IN TRUTH John: Who Is Jesus?

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Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on John: Who Is Jesus?

We believe that studying the Word of God transforms lives!

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. Each lesson has 9-10 questions, a memory verse, a Believe the TRUTH, Pray the TRUTH, and a Walk in TRUTH application section.

These lessons teach foundational Scriptural truths all age groups can enjoy but adjust them to make them work for your group. Younger children may need help to read and answer the questions or understand certain words or concepts. Older students might need help to dig in deeper.

The apostle John wrote this book to show the world that Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior of the world and that all who believe in Him will have eternal life.

Do you really know Jesus? This study was written so that you will encounter Jesus (who He is and why He came) and that your life will be changed through Him.

Who is Jesus?

- Lesson 1: Jesus Is Fully God and Fully Man
- Lesson 2: Jesus Came on a Mission
- Lesson 3: Jesus Seeks the Lost
- Lesson 4: Jesus Performs Miracles
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- Lesson 9: Jesus Sacrifices His Life
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We pray that this study will strengthen your relationship with our Lord!

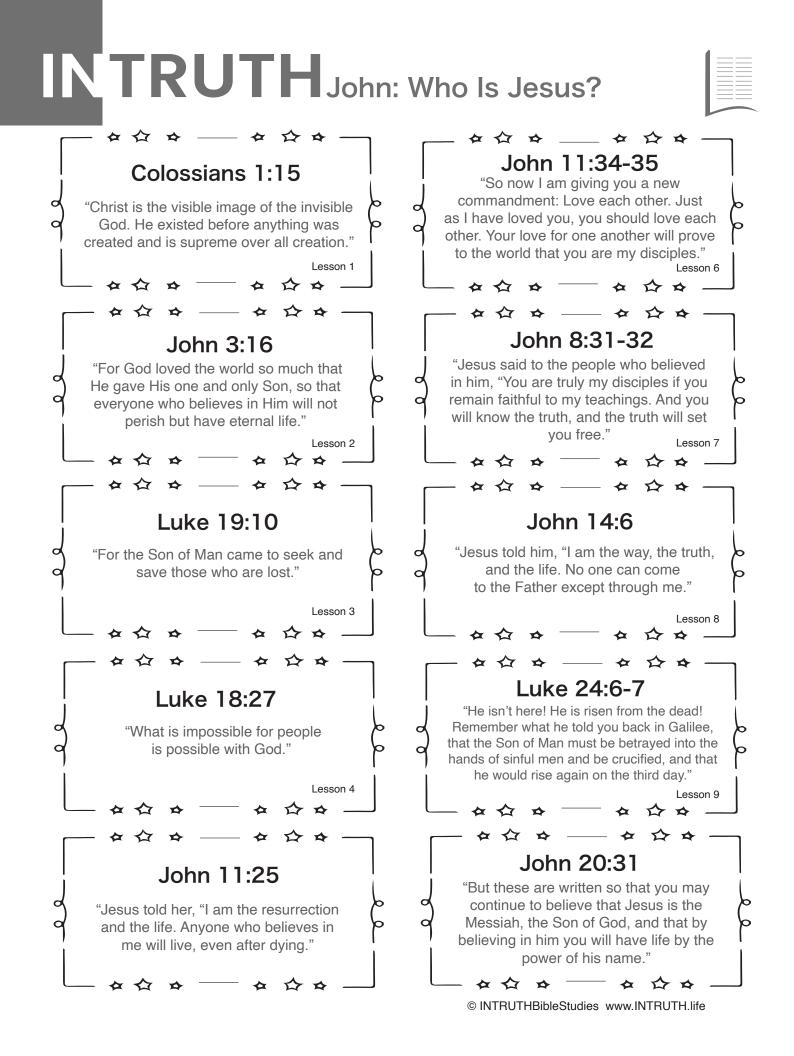
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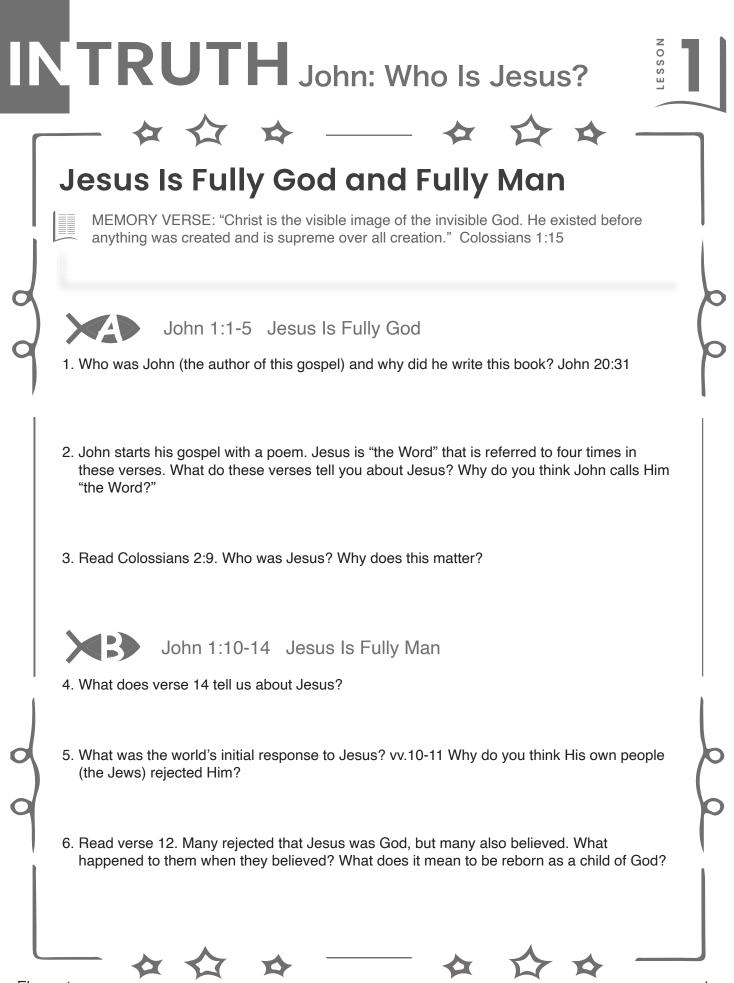
John 20:31

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7. What did God give us through Moses? What did He give us through Jesus?

8. Both are from God, why do you think we need both?

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- 9. What does verse 18 say about Jesus (the unique One)? What do you think it means that He is "near to the Father's heart?"
- 10. Jesus reveals God to us. It is really amazing that God loves us enough to reveal Himself to us in ways we can understand. Based off of what you have learned about Jesus in this lesson, what do you think God is like?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

John was one of Jesus closest disciples and followed Jesus closely during His ministry on earth. He has written down what he saw, heard, and learned from Jesus first hand. John did this so that WE might believe that Jesus Christ is the one true God! Jesus became human so that God could walk among us, bring the unfailing love and faithfulness that we desperately needed, and to give us the opportunity to become children of God. Jesus came to reveal the God of the universe to US!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Jesus, I believe that you are God! Thank you for coming to earth to save us and reveal God to us. Thank you for loving me and making it possible for me to be in relationship with the Father. Help me to know Your love and Your grace today. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH

Why is it important that Jesus is fully God and fully man?



John 20:31: But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

John 1:1-4: Prologue: Christ, the Eternal Word

"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone."

Colossians 2:9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

John 1:10-14: "He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. 11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn — not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. 14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."

John 1:17-18: "For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us."

John: was a was a fisherman by trade; one of Jesus' 12 disciples, and a prominent leader in the early Christian church; the author of five New Testament books.

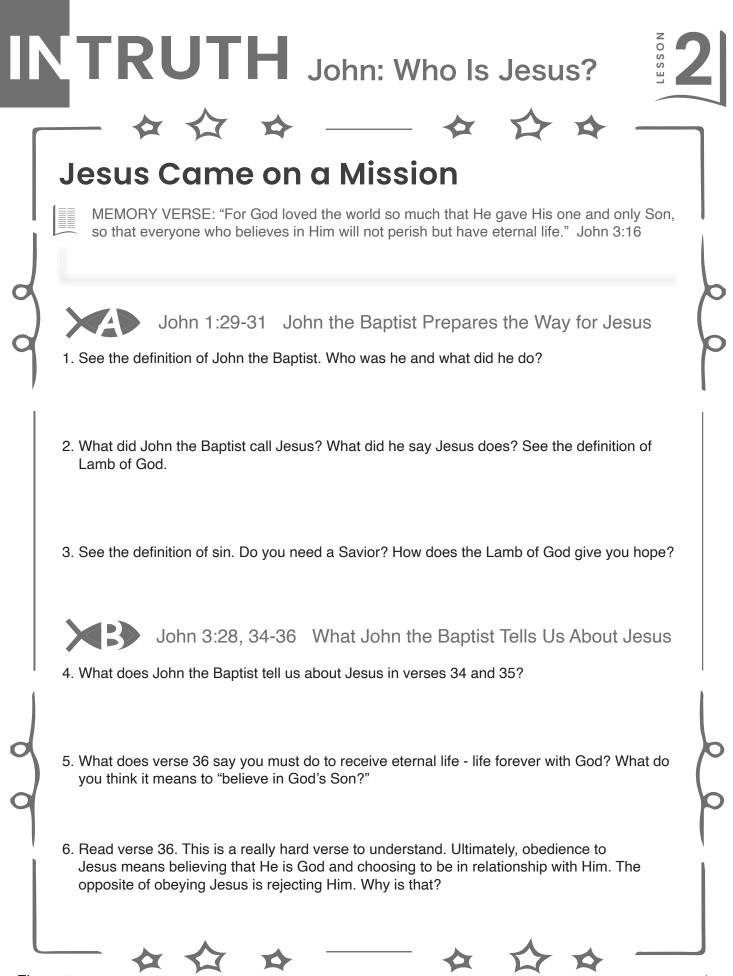
God's unfailing love: is faithful, kind, loyal and merciful. It is perfect and unchanging, meaning no matter how many times we fail, God's love never, ever will.

God's faithfulness: unchanging in His nature, true to His Word, and will keep His promises forever.

Law: God covenant with His people; rules to live by.

Grace: "free, undeserved gift." God's saving grace is available to all sinful humans because Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead.





John 3:16-17 Why Jesus Came into the World

7. How does God feel about the world? How does He show it? v. 16

- 8. Why did God send Jesus into the world? v. 17 How does it make you feel to know that Jesus didn't come to judge you for your sin but just to save you?
- 9. God sent His Son to save us sinners BEFORE we started following Him. That's how much He loves us! How do these verses encourage you?

10. What was Jesus' mission? See Luke 19:10.

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! He was sent into the world not to judge us, but to save us. Jesus' mission was to seek and save the lost and in return we must obey Him by believing. What a good and loving God that wants to be in relationship with us!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,

I know that I am not perfect and that I sin, and I know that I need a savior. Thank you for sending Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. We don't deserve the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, but you gave us one anyway. Thank you so much for your amazing love. Amen

WALK IN TRUTH



These verses talk about eternal live vs. perishing; salvation vs. God's angry judgement. What have you learned about God through this?

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John 1:29-31: "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.' 31 I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel."

John 3:28, 34-36: "You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.' 34 For he is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit. 35 The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands. 36 And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."

John 3:16-17: "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."

Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

John the Baptist: was a prophet and the messenger God sent to announce the coming of Jesus.

Lamb of God: name for Jesus. Before Jesus, a lamb was sacrificed in the temple every morning and night for the sins of the people. God chose to provide His Son as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world – everyone's sins.

Messiah: Jesus Christ. Messiah is a Hebrew word for the person chosen by God to die for our sins. He is the reality to which Israel's entire history points to.

Sin: any action or attitude that falls short of God's perfect standard; separates us from a holy God. When we sin we show contempt for God. Sin keeps the world from working as God originally intended it to.

Eternal life: life forever with God.

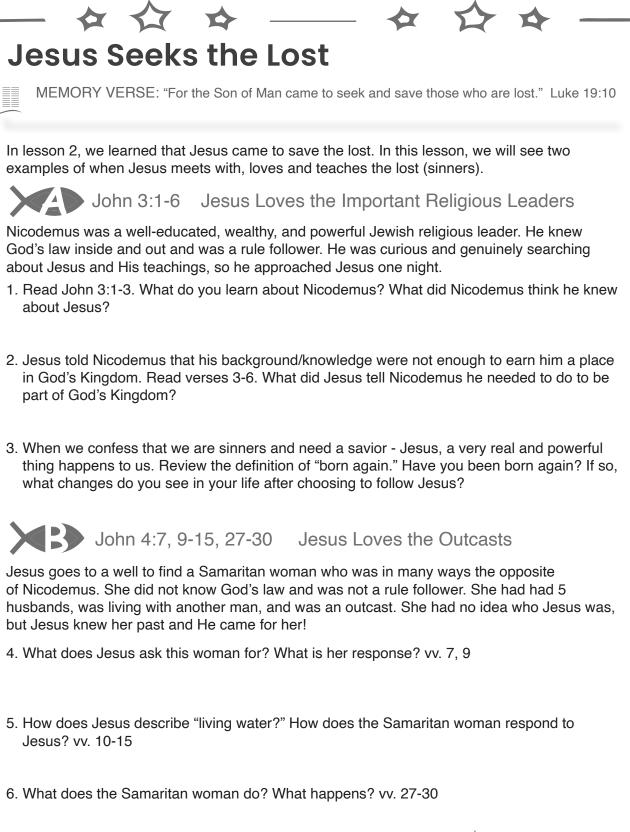
Believe: to accept as true or real; trust; have confidence in; have faith in; make a commitment to.





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Jesus Came for Everyone

- 7. How are Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman similar? How are the different? Who do you relate with more and why?
- 8. Jesus' conversations with these two are very confusing, what do you think He is trying to communicate to both of them?
- 9. Jesus came for everyone! He can save us no matter our background or circumstances. We are all sinners and need Jesus! How does this give you hope and encouragement?
- 10. After the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus, she was quick to spread the news of her time with Jesus, and through her testimony many came to believe in Him. What do you learn about sharing with others what Jesus is doing in your life?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

This story in John chapter 3 shows us that even religious leaders who seem might seem "perfect" are lost and in need of a Savior. John 4 shows us that people who are considered outcasts because of their race, religion, gender, or past are also lost and in need of a Savior. Praise God that Jesus came for EVERYONE! He loves us all and wants each and every one of us to choose His living water, to choose to be born again of the Spirit. Do you believe that Jesus came to seek and save YOU?

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus, thank you for coming for the lost. I too am lost without You. Please help me to view others as You view them - as people that You created and love. Help me to be changed into the person you want me to be by Your Holy Spirit. And help me to respond the way the Samaritan woman does- by telling everyone I know about the good news of Jesus' saving grace! Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



When we are born again in the Holy Spirit, we are called to then join Jesus on His mission by sharing what He has been doing in our lives. Where do think you fit into this story today?

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John 3:1-3: "There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.

John 3:4-6: "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" 5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life."

Born again: is a transformation from being spiritually dead to spiritually alive through Christ; the Holy Spirit gives believers a new spiritual birth when they believe that Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and died on the cross to pay the penalty for their sins.

Sin: any action or attitude that falls short of God's perfect standard; separates us from a holy God. When we sin we show contempt for God. Sin keeps the world from working as God originally intended it to.

John 4:7: "Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." 8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

John 4:9: "The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

John 4:10-15: "Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

11 "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? 12 And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

13 Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. 14 But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

15 "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

John 4:27-30: "Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" 28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him."

Living water: a symbol for salvation and a true knowledge of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Words of eternal life - not only forever, but life with God now.

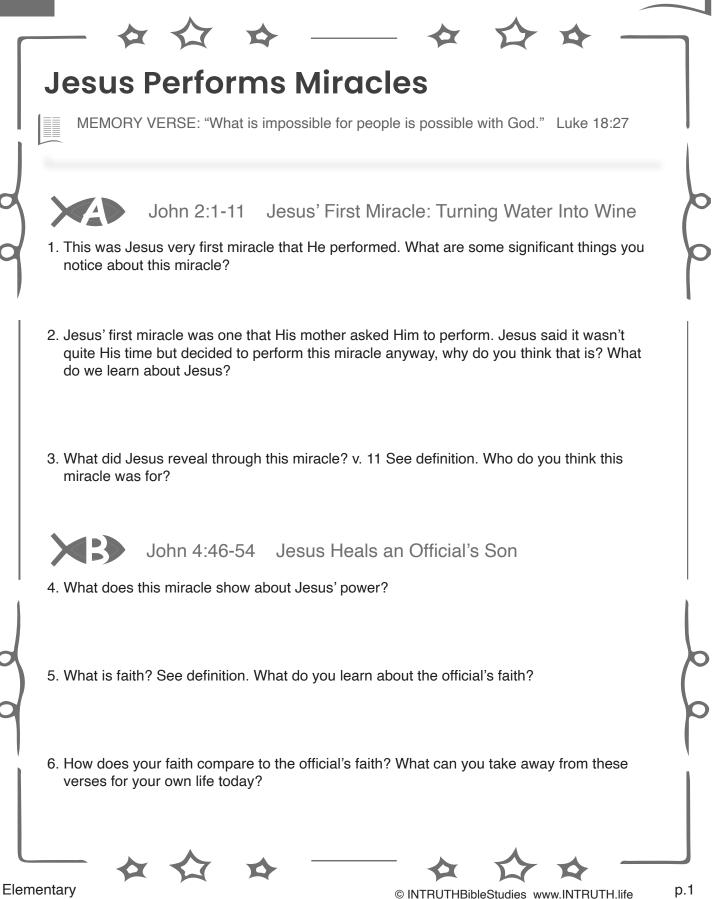
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John 5:2, 5-9, 14-18, 22-23 Jesus Heals the Lame Man

7. Who did Jesus heal in these verses and how? Write down some of the interesting things you notice.

8. Reread John 5:14. What does Jesus tell the man that He healed?

- 9. The Jewish leaders were mad at Jesus for two reasons, what were they? v. 18
- 10. Read verses 22-23. Jesus claims the same authority that God has, and requires the same honor that God has as well. What does this mean and why is it important?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus performed countless miracles while He was on earth to save people physically, but even more importantly, spiritually. When He healed peoples' bodies, He then forgave them of their sins which is far greater! Jesus proclaimed that He was God and through His miracles many believed in Him. Do you believe that this man was God and had the power to heal and the power to

PRAY THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, Thank you for coming to save us. I believe in Your miraculous power. Thank you for giving us doubtful humans so many miracles to make our faith stronger. You are a good God. Make my faith stronger and unshakeable so that others might have faith in You too. Amen

WALK IN TRUTH



Jesus performed miracles to save people (remember His mission we learned about in lesson 2), and to show people that He is God (remember lesson 1). How does reading about these miracles change the way you view Jesus?

How will your view of Jesus change the way you live your life?



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John Verses (NLT)

John 2:1-11: "The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. 3 The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." 4 "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." 5 But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, 8 he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions. 9 When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. 10 "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!" 11 This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

John 4:46-54: "As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die. 48 Jesus asked, "Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?" 49 The official pleaded, "Lord, please come now before my little boy dies." 50 Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home. 51 While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. 52 He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, "Yesterday afternoon at one o'clock his fever suddenly disappeared!" 53 Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. 54 This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea.

John 5:2, 5-9: "Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. 5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" 7 "I can't, sir," the sick man said, "for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me." 8 Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!" 9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath."

John 5:14-18: "But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." 15 Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

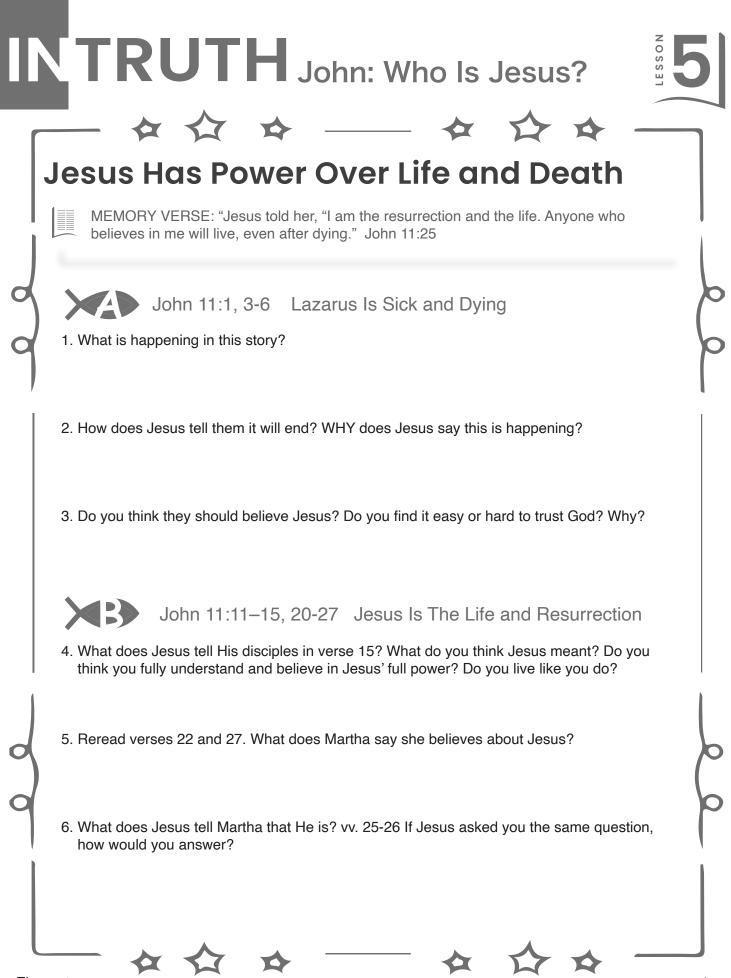
16 So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. 17 But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." 18 So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God."

John 5:22-23 "In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge, 23 so that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son is certainly not honoring the Father who sent him.

God's glory: the magnificence of all that He is.

Faith. trust, loyalty, belief; accepting God's Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus.







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John 11:33-35; 38-44; ; 45-46, 53 Jesus Proves His Power

- 7. Read verse 33-35. Why was Jesus angry? Why did Jesus weep? What does this tell you about Jesus?
- 8. Read verses 38-44. Martha said she believed but when Jesus asked her to roll away the stone, what did she say? What does this say about what Martha really believed? Can you relate to her?
- 9. What did Jesus do and WHY?! How is this story significantly different than Jesus' other miracles?
- 10. Read verses 45-46 and 53. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the people responded in two different ways. What does this tell you?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

This story of Jesus raising a man from the DEAD is a turning point in the history of mankind! Jesus Christ came to save the world, but the Jewish people didn't know how He was going to do it yet. By raising a man from the dead, Jesus demonstrated His power over life and death. And that is exactly how He would save the world- through His death on a cross and His resurrection. There is no miracle greater than this. He did this so that we may believe in the One True God and have life in Him. May you believe!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, You alone are God. Thank you for raising Lazarus from the dead so that Your followers would believe, and that I may believe! I know that I can be like Martha, believing but not fully understanding your power. Please open my eyes and my heart, help me to believe in You fully. Amen.



WALK IN TRUTH



Verse 5-6. "Although Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days."

Sometimes it can feel like God is sitting there waiting around while we are in pain. How does this story encourage you? What truths can you apply to your life while you are "waiting in the pain?"

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Various John Verses (NLT)

John 11:1, 3-6: "A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. 3 So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." 4 But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." 5 So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, 6 he stayed where he was for the next two days.

John 11:11-15: "Then (Jesus) said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up." 12 The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!" 13 They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. 14 So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15 And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him."

John 11:20-27: "When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." 25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. 26 Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."

John 11:33-35: "When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him,* and he was deeply troubled. 34 "Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Then Jesus wept."

John 11:38-44: "Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. 39 "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." 40 Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." 43 Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

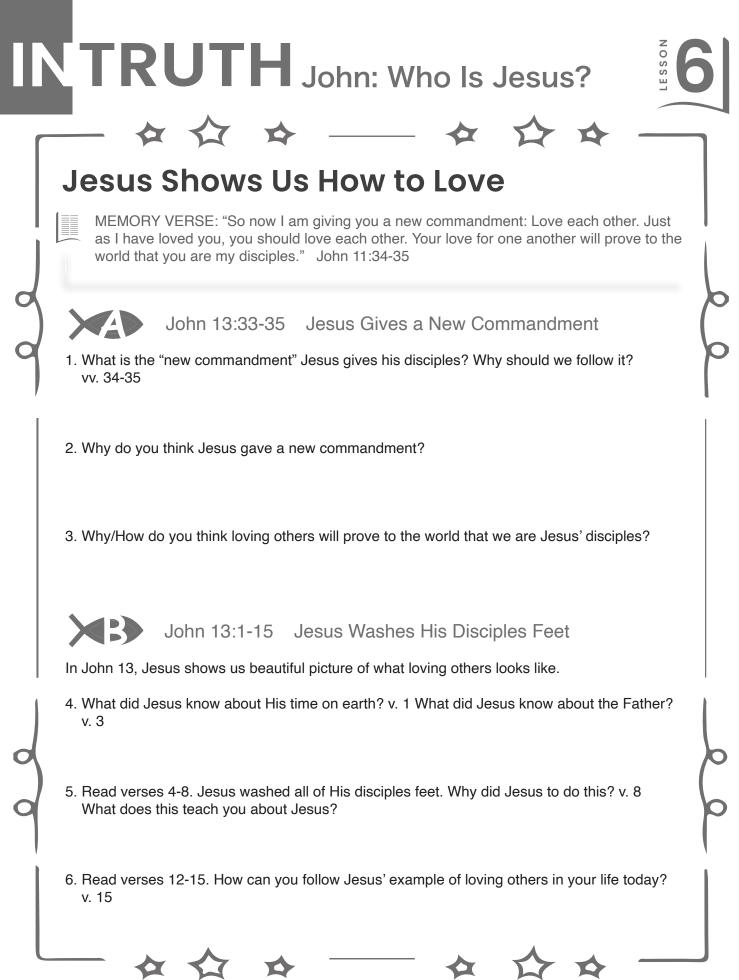
John 11:45-46, 53: "Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. 46 But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 53 So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death."

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7. Read verses 16-17. What do you think Jesus is telling us?

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- 8. In these verses Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone equally. In other words, we should love and serve everyone in order to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Looking back at this study, how else do we see Jesus love others?
- 9. What does this teach you about how Jesus wants us to love in both attitude and action? How can we possibly love like this?
- 10. What difference would it make if we did love like Jesus? What difference would it make if we don't love like Jesus?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus was very clear when He was on earth about something: He came for EVERYONE. He loves all of us and wants us to do the same. It doesn't matter if they look like us, think like us, believe what we believe, or even if they are nice to us. God wants us to love the way Jesus loved. Jesus is our best example of how we can love others. May you love others so well that everyone knows it is because you are a follower of Christ!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving me! Thank you for Your example of how to love others. Give me Your eyes and heart for others so I may see them and love them as You do, especially people that are harder for me to love. I pray that the way I love would make others want to know You! Amen.



WALK IN TRUTH



What do people think of Jesus based on how well you do or don't love others? What are a few things you can start doing to love like Jesus?

Various John Verses (NLT)

John 13:33-38: "Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. 34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13:1-17: "Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. 2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." 8 "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."

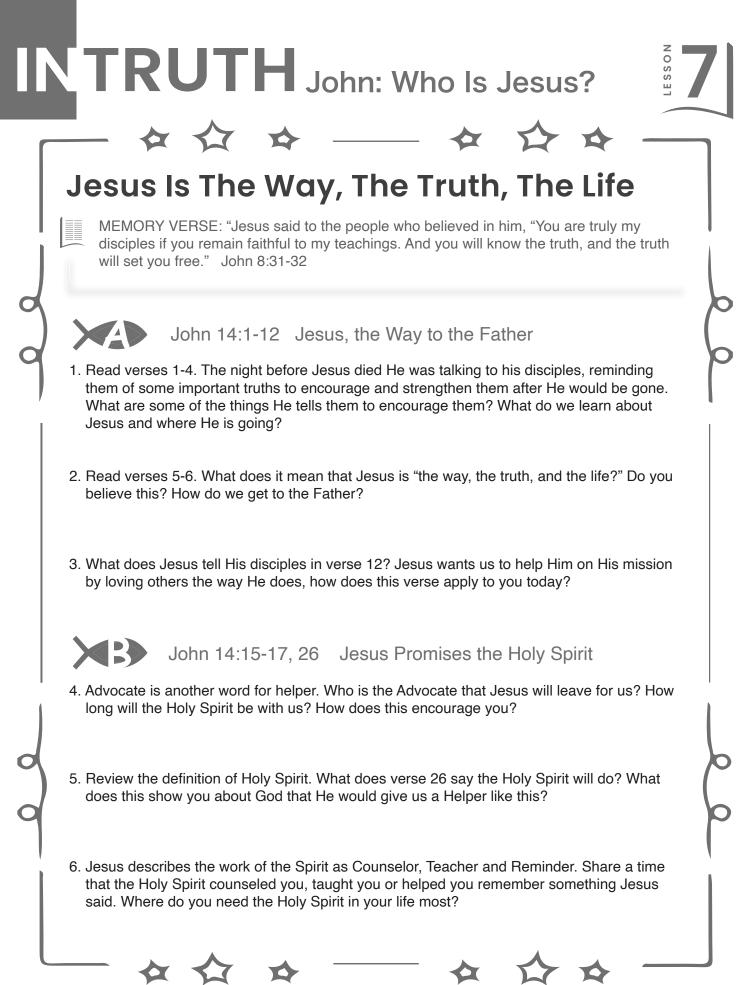
9 Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!" 10 Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." 11 For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. 17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.









7. In John 17, we get to hear Jesus' prayer to His Father knowing He was going to be arrested. Read verses 1-5. Who does Jesus want glorified? How can we have the same attitude in our lives today?

- 8. In verses 14-16, Jesus said the disciples (and all believers), are in the world but not of this world. What do you think He means? How can YOU be in the world but not of it?
- 9. Read verse 23. Jesus prayed that all believers would live in complete unity with Him, God and each other. What would the world know if there is unity among believers?

10. What do we learn about Jesus who gives us a Helper and prays for us?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God knew that His people needed saving which is why He sent Jesus. He also knew that Jesus would have to die for our sins and couldn't be with us forever. What a kind, loving, thoughtful, and gracious God we have that He gave us Jesus to show us the way, the truth, and the life. He showed us Himself, through Jesus and gave us access to Him and the opportunity to have eternal life. Even after Jesus is gone, He does't leave us alone or to our own strength. He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us, guide us, teach us, and remind us. Thank you, God!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, I am in awe of how good you are. Thank you for giving us everything we need for salvation and to then join you on mission to share that same salvation with others. I believe that you are the way, the truth and the life. Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit to help us. Amen.



WALK IN TRUTH



If we believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, it should show in how we live. How does this show in your life? What areas do you need to lean on the Holy Spirit for help?



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Various John Lessons (NLT)

John 14:1-12: ""Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. 4 And you know the way to where I am going."

5 "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. 7 If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

9 Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. 11 Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.

12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."

John 14:15-17: "If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you."

26: "But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."

John 17:1-5: "After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. 2 For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. 3 And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. 4 I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. 5 Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

13 "Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. 14 I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to this world any more than I do. 17 Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. 18 Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. 19 And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

20 "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. 21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

22 "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. 23 I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. 24 Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

25 "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. 26 I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."

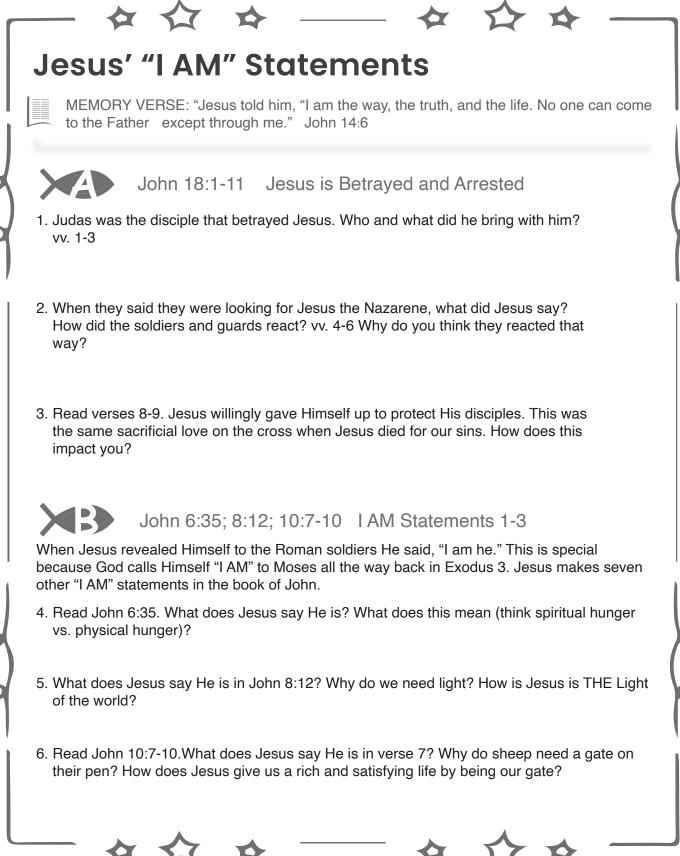
Holy Spirit: God's Spirit. Called Advocate. Lives within all Christians as our helper, teacher, comforter, and our friend. Holy Spirit wants to lead us and guide us every day.













7. Read verse 10:11-15. Who does Jesus say He is in verse 11? Compare the good shepherd with the hired hand - how does Jesus feel about us and treat us?

- 8. Read John 15:1, 4-5. What does Jesus say He is in verse 1? What do you think Jesus means in these verses? (Think of a fruit tree.)
- 9. We have to stay connected to God for life and to bear fruit. What kind of fruit is Jesus looking for? Galatians 5:22-23 How does us "bearing fruit" show Jesus to the world?
- 10. We studied the other two "I AM" statements in previous lessons ("Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life" and Jesus is the resurrection and the life."). All of these examples help us to understand Jesus in a much deeper way. How has your view of Jesus changed based off of who He tells us He is?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus is the bread of life- so we don't ever have to go hungry. Jesus is the light of the worldso we don't have to live in darkness. Jesus is the gate for His sheep - giving us a rich and satisfying life. Jesus is the good shepherd protecting us and sacrificing His life for us. Jesus is the grapevine - if we remain in Him, we will bear good fruit. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life - if we follow Him, we will lack nothing. Jesus is the life and resurrection - through Him we are saved from our sins and can live eternally with the Father. Jesus is I AM, which means Jesus is God, Lord and Savior. Praise be to God!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, I am overwhelmed with all that You are. Help me to remain in You - to come to You for living water and for light in the darkness. I know you are the gate that I need and a good shepherd. Help me to remain in You so that I may bring you glory and produce fruit for you. I believe that you are the way, the truth, the life, and the resurrection. Amen.



WALK IN TRUTH



Which of the "I AM" statements impacts you the most and why?

Various John Verses (NLT)

John 18:1-11: "After saying these things, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with his disciples and entered a grove of olive trees. 2 Judas, the betrayer, knew this place, because Jesus had often gone there with his disciples. 3 The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a contingent of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove.

4 Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them. "Who are you looking for?" he asked.

5 "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.) 6 As Jesus said "I am he," they all drew back and fell to the ground! 7 Once more he asked them, "Who are you looking for?" And again they replied, "Jesus the Nazarene."

8 "I told you that I am he," Jesus said. "And since I am the one you want, let these others go." 9 He did this to fulfill his own statement: "I did not lose a single one of those you have given me."

10 Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave. 11 But Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not drink from the cup of suffering the Father has given me?"

John 6:35: "Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 8:12: "Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.""

John 10:7-10: "so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. 9 Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. 10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

John 10:11-15: ""I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. 12 A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. 13 The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, 15 just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep."

John 15:1: ""I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Galatians 5:22-23: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

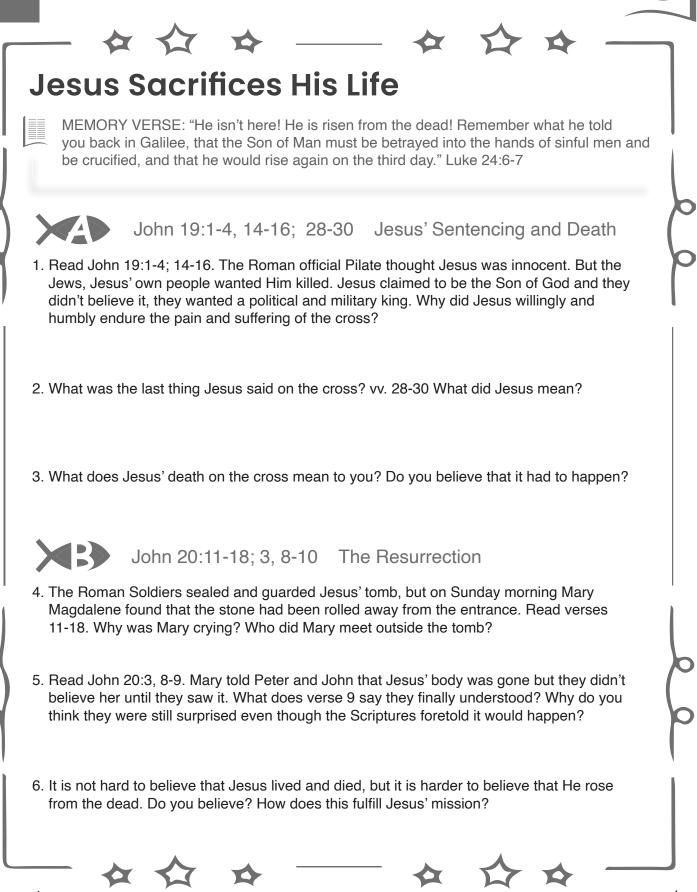
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Elementary

INTRUTH John: Who Is Jesus?









John 20:19-29 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

- 7. Read verse 19. When Jesus appeared, what did He say to them? Why do you think they needed to hear those words?
- 8. Read verses 20-23. What did Jesus say to the disciples in verse 21? Jesus doesn't send His followers out on mission alone, He has given them (and us) the Holy Spirit. How does this encourage you?
- 9. Read verses 24-29. Instead of being mad at Thomas for not believing that He had returned, Jesus gave Thomas what he needed. What does this tell you about Jesus? Do you find it easy or difficult to believe in Jesus without seeing Him?
- 10. Jesus' own disciples had a hard time believing and understanding Jesus death and resurrection, but everytime we seek Jesus He will be faithful. How can we follow their example today when we are doubting?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus was unlike any other teacher or religious leader in the way He lived. He preached radical love, the way of everlasting life, and claimed that He was God. He performed miracles and signs all to prove who He was. And all of this was to accomplish one purpose: to die on a cross for the sins of the world, and to conquer sin and death by raising from the dead. Do you believe that Jesus is God, our Savior?

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord,

Thank You for dying on the cross for our sins! Thank You for Your Holy Spirit that gives Christians the power to live for You. May we be full of Your joy and Your peace! May people see Jesus in our lives. In the powerful name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



What do you think it means in your life today when Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me so I am sending you?"

How can the Holy Spirit help you in this?

Various John Verses (NLT)

John 19:1-4: "Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. 2 The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. 3 "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, as they slapped him across the face.

4 Pilate went outside again and said to the people, "I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty."

John 19:14-16: "It was now about noon on the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, "Look, here is your king!" 15 "Away with him," they yelled. "Away with him! Crucify him!" "What? Crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the leading priests shouted back. 16 Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified."

John 19:28-30: "Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. 30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and released his spirit."

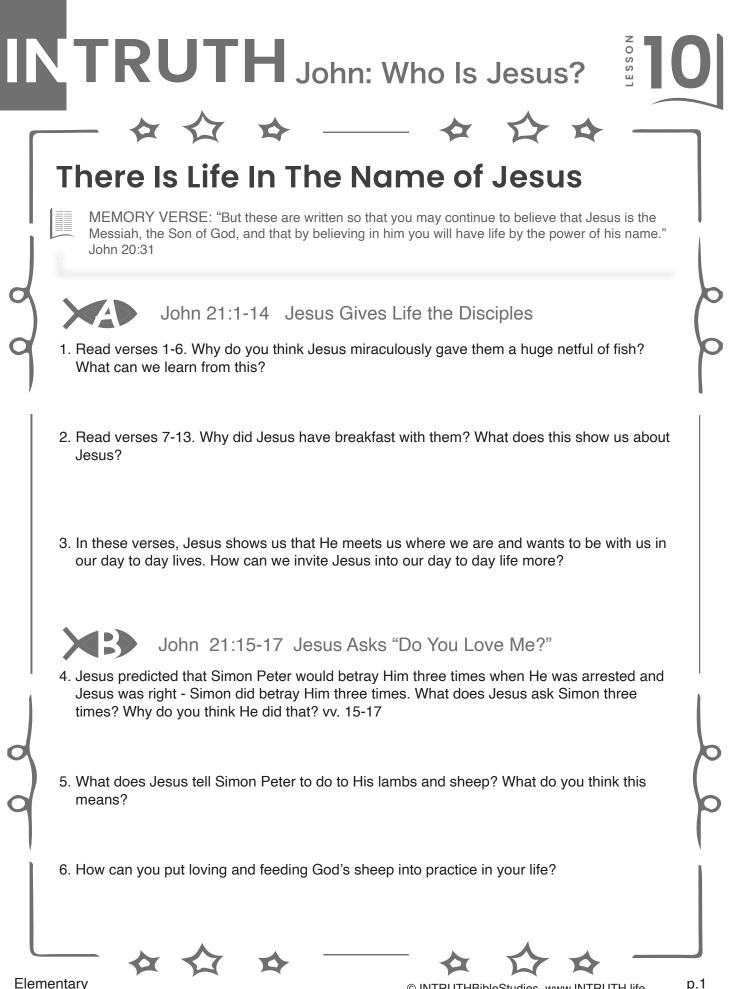
John 20:11-18 "Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. 12 She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13 "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. 15 "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

16 "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher"). 17 "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

John 20:3, 8-10 "Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. 8 Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— 9 for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. 10 Then they went home."

John 20:19-23: "That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." 22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

John 20:24-29: "One of the twelve disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus came. 25 They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." 26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" 28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. 29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."





things Jesus did and said? Explain.

John 20:30-31 The Purpose of the Book of John 7. What does John tell us? v. 30 Do you think it would make a difference if we knew a lot more

8. Why did John say he wrote this book? v. 31 What does God want for you?

9. John says that "by believing in Him you will have life by the power of His name." That is amazing! What does this mean? Have you experienced new life by the power of Jesus?

10. How has this study helped or strengthened your belief in Jesus?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead and after all that, showed up on the shore to serve breakfast to his tired and hungry disciples. He was there to love His sheep and asks us to do the same. John shows us how much our Savior loves us. Everything John shows us is so that we will believe in the Son of God and find LIFE in Him.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, I am so grateful for a God that sends Himself to save us from our sins. And on top of suffering and dying for us, You then meet us wherever we are and want to be in relationship with us. I don't deserve that kind of love! Thank you for offering me fullness of life in You. Help me to love Your sheep the way You have loved me. Amen WALK IN TRUTH



Have you found LIFE through Jesus?

How has Jesus changed your life?



John 21:1-25, 30-31 (NLT)

John 21:1-25 Epilogue: Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

1 Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. 2 Several of the disciples were there — Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. 3 Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing."

"We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. 4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. 5 He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied.

6 Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. 8 The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. 9 When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them — fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

10 "Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn. 12 "Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. 14 This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

15 After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. 16 Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you. "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. 17 A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep.

Purpose of the Book

John 20:30-31: "The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name."

