

PRAYING THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
September 13, 2020 – November 22, 2020
ZOOM CLASS on Sunday Mornings from 10:15-11:30 AM
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Class Outline

CLASS	DATE	MATERIAL COVERED
1.	9/13	The Journey of spiritual hunger (no readings)
2.	9/20	Genesis and our spiritual hunger (no readings)
3.	9/27	John's Prologue 1:1-18 John the Baptist 1:19-34 The Lamb of God 1:35 The wedding at Cana 2:1-12 Jesus and Nicodemus 3:1-21
4.	10/4	John's farewell discourse 3:25-36 The Samaritan woman at the well 4:1-30 The healing of the man at the pool 5:1-16
5.	10/11	The feeding of the 5,000 6:1-15 Jesus walks on the sea 6:16-21 The Bread of Life 6:35 (the first of the "I am" sayings) The New Manna in 6:38, 6:41, 6:51, & 6:58 "Life" (8 times in chapter 6) Passover: 6:4 What does it remember? The Festival of the Tabernacles 7:1-14 The Great Discourse 7:15-32 The Living Water in the Temple 7:38 The Great Teaching on the Judgment (the woman caught in adultery) 8:1-11 I am the Light of the World 8:12 Jesus and the Father, confusion and confrontation 8:13-30 The truth will make you free 8:32 Abraham doesn't make you free 8:37-47

You have a demon 8:48
Stoning avoided 8:59

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| 6 | 10/18 | The anointing at Bethany 12:1-11. Also in Mark 14:3 ff. let's look there first
The Book of Glory John 13 |
| 7 | 10/25 | Do not let your hearts be troubled... Chapter 14
I am the true vine... Chapter 15:1-11 |
| 8 | 11/1 | This is my commandment... 15:12-27
The Secret of Jesus: the relationship between suffering, love and salvation 15:18
God's "Epoxy" - The Holy Spirit 16:1-11
The Great Spiritual Program of Jesus Christ 16:7 |
| 9 | 11/8 | Jesus's High Priestly Prayer Chapter 17
Jesus' Passion Chapter 18
The tunic 19:23
Mary 19:25 |
| 10 | 11/15 | The Resurrection of Jesus Chapter 20
The Appendix of the Gospel of John Chapter 21 |
| 11 | 11/22 | This last week will be for "leftovers," questions, gaps and misc. including a class evaluation form. |

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Class 1: The Journey of Spiritual Hunger

Introduction & Purpose

1. Our aim is to
2. The purpose of this class is to discover a few....
3. Our other purpose is to find some way to be “caught” in reading the scripture at

The Loss of the Word

1. The purpose of words in our world....
2. The purpose of God’s Word is
3. What prevents us from “hearing” God’s Word?

Mystery

1. The world of “they say”
2. Where are the real “spiritual deserts?”

God’s Key Revelation Event

1. Where can it be found?
2. Why is it a key?
3. The work for this class and all the rest of our lives is to...

The Exodus and its importance

1. Slavery
2. Deliverance
3. Other deserts

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Class 2: Genesis Before John

(This is one step back before we take two steps forward into John)

Genesis and Our Spiritual Hunger

The First Account of Creation: The Nature of the World and God
Genesis 1:1 – Genesis 2:4

The Second Account of Creation: Our Nature
Genesis 2:5 and following chapters

Our Desire for Union
Genesis 2:18-19

Shame
Genesis 2:25

Nakedness
Genesis 3:7

Lies and Fear or Trust?
Genesis 3

Our Fundamental Sin?

Summary

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Class 3: The Gospel of John or “Unbreakable”

John’s Prologue 1:1-18

John’s Creation Account.....LIFE!

Union Restored

Intimacy Restored

Getting Inside the Story

John the Baptist 1:19-34

Imagination

Visualization

Re-Enactment

Lamb of God 1:35

Contemplation

The Real Question – Where is home?

Come and See

What Genesis destroyed is being Restored

Wedding at Cana 2:1-12

Signs and Symbols

New Wine.....Life!

Jesus and Nicodemus 3:1-21

A wild God!

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Class 4:

John's farewell discourse Chapter 3:25-36

- What enables John to say goodbye?

Chapter 4 – The Samaritan Woman at the Well

- What do we know about the woman?
- What do you think she is looking for?
- What does Jesus offer?
- How does Jesus “enter into the woman’s life?”
- Reading and listening with out imagination and feelings

Chapter 5 – The Healing of the Man at the Pool

- What do we know about the man?
- What does the man do after being healed?
- How would describe him?
- What is Jesus trying to teach us about the Sabbath?

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Class 5: John 6-8

Finish Lesson 4 (if unfinished from previous week)

SIGNS...what are they and where are they?

What are “Signs” in John’s Gospel? – Jn. 2:23 (they evoke belief)

Where are the Signs in John’s Gospel?

1. 2:1-11...the wedding in Cana
2. 4:46-54...healing in Cana of a child in Capernaum
3. 5:2-9...healing of the lame man in Jerusalem at the Pool of Bethzatha
4. 6:1-15...feeding of the 5,000 in Galilee
5. 6:16-21...Jesus walks on the sea
6. 9:1-17...healing of the blind man
7. 11:17-44...raising Lazarus from the dead

Chapter 6 – The Feeding of the 5,000

- Abundance revisited (the 4th sign)
- Jesus walks on the sea (the 5th sign)
- Jesus, the bread of life 6:35 (the first of the “I am” sayings)
- The New Manna in 6:38, 6:41, 6:51 & 6:58
- “Life” (8 times in chapter 6)

Chapter 7 – The Festival of the Tabernacles 7:1-14

- The Great Discourse 7:15-32
- Living Water in the Temple 7:38

Chapter 8 – The Great Teaching on Judgment and the woman caught in adultery 8:1-11

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Class 6: Chapters 12 and 13

Some thoughts on Chapter 12

- Chapter 12:1-11 and the anointing at Bethany. This story is also told in MARK 14:3 ff. and let's look there first.
- Who is the woman?
- The alabaster jar and ointment. What happens here?
- Why is it important to Jesus?
- John 12:1-11 version
- Who is the woman?
- Fragrance and its significance
- A wedding

Chapter 13 – The Book of Glory

- The Significance of the washing of the disciples' feet
- God pours himself out
- Who is this God?
- Jesus glorified
- A new commandment

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Class 7: Chapter 14-16

Chapter 14 – Do not let your hearts be troubled.....

- We are tempted to believe we have been orphaned or abandoned.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of David
- God will not leave us orphaned (verse 8)
- A tool for understanding and praying the scriptures.....”chewing and slow digestion”
- I am the way, and the truth, and the life (v. 6)
- Lord, show us the Father.... (v. 8)
- Seeing the Father
- And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever (v. 16)
- “...I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.” (v. 20)
- “....and reveal myself to them.” (v. 21)

Chapter 15 – I am the true vine....

- “...apart from me you can do nothing.” (v. 5)
- This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you (v. 12)

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Class 8: Chapters 15-16

Chapter 15:12 – “This is my commandment,, that you love one another as I have loved you.” The measure and manner of love is demonstrated and learned from Jesus himself. The painful part of this loving is the pruning that the Father does so that we bear more fruit.

The Secret of Jesus

- The relationship between suffering, love and salvation
- How does Jesus testify to the Father? This is the secret of Jesus. READ Heb. 2:17-18, 9:14 and 10:12-14.
- God’s Epoxy....

Chapter 16

- “Love and Suffering”
- Simultaneous bewildering grief and intense joy.
- The Holy Spirit

The Great Spiritual Program of Jesus Christ

- What is the spiritual program of Jesus Christ?
- Pain and Joy
- Birth Pangs

Holiness

- Holiness on our own or by union with Jesus Christ.

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Class 9: Chapters 17-19

Chapter 17

- What is Jesus praying for in:
- In verses 1-5?
- In verses 6-19?
- In verses 20-26?

Chapter 18 Jesus' Passion chapter

- Peter's denial

Chapter 19

- Why is "the tunic" seamless? What is its significance? v. 23
- How is Mary viewed in v. 25
- The death of Jesus v. 28

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Class 10

Chapter 20 – The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- Evidence for the Resurrection: Unclean body and the grave clothes
- Mary and the Angels
- The irony of “the Gardener”
- The Ascension
- Closed doors and locked windows
- Thomas

Chapter 21 – The Appendix of the Gospel of John

- Why is Chapter 21 the Acts of the Apostles?
- What are the tasks of the church in Chapter 21

Conclusion

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- Thank you all for participating in this class. Once again I have been blessed to dig deep into the Word and the Mystery of God shown in Jesus Christ. May God bless you in your journey into the Word!