his disciples entered. 2Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3So Judas, having received the *Roman* cohort and *also* *Temple* police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, arrived there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4So Jesus, knowing everything that was about to happen to him, went out and said to them, “Who are you looking for?” 5They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am *he*” (and Judas also, who was betraying him, was standing with them). 6Then, when he said to them, “I am *he*,” they went backward and fell to the ground. 7Therefore he asked them again, “Who are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” 8Jesus answered, “I told you that I am *he*. So if you are looking for me, let these *men* go,” 9(*he said this* with the result that the word he had spoken was fulfilled, ‘Of those whom you have given me I did not lose one.’) 10Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. Now the servant’s name was Malchus. 11Then Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath! Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given to me?

Jesus Taken to Annas First

12Then the *Roman* cohort and the commander, and the *Temple* police of the Jews, seized Jesus and bound him. 13And they led him to Annas first, for he was *the* father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year 14(now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was advantageous for one man to die instead of the People).[[62]](#footnote-22916)

Peter Denies Jesus

15And Simon Peter was following Jesus, and *so was* another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, 16but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman who kept the gate and brought in Peter. 17Then the servant girl who kept the gate said to Peter, “You are not also *one* of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” 18Now the servants and the *Temple* guard were standing *there*, having made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were warming themselves. And Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

Jesus Interrogated

19Then the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. 20Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the Temple where all the Jews come together, and I said nothing in secret. 21Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard what I said to them. Look, they know what I said.” 22And when he had said this, one of the *Temple* police standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that the way you answer the high priest?” 23Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong, but if rightly, why do you strike me?” 24Then Annas sent him, still tied up, to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter Denies Jesus Again

25Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Then they said to him, “Are you also *one* of his disciples?” He denied it, and said, “I am not.” 26One of the servants of the high priest, being a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” 27Then Peter denied it again, and immediately the rooster crowed.

Jesus Before Pilate

28Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the governor’s headquarters[[63]](#footnote-18048) (and it was early), and *yet* they themselves did not enter into the headquarters so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. 29So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation are you bringing against this man?” 30They answered and said to him, “If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over to you.” 31Therefore Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” 32*This happened* with the result that the word that Jesus spoke was fulfilled, clearly indicating by what manner of death he was about to die.

33So Pilate entered again into the governor’s headquarters[[64]](#footnote-17666) and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” 34Jesus answered, “Are you asking this on your own, or did others say it to you about me?” 35Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” 36Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews, but in fact, my kingdom is not from here.” 37So Pilate said to him, “So are you a king?” Jesus answered, “You *rightly* say that I am a king. For this purpose I have been born, and for this purpose I have come into the world, that I should testify concerning the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.” 38Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no guilt in him. 39But you have a custom, that I release one man to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” 40Then they cried out again, saying, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” (Now Barabbas was a revolutionary).

**John Chapter 19**

Jesus Sentenced to be Crucified

1Therefore Pilate then took Jesus and flogged *him*. 2And the soldiers, having twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on his head and threw a purple robe around him. 3And they were coming up to him and saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” and they were slapping him in the face.

4And Pilate went out again, and he said to them, “Look! I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no reason *for death* in him.” 5So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said to them, “Look! *Here is* the man!” 6So when the chief priests and the *Temple* police saw him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify *him*, crucify *him*!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no reason for a charge against him.” 7The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law he must die, because he made himself the Son of God.” 8So when Pilate heard this saying, he was even more afraid, 9and he went into the praetorium[[65]](#footnote-27735) again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. 10So Pilate said to him, “Are you refusing to speak to me? Do you not know that I have *the* authority to release you, and have *the* authority to crucify you?” 11Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority against me if it had not been given to you from above, therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.” 12As a result of this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you release this man you are not Caesar’s Friend.[[66]](#footnote-27942) Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.” 13Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14Now it was the Preparation of the Passover (it was about the sixth hour).[[67]](#footnote-15379) And he said to the Jews, “Look at your king!” 15Then they cried out, “Away with *him*! Away with *him*! Crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your king?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” 16So then he handed him over to them to be crucified, so they took Jesus away.

THE CRUCIFIXION (19:17-42)  
Jesus is Crucified

17And he went out, carrying his own cross, to the place called the Place of *the* Skull, which in Hebrew is called, Golgotha, 18where they crucified him, and with him two others on this side and on that side, and Jesus in the midst. 19And Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. And it was written, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20Now many of the Jews read this inscription because where Jesus was crucified was near the Place of the city,[[68]](#footnote-26746) and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, *and* in Greek. 21Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The king of the Jews,’ but rather that, ‘He said, I am king of the Jews.’” 22Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

23Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his clothes and divided them into four parts—a part for each soldier—and *also took* his tunic.[[69]](#footnote-22974) Now the tunic was seamless, woven in one *piece* from the top *down*. 24Therefore they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it, *to see* whose it will be.” *This happened* with the result that the Scripture was fulfilled, which says, They divided my clothes among them, and they cast lots for my clothing.[[70]](#footnote-26135) Now this is what the soldiers did.

25Now standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the *wife* of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. 26Therefore when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by, he said to his mother, “*Dear* woman, look, *here is* your son!” 27Then he said to the disciple, “Look, *here is* your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own *home*.

The Death of Jesus

28After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, said (in order to fulfill the Scripture), “I am thirsty.” 29A vessel full of wine vinegar was sitting there, so they put a sponge full of the wine vinegar on a hyssop *branch*, and put it to his mouth. 30Then, when Jesus had received the wine vinegar he said, “It is finished,”[[71]](#footnote-16024) and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus’ Side Pierced

31Now because it was the Day of Preparation, in order that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was the high day)[[72]](#footnote-22010), the Jews asked Pilate to have their legs broken and *their bodies* taken away. 32So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with him. 33But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35And he who saw *this* has testified, and his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling *the* truth in order that you also believe. 36For these things came to pass with the result that the Scripture was fulfilled, Not a bone of his will be broken.[[73]](#footnote-16757) 37And again, another scripture says, They will look at him whom they pierced.[[74]](#footnote-15249)

Joseph and Nicodemus Bury Jesus

38Now after these things, Joseph of Arimathea (who was a disciple of Jesus) asked Pilate’s *permission* to take away the body of Jesus, but *he did so* secretly because of *his* fear of the Jews, and Pilate allowed it. Therefore he came and took away his body. 39But Nicodemus also came (the one who previously came to him at night), bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 75 pounds. 40So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden *was* a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42So, because of the Preparation Day of the Jews they laid Jesus there because the tomb was nearby.

**John Chapter 20**

THE RESURRECTION (20:1-21:25)  
Mary Reports the Tomb is Empty

1Now on the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw the stone taken away from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, to whom Jesus was a friend, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3So Peter went out, and the other disciple, and they were going to the tomb. 4And the two were running together, but the other disciple ran ahead, faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first, 5and stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying, yet he did not enter in. 6Then Simon Peter also came, following him, and went into the tomb, and he saw the linen cloths lying, 7and the handkerchief that was on his head not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. 8So then the other disciple, who came first to the tomb, also entered in, and he saw, and he believed. 9For they did not yet know the Scripture, that he must rise from among the dead.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

10So the disciples went away again to their own home. 11But Mary was standing outside the tomb crying. Then as she was crying, she stooped down and looked into the tomb 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13And they said to her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have put him.” 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, “Sir,[[75]](#footnote-18043) if you have carried him from here, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned herself, and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet gone up to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am going up to my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.’” 18Mary Magdalene went *and* announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and *also that* he had said these things to her.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

19Now when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were because of their fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* to you.” 20And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So the disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21Then Jesus said to them again, “Peace *be* to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” 22And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive holy spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of anyone, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of anyone, they have been retained.”

Thomas Believes in Jesus

24But Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25Therefore the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not ever believe.” 26And eight days later his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst *of them* and said, “Peace *be* to you.” 27Then he said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and see my hands, and reach your hand *here*, and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believing!”

28Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”[[76]](#footnote-11961) 29Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen, and *yet* have believed.” 30(Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples that are not written in this book, 31but these are written so that you believe that Jesus is the Christ,[[77]](#footnote-15963) the Son of God, and so that by believing you will have life in his name).

**John Chapter 21**

Jesus Appears at the Sea of Galilee

1After these things Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias,[[78]](#footnote-25071) and he showed *himself* this way: 2Simon Peter, and Thomas (called Didymus), and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two more of his disciples, were together. 3Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We also will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. 4But when day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the shore, yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Then Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” 6And he said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find *some*.” So they cast *it*, and they were not able to haul it in because of the multitude of fish. 7Then that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer garment around him (because he had taken it off[[79]](#footnote-11777)), and jumped[[80]](#footnote-25272) into the lake. 8But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but *only* about 100 yards off),[[81]](#footnote-31232) dragging the net *full* of fish. 9So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire there, and fish laid on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, “Bring *some* of the fish that you have just caught.” 11So Simon Peter went into *the boat* and dragged the net to land, full of large fish—153 *of them*—and although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, “Come have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared inquire of him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave *some* to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from among the dead.

Jesus: Do You Love Me?

15Then when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I am your friend.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I am your friend.” He said to him, “Shepherd my sheep.” 17He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, are you my friend?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Are you my friend?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I am your friend.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted, but when you are old you will stretch out your hands and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want *to go*.” 19Now this he spoke, clearly indicating by what manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he said to him, “Follow me!”

The Beloved Disciple

20Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*, (the one who also had leaned back on his chest at the supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who will betray you?”). 21Therefore, when Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about him?” 22Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow me!”

23So the word went out among the brothers and sisters that this disciple would not die, yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you?”

24This is the disciple who is testifying about these things, and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

1. The absence of the article (“the”) before “God” in the Greek makes the word “God” qualitative, which can be understood as “the Word had the character of God,” meaning that it was godly. [↑](#footnote-ref-18211)
2. Not of two human parents. Some people believed that conception occurred by the mixing of the mother’s and father’s blood. [↑](#footnote-ref-29237)
3. Lit. “tabernacled,” i.e., “pitched his tent.” The human body is referred to as a tent (cf. 2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Pet. 1:13). [↑](#footnote-ref-12140)
4. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-26422)
5. Lit. “in the bosom of” [↑](#footnote-ref-15184)
6. “Jews” is used two ways in the NT: 1) referring generally to those who are ethnically and religiously Jews; 2) referring to those who are leaders and who are ungodly and oppose Christ. John has many uses of “Jews” with the second meaning. [↑](#footnote-ref-25799)
7. From Isa. 40:3 [↑](#footnote-ref-23224)
8. The tenth hour is about 4 p.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-20411)
9. The Greek reads that each contained 2 or 3 *metrētēs*, and a *metrētēs* was about 10.3 gallons (39 liters). Jesus made 120-180 gallons (454-681 liters) of wine. [↑](#footnote-ref-28187)
10. From Ps. 69:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-13023)
11. Chapter 3 should logically start here at 2:23, introducing why Jesus spoke to Nicodemus the way he did. [↑](#footnote-ref-24239)
12. The last phrase is omitted in some Greek texts. [↑](#footnote-ref-20951)
13. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-12247)
14. The 12 hour day started at 6 a.m. The sixth hour was about noon. [↑](#footnote-ref-20214)
15. “Lord” is being used as a respectful form of address, like “Sir.” The woman did not know with whom she was speaking. [↑](#footnote-ref-28239)
16. The Jews called the Temple “the Place,” and so it is capitalized. [↑](#footnote-ref-20696)
17. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-25557)
18. “Lord” is being used as a respectful form of address, like “Sir.” [↑](#footnote-ref-18104)
19. The seventh hour is about 1 p.m.. [↑](#footnote-ref-14404)
20. Likely meaning, “House of Mercy” [↑](#footnote-ref-21727)
21. “Lord” is being used as a respectful form of address, like “Sir.” [↑](#footnote-ref-20968)
22. Lit. “an hour” [↑](#footnote-ref-15800)
23. A denarius coin was worth about a day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-17687)
24. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-22997)
25. The text reads 25 or 30 stadia, and a stadion was about 607 feet. Thus, 25-30 stadia is 4.6-5.5 kilometers. [↑](#footnote-ref-16708)
26. From Exod. 16:4; Ps. 78:24 [↑](#footnote-ref-24235)
27. “Lord” is being used as a respectful form of address, like “Sir.” [↑](#footnote-ref-23238)
28. From Isa. 54:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-31544)
29. The Greek is a present participle, and refers to an ongoing act, not a one time event. [↑](#footnote-ref-23954)
30. The “Fathers” usually refer to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but here refer to the Jewish ancestors at the time of Exodus. [↑](#footnote-ref-16517)
31. The “Greek word is *diabolos*, which literally means “slanderer,” but it gets transliterated as “devil.” [↑](#footnote-ref-23620)
32. The founders of the Faith, Abraham, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-12021)
33. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-27070)
34. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word *diabolos*, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-10440)
35. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-24396)
36. “Lord” is being used as a respectful form of address, like “Sir.” [↑](#footnote-ref-14271)
37. Chapter 10 continues Jesus’ discourse with the Pharisees that began in chapter 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-30628)
38. The feast usually fell in our December, but occasionally in late November. [↑](#footnote-ref-28760)
39. Solomon’s porch was the covered colonnade on the north east side of the Temple enclosure. [↑](#footnote-ref-11032)
40. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-29640)
41. From Ps. 82:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-11446)
42. Greek text says 15 stadia, and a stadion was about 607 feet. Thus, 15 stadia is about 1.75 miles (2.8 kilometers). [↑](#footnote-ref-23875)
43. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-17714)
44. The Jews called the Temple, “the Place.” [↑](#footnote-ref-27477)
45. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-29646)
46. Literally, a *litra*, a “pound” but the Roman pound was 12 ounces (340 grams). [↑](#footnote-ref-31517)
47. A denarius coin was worth about a day’s wage for a laborer. This was more than a year’s wages. [↑](#footnote-ref-18281)
48. “Hosanna” originally meant “Save” or “Save now.” By NT times it was used as an expression of praise. [↑](#footnote-ref-13886)
49. From Ps. 118:25-26 [↑](#footnote-ref-12182)
50. From Zech. 9:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-30919)
51. “Lord” is being used as a respectful form of address, like “Sir.” [↑](#footnote-ref-29003)
52. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-10395)
53. They were thinking of verses such as: Ps. 89:36; 110:4; Isa. 9:7; Dan. 7:14. [↑](#footnote-ref-11609)
54. From Isa. 53:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-29922)
55. From Isa. 6:10 [↑](#footnote-ref-12055)
56. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word *diabolos*, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-30654)
57. From Ps. 41:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-22603)
58. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek *satanas*. [↑](#footnote-ref-30816)
59. From Pss. 35:19; 69:4 [↑](#footnote-ref-20554)
60. The prayer in chapter 17 is the closing event of the Last Supper, which started in chapter 13. [↑](#footnote-ref-16039)
61. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-32468)
62. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-22916)
63. Lit. “praetorium” The praetorium was the residence or headquarters of the Roman governor. [↑](#footnote-ref-18048)
64. Lit. “praetorium” [↑](#footnote-ref-17666)
65. The praetorium was the residence or headquarters of the Roman governor. [↑](#footnote-ref-27735)
66. In this context, “Caesar’s Friend” is a technical designation given to those especially close to Caesar. [↑](#footnote-ref-27942)
67. The sixth hour was about our noon. Jesus was crucified at about 9 a.m. the next morning. [↑](#footnote-ref-15379)
68. The Jews referred to the Temple as “the Place.” [↑](#footnote-ref-26746)
69. Greek is *chitōn*, a long garment worn next to the skin usually under outer clothing. [↑](#footnote-ref-22974)
70. From Ps. 22:18 [↑](#footnote-ref-26135)
71. From Ps. 22:31 [↑](#footnote-ref-16024)
72. That is, a special Sabbath [↑](#footnote-ref-22010)
73. An allusion to Exod. 12:46 [↑](#footnote-ref-16757)
74. Adapted from Zech. 12:10 [↑](#footnote-ref-15249)
75. Lit. “Lord” [↑](#footnote-ref-18043)
76. Or “My Lord and my god” [↑](#footnote-ref-11961)
77. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-15963)
78. Another name for the Sea of Galilee. [↑](#footnote-ref-25071)
79. Or “was naked” [↑](#footnote-ref-11777)
80. Lit. “threw himself” [↑](#footnote-ref-25272)
81. Greek is 200 *pēchus*, and a *pēchus* was a “forearm,” about 17.5 inches. Thus 200 *pēchus* is about 100 yards (91 meters). [↑](#footnote-ref-31232)