

A Bible study on JOHN



Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

—John 11:25

WHY THE GOSPEL OF JOHN WAS WRITTEN

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

—John 20:30, 31

John called himself “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” We do not think that Jesus loved John more than He loved the other disciples, but perhaps John was more sensitive to *feel* the love that Jesus had for them all. John appreciated Jesus’ love very deeply and was sensitive to Christ’s mission and purpose in this world.

Many years after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke were written, some false teachings were being spread that Jesus was just a man. So John wrote this very special book to show that Jesus was God made flesh. Out of all the hundreds of miracles that Jesus performed, John carefully chose to record miracles which proved that Jesus was WHO He claimed to be. He called these miracles “signs.”

John also proved why the religious leaders of that time hated Jesus and delivered Him to be crucified. It was because Jesus claimed to be equal with God! John shows how Jesus *planned* to be the “Lamb of God” who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice required by God to atone for the sins of the world.

It was John’s purpose that those who read his Gospel (“good news”) would believe on Jesus and receive eternal life.

It is my prayer that this study of the Good News According to John will lead *you* to believe in Jesus and receive Him into your life to be *your* own Saviour and Lord. Jesus is Life and He offers to share His life with you through all eternity. Why not tell Him today that you reject your old life and that you receive Him? Thank Him for the new life He gives you. Enjoy fellowship with Him each day. Live every day to please Him. And tell others about this wonderful Jesus. He loves them, too!

—V. R. Benson

HOW TO STUDY GOD'S WORD

1. Pray for God's help. You *need* God's help in order to understand what you study in the Bible. Take Psalm 119:18 as a prayer: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

2. Read the Scripture passages carefully in a quiet place. Underline the words that impress you most. Remember that God speaks to you through His Word.

3. Answer the questions from the Bible passage.

4. Check your answers by referring to the inside of the back cover.

5. Learn the memory verses. Read each memory verse and reference aloud several times until you can say it without looking. You may want to write the verse and reference on a card, so you can carry it with you. Every day say it aloud several times, so you will remember it easily. Say it to a friend who can check for any mistakes. Or write the verse out without looking and then compare it with the printed verse to make sure every word is right. Even when you know the verse well, review it once a week for about 7 weeks, and then once a month. As you store up this "good treasure" in your heart, your speech and actions will be changed. Choose other verses to memorize as well.



6. Think about the Word of God you have read, studied, and memorized. God has made special promises to those who meditate on His Word day and night:

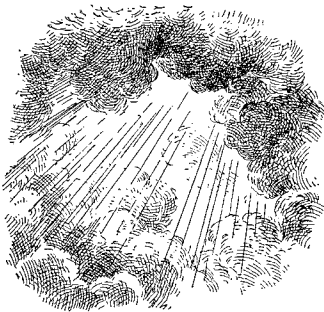
This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. —Joshua 1:8

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. —Psalm 1:2, 3

7. Put into practice what God says. James 1:22 tells us, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” Jesus likened the man who hears His words but does not do them to a foolish man who built his house on the sand. When the winds and rain and floods came, this house built on the sand fell. But the man or woman, boy or girl, who hears Jesus’ words and *obeys* them is like a wise man, who built his house on a rock. When the winds and rain and floods came, his house stood firm because it was built on a rock. Only as we *do* what God says can we grow strong spiritually and get to know God better. Write down exactly what you plan to do, then do it. God will be with you, and He will help you.

8. Share God’s Word with someone else. You may want to share what you learn with those in your family. Deuteronomy 6:7 says, “And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

STORY 1. GRAND INTRODUCTION TO JESUS CHRIST



John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. ¹⁶And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Something to Do

A. Write or print your answer to each question. If you cannot answer the question, read the Bible story again.

1. Who was "the Word"? _____ (verse 1)
2. Where was "the Word"? _____ (1)
3. What was in "the Word"? _____ (4)
4. Where does the light shine? in _____ (5)
5. Who was sent from God to bear witness of the light?

A man named _____ (6)

[This was John the Baptist, not John the author of this Gospel.]

6. Who did not receive Jesus? His _____ (11)

[As a nation, Israel—God's chosen people—did not accept Christ.]

7. What power is given to those who receive Jesus? Power to become the _____ (12)

8. Those who are born of God are born, "not of _____, nor of the will of the _____, nor of the will of _____, but of _____." (13)

[When a person becomes a son of God, it is a miracle that God Himself does. It does not happen by being born to Christian parents; it does not happen merely because you want it to happen; and it does not happen because someone else may want you to be born again. New birth is a work of God.]

9. What was "the Word" made? _____ (14)

10. Where did "the Word" dwell or live? _____ (14)

11. What two things have we received when we have Christ? "Of his _____ have all we received, and _____ for _____" [one blessing after another] (16).

12. Because no one has ever seen God, who had to come

to show us who God was? the only begotten _____(18)

[Because Jesus is God, He could be on earth at the same time that He was with the Father, where He had been from eternity. (Compare verse 18 with verse 1.)]

B. Write out this verse and memorize it: **John 1:12.**

Jesus Is God—He Came In Human Form

Before we can receive Jesus and believe on His name, we must know *who He is*. Verse 18 says that Jesus came to show God to us, because no one had ever been able to come close enough to God to see Him fully. God's glory is too bright. He is too holy.

Because man is sinful, man lives in spiritual darkness. Darkness is this world which tries to ignore God and live without Him. But we see in verse 5 that the darkness could not put out the light.

The Bible says, "**God is light, and in him is no darkness at all**" (1 John 1:5). Jesus, as God, was called the "**True Light**" (verse 9). By the **True Light** man sees himself as he *truly* is, a sinner. And by the **True Light** he can see what God is *truly* like. He can also see what man is *truly* supposed to be.

How wonderful that the True Light (Jesus) shines in our dark world to show us God! As one little girl put it, "Jesus is the best picture God ever had taken!" Jesus is a picture of God—Someone men could see and hear and touch.

Jesus *lived* among men. The word "dwelt" in verse 14 literally means "tabernacled." Jesus *tabernacled* among us. The tabernacle in the Old Testament was a tent-church designed by God when the people of Israel had to move from place to place in the early days of their history. The tabernacle—and later the temple in Jerusalem—was the place where the LORD God lived among His chosen people. Later, when Israel sinned, the glory of God's presence left the temple. But now, in the Person of Jesus, God had returned to "tabernacle" among His own people! Isn't it too bad that so many did not recognize

Him? But all who really believed in God saw God's glory in Jesus (verse 14) when He came.

Jesus Is the Word of God

The Bible says, **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"** (Psalm 119:105). Another name for Jesus is the **"Word of God."** (Compare verse 1 with verse 14.) The Bible is God's *written Word*, and Jesus is God's *Living Word*, because God tells us about Himself by Jesus.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" (Hebrews 1:1, 2a).

Jesus Is the Life of God

Have you ever wondered *why* we become sons of God when we receive Jesus into our hearts? It is because **"in him was life"** (verse 4).

First we see that Jesus made all living things (verses 3 and 10). **"All things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist"** (Colossians 1:16b, 17). Jesus, as God, is the *source* of all life. He also *sustains* all life. **"He giveth to all life, and breath . . . for in him we live, and move, and have our being"** (Acts 17:25b, 28a).

Just as man became a living soul when God breathed the breath of life into man's physical being at Creation, so also Jesus has been given power over all flesh, to give eternal (spiritual) life to as many as come to him (John 17:2). **"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"** (1 John 5:12).

Have you received new life—spiritual life—by receiving Jesus and putting your complete trust in His name? If you have, you are a son of God, born of God, and possess His eternal life. As you walk in His light and more fully experience His life in you, you will enjoy one blessing after another (verse 16). If you have not received Him, won't you ask Him right now to come in and give you new life—His very own eternal life?

You have answered a knock on your door before, haven't you? Jesus is standing beside you right now, knocking on the door of your heart. He promises, "if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20b).

STORY 2. JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS



John 1:19-34

¹⁹And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? ²⁰And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. ²¹And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. ²²Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an

answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

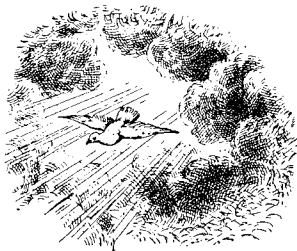
²³He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

²⁴And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. ²⁵And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

²⁶John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; ²⁷He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. ²⁸These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. ³⁰This is he of whom I said, After me cometh

a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. ³¹And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. ³²And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. ³³And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on



him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. ³⁴And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Something to Do

Fill in the blank spaces with the correct missing word.

1. John the Baptist said he was the _____ of one crying in the _____ (23).

2. John the Baptist quoted Esaias (Isaiah), the prophet, by saying, "Make _____ the _____ of the Lord" (23).

3. John said that, though Jesus was to come _____ him, He was preferred _____ him (27, 30).

[This means that though John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus, Jesus was the most important One. John said that even he himself was not worthy to do the servant's job of untying Jesus' sandals. John knew how great Jesus was.]

4. When John pointed Jesus out to all the people, he called him the _____ of _____, because Jesus would take away the _____ of the _____ (29).

5. John came to baptize people with water so that Jesus could be “manifest” (shown) to _____ (31).

6. John knew that Jesus was the Son of God (God born as Man) because the Spirit of God came down from heaven like a _____ and abode (remained) upon Jesus (32). This was also a sign that Jesus would baptize with the _____ (33).

Preparing the Way for Jesus

For 400 years, God’s chosen nation Israel had not had a prophet to bring them a message from God. They *did* have the Old Testament to tell them God’s requirements and promises. They knew that Messiah, a deliverer anointed by God, would come one day to rule Israel. Isaiah had said he would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) and described him as “Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14), which means “God with us.” Micah had foretold that He would be born in Bethlehem and be a ruler in Israel (Micah 5:2).

Don’t you think the people were surprised and glad to hear John the Baptist preaching and telling them to get ready for the coming of the Lord? How *could* the people get ready? Matthew tells us that John preached, “**Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**” (Matthew 3:2). Many people were then baptized by John in the Jordan River, “confessing their sins.” You see, before hearts are ready to receive Jesus, they must be willing to turn from their sins (repent). When you and I are willing to turn from our sins—our wrong attitudes, thoughts, and actions toward God and man—we are ready *then* to recognize Jesus as the “highway” to God and receive Him as our King and Lord. John’s kind of baptism in water was to show the washing away of sins. Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit to purge sins as by fire (Matthew 3:11, 12) and to give us a new life of righteousness (Christ’s own life in us).

Have you confessed *your* sins to God?

Jesus, the Lamb of God

The people of Israel knew the importance of a lamb in God's dealings with them. Centuries before, when the children of Israel were in slavery in Egypt, God worked on Pharaoh's heart to let God's people leave Egypt in freedom. God had to use 10 plagues to get Pharaoh to allow this great people, numbering perhaps 2 million, to go. The last and most terrible plague was that the Lord would go through the land of Egypt and all the first-born in the land would die during one night.

But there was a way of escape. Every household who would obey God's command would live. God commanded a lamb without blemish to be killed. The blood of the lamb was to be put on the sides of the doorway of each house and above the doorway of the house. When God saw the blood on the doorway, He would "pass over" them and the death plague would not destroy them. What a wonderful plan! The children of Israel were to keep the Passover feast every year from that time as a memorial of the time when God's judgment "passed over" them because they had applied the blood of the lamb to their doors. (This story is found in Exodus 12:1-42.)



How precious that Jesus' first public introduction to the world should be as the "Lamb of God"! He had come to be the sacrificial lamb, perfect and without blemish or sin, so that His shed blood could be applied to the door of our hearts and God's judgment for our sin can "pass over" us! Hebrews 9:22 tells us, "...without shedding of blood is no remission [forgiveness of sins]." Leviticus 17:11 says, "... it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." All the lambs slain through the years pointed to Jesus who would come as "the

Lamb of God" to shed His blood so that all who take Him as Savior might have His blood applied on the doorposts of their heart. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

Isaiah 53:7 points out that "he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter." Jesus came to die for the sins of the world. Why not thank Him out loud right now for being the Lamb of God, whose blood was shed for *you* and takes away *your* sins? When God sees the blood, He does not see your sins anymore; He sees only the perfect sacrifice of Christ who took our sins upon Himself and received our judgment for us. Praise God!

Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you over evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.



ATONEMENT means being **AT ONE** with God
because Jesus' blood cleanses us from our sins.

STORY 3. GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

John 1:35-49

³⁵Again the next day after, John stood, and two of his disciples; ³⁶And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! ³⁷And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek



ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? ³⁹He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

⁴³The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. ⁴⁴Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in

the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. ⁴⁶And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! ⁴⁸Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. ⁴⁹Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.



Come and See

Two of John the Baptist's disciples were very curious to know more about Jesus when they heard John say, "Behold the Lamb of God!" They decided to find out where Jesus lived. Jesus invited them to "Come and see." Can you imagine what

a wonderful talk they had with Jesus! They must have learned a lot about Jesus, because soon after that one of the men, Andrew, told his brother Peter that they had found the Messiah!

The Messiah means “the anointed One”—the person who would be sent by God as prophet, priest, and king to rule over Israel. Many of the prophets in the Old Testament had spoken about this very special person who would come. Even Moses had written about Him. God had said to Moses, **“I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him”** (Deuteronomy 18:18). Later Jesus said, **“As my Father hath taught me, I speak these things”** (John 8:28b). How excited these men were!

Are you curious about Jesus? Do you want to learn more about Him? Do you wonder who Jesus is? Jesus says to you today, “Come and see.” Discoveries come by searching. Jesus said, **“Seek, and ye shall find”** (Matthew 7:7b). If you *come* to Jesus, you will see! If you stay with Him and let Him talk with you in His Word, He will show you who He really is. You can know Him for yourself! **“And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart”** (Jeremiah 24:7).

Testimonies About Jesus

When a person comes to Jesus and sees who He is, then he wants to tell others about Him! He wants to tell others what He knows about Jesus, so that his friends can also “come and see.” If you know Jesus, and are learning from Him, are you sharing this good news with someone else?

Write out below who Jesus is to you:

Ask God for a chance to share your testimony with someone today, so that person also can “come and see.”

STORY 4. JESUS BRINGS JOY TO A MARRIAGE



John 2:1-11

¹And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: ²And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. ³And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. ⁴Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. ⁵His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. ⁶And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the

manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. ⁷Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. ⁹When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, ¹⁰And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. ¹¹This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Something to Do

Fill in the blanks by using words from the story.

1. Jesus' mother said to the servants, "_____." (verse 5)
2. When Jesus told the servants to fill the waterpots, they filled them "_____." (7).

Obedience is the Key to Joy

Jesus' mother may never have seen Jesus perform a miracle before. But she did know that Jesus would do *something* to help.

Perhaps you are a Christian. Have you "run out" of something? Do you run out of patience before the day is done? Is your heart empty of joy or love right now? Jesus can see your need, whatever it is.



He wants to bless your life with a miracle! He does not want you ever to be embarrassed in your Christian life by not having enough joy and peace and love to last through the day. He has promised, **"and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed"** (Romans 9:33b). *But there is a secret you must know!* Obedience is the key to blessing. **"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."** When we obey, Jesus can work a miracle. Obeying shows we really trust Him.

If someone has wronged you, have you forgiven that person (Matthew 6:14, 15)? Are you laying up treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:20)? Perhaps you think you can't give to God's work. But Jesus knows your needs. Trust Him by obeying Him. **"Prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it"** (Malachi 3:10b).

"Be filled with the Spirit," God says to you today (Ephesians 5:18). No Christian can expect to live a life of joy if he does not allow God to fill him with His Spirit each day.

Perhaps you are not a Christian. Perhaps life is boring to you. You, too, can obey the command of Jesus. Come to Him and receive His life—to the brim. He said, **"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"** (John 10:10).

The servants obeyed *fully*. They did not fill the waterpots half-full, or almost full. They filled them "to the brim." Obeying God with your whole heart brings joy and blessing. **"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ"** (Colossians 3:23, 24).

Is there something that Jesus has spoken to you about that you should do in obedience to Him? Why not do it today.

When the disciples saw the miracle, their faith grew—they "believed on him." When you obey God's Word and see God work, your faith will grow, too. Faith is like a muscle in our bodies. It is strengthened by *using* it, by *exercising* it. Let us choose to walk by faith each day. **"The just shall live by faith"** (Romans 1:17).

FAITH = Forsaking All, I Trust Him

STORY 5. JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE



John 2:13-22

¹³And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, ¹⁴And found in the temple those that sold

oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

¹⁵And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; ¹⁶And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. ¹⁷And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

¹⁸Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

¹⁹Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ²⁰Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this tem-

ple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? ²¹But he spake of the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

What Jesus Knew

Do you remember what the "passover" means? We talked about it on page 10. Jesus went up to Jerusalem to celebrate the passover. What an amazing sight He saw in the temple! It did not look and sound like a place to worship God or a place to get right with God. It was like a busy market place! God's presence was far away. Jesus was very angry.

It was true that the people did need to buy animals to use as sacrifices to God. But the merchants were really cheating the people by charging high prices. And they were selling the animals right in the temple! No wonder Jesus drove them all out of the temple! It is recorded in Mark 11:17 that He said, **"Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves."**

Jesus told the Jewish leaders that His right to cleanse the temple would be proved when they would destroy the temple. He, Jesus, would raise it back up in three days! They were astonished, because they did not know that Jesus was talking about His own body. Jesus knew that these Jewish leaders would crucify Him. He also knew that three days after they crucified Him, He would raise His own body from the dead.

Jesus Body was God's Temple

Years before, the beautiful temple Solomon built had been "filled with the glory of the LORD." But because the nation of Israel had served false gods, the glory of the LORD departed from the temple, and it was destroyed. Later the temple was

built again by those who wanted to turn back to God. God said at that time, **“... the desire of all nations [Messiah] shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts”** (Haggai 2:7). Now here was Jesus, coming into the temple to cleanse it! Here He was, even claiming that His own body was the temple of God!

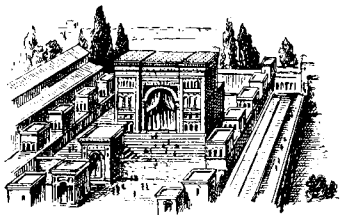
“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily” (Colossians 2:9).

“... God was manifest in the flesh ...” (I Timothy 3:16).

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matthew 1:23).

“Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory” (I Corinthians 2:8). Remember how Jesus began to manifest His glory in Story 4 (John 2:11)? The Jewish leaders did not know that the Lord of glory was among them, living in Jesus' body, and had every right to cleanse His temple!

Where is God's Temple Today?



“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (I Corinthians 3:16).

Jesus lives in every person who has truly received Him, through the Holy Spirit, into his heart! *Our bodies are His temple!* What an awesome thought! **“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a**

price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19, 20).

How important it is for us to live holy lives! We should never commit sin with our bodies, because if we have received Christ into our lives, then we are joined to Him and should be faithful to Him. God has every right to cleanse His temple. He has every right to cleanse areas of our lives which are not pleasing to Him. Let us always yield to His cleansing. He cleanses us through His Word.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psalm 119:9).

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

"But if we walk in the light [of His Word], as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

Not only does God make each individual Christian His temple, but also all Christians together are called the "body of Christ." **"So we, being many, are one body in Christ"** (Romans 12:5a). **"And he is the head of the body, the church"** (Colossians 1:18a).

"Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:20b-22). How precious is each person in whom God lives! We must be sure to treat other Christians with great tenderness and love. In the same way that we treat them, we are really treating Christ.

Let us say with Paul, **"So now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death"** (Philippians 1:20b).

Let us be sure our body-temples are places of prayer, where we talk with God each day and are aware of His presence. Never let them become a "den of thieves" where the cares and pleasures of this life dim the glory of God.

STORY 6. JESUS TELLS A RULER HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN



John 3:1-8, 14-21, 36

¹There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵Jesus answered, Verily, veri-

ly, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot 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. ⁷Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. ⁸The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

¹⁸He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not

believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
¹⁹And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
²⁰For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds

should be reprov'd. ²¹But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

³⁶He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Something to Do

A. Fill in the blanks with the right word from the story.

1. Nicodemus was a _____ of the Jews (verse 1).
He came to Jesus by _____ (2).

[Jesus is interested in every man—poor or rich, educated or ignorant.]

2. Nicodemus thought Jesus was a _____
come from God (2).

3. Jesus said that to even *see* the kingdom of God, a man must be b _____ a _____ (3).

4. A man cannot enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of w _____ and of the S _____ (5).

[To Nicodemus, water meant cleansing. In Story 2 we saw that John the Baptist baptized with water as people confessed their sins and turned from their sins (repentance). Jesus came to baptize with the Holy Spirit and to give people new life. To enter the kingdom of God, we must be willing to turn from our sins as well as receive the life of God's Spirit into our hearts.]

5. That which is born of the flesh is _____ (6).
[“Flesh” refers not only to our physical bodies, but also to the human desires of our self (Romans 8:8, 9).]

6. That which is born of the Spirit is _____ (6).

[When our bodies are born of our earthly parents, we, too, have earthly bodies. When our spirits are born of God, we, too, have a spirit that is alive and able to understand spiritual things of God (I Corinthians 2:12, 14).]

7. The Son of man (Jesus) had to be lifted up (crucified on a cross) just like _____ lifted up the _____ in the wilderness (14).

8. The reason Jesus came was because God loved _____ the world. Whoever believes in Jesus will not perish, but have everlasting _____ (16).

9. God didn't send His Son into the world to condemn _____ the world (though He will judge the world one day); he sent His Son to save _____ the world (17).

10. A person who believes in Jesus is not condemned. A person is condemned only when he doesn't believe in Jesus (18).

11. Light has come into the world, and men loved _____ rather than _____ because their deeds were _____. Jesus calls this "the condemnation" (19). [Condemnation means eternal judgment and separation from God.]

12. He that does _____ cometh to the light (21). [It is not the man that does *good* that comes to the light. "There is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Romans 3:12). The man that does truth is the man who confesses the truth of his sin and receives God's cleansing. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).]

B. Underline these verses in Story 6 (or write them on small cards), and memorize them:

John 3:16 and John 3:36.

What It Means to Be Born Again

To be born again is to be born “from above,” to start life over, to have a *different* beginning. Natural birth makes one a member of the human family. Spiritual birth makes one a member of God’s family. The Spirit works in us and we see outward changes. For example, a person who has stolen doesn’t steal anymore. It is just like when the wind blows. We can’t see the wind, but we can see what it does.

A person whose spirit has not been born of God is spiritually “dead” (Ephesians 2:1, 5). Cleansing from sin comes first by the death of Christ and the death of our old way of life. Then the Spirit makes us alive with new life—Christ’s resurrection life. Both are necessary to enter into God’s kingdom. New birth takes place when the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Jesus Himself) actually enters and lives in our bodies. **“Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”** (Romans 8:9b).

We inherit Christ’s nature (II Peter 1:4): new attitudes, a new power of our wills, a new mind to understand Scripture.

Are you like Nicodemus? Perhaps you have always been a religious person. Or a person who obeys all the laws. Perhaps you are even a leader. But have you ever been born again from above by God’s Holy Spirit, so that you are a new creation? **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”** (II Corinthians 5:17). If you are not “born again,” why not come to Jesus right now, like Nicodemus did? Ask Jesus to come into your life, so that you can have a new life and be part of God’s family. **“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life”** (I John 5:12).

Moses in the Wilderness

Long before, when the children of Israel were living in the wilderness under their leader, Moses, they grumbled and spoke bad things against God and against Moses. They complained about the way God was providing for them. So God sent serpents (snakes) among the people to bite them. Many



people died. The people came to Moses and confessed their sin. They begged Moses to pray that God would take away the serpents. God answered their prayer in a different way. He told Moses to make a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole. Whoever looked at this bronze serpent, even though he had been bitten by a deadly snake, when he saw the serpent, he would live. (This story is found in Numbers 21:4-9.)

Sin is like the bite of a deadly snake. We, too, will die unless we look to Jesus, who became sin for us (though He Himself never sinned). Many perished in the wilderness. Only those who looked were healed. Jesus warned Nicodemus that he, too, would perish if he did not look to Jesus to receive new life.

As men looked at the “dead” serpent and lived, they also must look at the One who takes the sin of the world upon Himself, crucified on a cross, (John 12:32, 33). Look and live! They didn’t need to understand “how” it healed them to look at the serpent of bronze. All they had to do was just obey in faith. And it worked!

**Look and live, my brother, live!
Look to Jesus now and live;
'Tis recorded in His Word, hallelujah!
It is only that you “look and live.”**

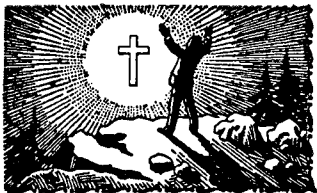
Coming to the Light

When we come to Christ, our sin is exposed because Jesus is the true light (John 1:9). Darkness hides the truth, but the light shows how things really are.

The one who chooses not to come to the light of God has

chosen to keep his sins and not allow God to change him. Sinful man is *already* headed for hell. He needs Christ to escape. Those without Jesus are under God's wrath now (verse 36), but the one who receives Christ begins the same life he will have in heaven—God's eternal life. **"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"** (1 John 1:5-7).

When a man wants to be holy, he is willing to have his sins exposed and forgiven. So, coming to Christ is a life and death matter. Your destiny depends on what you do with Christ. Your destination depends on what you do with the light. Do you come to it? Or do you hide from it?



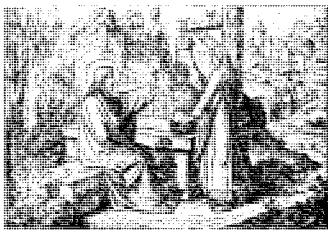
I have received
life through Jesus!

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FAITH + GOD'S WORD (JESUS) = ETERNAL LIFE

STORY 7. JESUS OFFERS LIVING WATER



John 4:5-42

⁵Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. ⁷There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. ⁸(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) ⁹Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink;

thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. ¹¹The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? ¹²Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? ¹³Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

¹⁵The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. ¹⁶Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. ¹⁷The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: ¹⁸For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. ¹⁹The woman saith unto him,

Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ²¹Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²²Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. ²³But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. ²⁴God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. ²⁵The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. ²⁶Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

²⁷And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? ²⁸The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, ²⁹Come, see a

man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? ³⁰Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

³¹In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. ³²But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. ³³Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

³⁴Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. ³⁵Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

³⁶And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. ³⁷And herein is that



saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. ³⁸I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

³⁹And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans were

come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his own word; ⁴²And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Something to Do

A. Answer the questions from the story.

1. What feelings did Jesus have which show us He was also truly human? (verse 6) _____

2. What did Jesus say to the woman of Samaria? (7) _____

3. Why was she surprised that Jesus would speak to her? (9) _____

[The Samaritans were descendants of Jews and foreigners who had married Jews. They did not worship just the God of Israel but false gods as well. When the true Jews rebuilt their temple in Jerusalem, they would not allow Samaritans to help them. But Jesus was always interested in every individual person; he was interested in every person's needs, even though it was not the custom for a Jewish man to speak to a woman in public.]

4. What would Jesus have given this woman if she had known to ask? (10) _____

5. What would be the difference between drinking the well water and drinking the water Jesus gave? (13, 14)

6. What did Jesus know about this woman? (18) _____

[Jesus knows the secret sins of *each* of us.]

7. When Jesus pointed out her sin to her, what subject did the woman bring up? (20) She talked about the place where men ought to _____.

[Samaritans worshipped at their own temple on Mt. Gerizim. They believed in only the first 5 books of the Old Testament. Do you like to discuss "religion" instead of getting right with God?]

8. How do true worshippers worship the Father? (23)

[In order to worship God truly, we must be born of the Spirit.]

9. When the woman realized who Jesus really was, what did she do? (28, 29) _____

10. What satisfied Jesus just like food? (34) _____

11. Who did the Samaritans believe Jesus was? (42) _____

B. Memorize this verse: **John 4:24.**

How Faith Grows

Isn't it interesting to see how the woman of Samaria comes to know and believe more about Jesus the more He talks to her? **See verse 9.** She first recognizes Jesus as a Jew who had spoken to her kindly. **See verse 11.** Her respect rises, and she calls Him, "Sir." **See verse 19.** Jesus knew so much about her,

she now thinks He must be a prophet. **See verse 29.** She now believes Jesus must be the Christ, the promised Messiah.

The more we allow Jesus to talk to us through the Bible, the more our faith in Him will grow, too! **“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”** (Romans 10:17).

What is Living Water?

The woman of Samaria thought it would be a wonderful thing if she did not have to lower her skin bucket down into Jacob's well. The water level was 90 feet below. But Jesus was not talking about physical water. Jesus was talking about the satisfaction He could give her to stop the continual thirst of her empty spirit for sinful pleasures. The *living water* He talks about is the gift of eternal life—His own life. The gushing spring is the *overflowing* joy and peace we can experience when we are filled with His Holy Spirit!

The woman wants the water, but first Jesus needs to prick her conscience. She must confess her sin and be *willing* to turn from it before she can receive living water from Jesus.

What This Story Teaches About Working for God

1. Every person needs to hear the gospel and believe in Christ for salvation. We should not treat anyone as an outcast, or unacceptable. Jesus didn't.

2. The spiritual “fields” of the world are ripe and ready to be harvested. We need to look up and see how many people around us are hungry for the truth and ready to receive it.

3. One person may sow (tell others about Jesus, give out literature, teach God's Word). Another person may reap (actually introduce someone to Christ). We need to be willing to do either. Both the one that sows *and* the one that reaps can have joy.

4. Doing God's will and *finishing* our work each day brings a satisfaction even more than food can give.

5. Though it is important to *tell* our friends *about* Jesus, we also need to *bring them to Him* to know Him for themselves.

STORY 8. JESUS HEALS THE NOBLEMAN'S SON



John 4:46-53

⁴⁶So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the

point of death. ⁴⁸Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. ⁴⁹The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. ⁵⁰Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. ⁵¹And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. ⁵²Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. ⁵³So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth; and himself believed, and his whole house.

The Power of God's Words

When God says something, it happens! The God who created the world and the heavens and everything in them just by speaking the word is now speaking to the nobleman, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." And it was so.

Jesus said that everything promised in the Bible would happen (Matthew 5:18). Do you believe God's Word? Do you act like you believe it—like the man in our story did?

Our words have power too, *if Christ lives in our hearts*. In Mark 11:22, 23 Jesus told His disciples, "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this moun-

tain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." The words we speak, backed by faith in God, are *powerful*. What kind of words do you speak? Do you speak words of encouragement, comfort, trust, and love?

What This Story Teaches Us About Prayer

Does Jesus answer our requests today? Hebrews 13:8 tells us that Jesus Christ is **"the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."** We know that we must come to Him with our requests. He says that **"him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"** (John 6:37b). He tells us to **"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"** (Matthew 7:7).

Next, we must come believing that He will answer. **"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"** (Hebrews 11:6).

We must be satisfied with the answer Jesus gives. The nobleman asked Jesus to come down to his house, but Jesus did not choose to do that. Instead, He said, **"Go thy way; thy son liveth."** He may not answer you in exactly the way you ask, but He will always do what is best for you, and it will always be according to His Word.

Faith does not always bring *deliverance* (study Hebrews 11:35-39), but faith always brings *direction* and peace. **"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"** (Philippians 4:6, 7).

When you believe God, and God works with power, your faith will be strengthened. The faith of *your family* will be strengthened, too, just as the *whole household* of the nobleman believed God.

STORY 9. JESUS HEALS THE IMPOTENT MAN



John 5:1-9, 14-18

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. ³In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, 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, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him,

Wilt thou be made whole? ⁷The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. ⁸Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. ⁹And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

¹⁴Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. ¹⁵The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. ¹⁶And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

¹⁷But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. ¹⁸Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Something to Do

Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences.

1. A certain man waited by the pool of Bethesda. He had been sick or extremely weak for _____ years (verse 5).

2. Jesus asked him a very important question: "Wilt thou be made _____?" (6)

3. Jesus told him to do what seemed impossible. He said, "_____, take up your bed, and _____" (8).

4. Later, when Jesus found him in the temple, he said, "Behold, thou art made whole: _____, lest a worse thing come upon thee" (14).

5. The Jews sought to kill Jesus for two main reasons: (a) because he not only had _____ (18) [by healing a man on the day when Jews were not supposed to do any work], (b) but said also that God was his Father, making himself _____ (18).

Do You Need to Be Made Whole?

Perhaps you have a need to be made well and strong in *your* body, mind, or emotions. Perhaps you have a bad habit that hinders you from serving God as you would like. Perhaps resentment and bitterness are eating you up inside.

Jesus sees your need, and He says to you, "**Wilt thou be made whole?**" You may have excuses why you are not whole. Perhaps you are the only Christian in your home or in your school. Or you may think other circumstances in life are all against you. But that is no problem to Jesus. He can make you whole *immediately*! But He may ask you to do something that seems impossible, just like He asked the man who could not walk to get up and walk, and even carry his bed! Whatever it is, as you *start* to obey God's Word, Jesus will give you the power you need and will make you whole! And then He can lead you to a life of victory.

STORY 10. TWO RESURRECTIONS

John 5:24-29

²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. ²⁵Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. ²⁶For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he

given to the Son to have life in himself; ²⁷And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. ²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, ²⁹And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Something to Think About

Isn't it wonderful that when we hear Jesus knocking on the door of our hearts, and we trust Him by letting Him come in to our lives, *then we can have the confidence that we have everlasting life!* We can *know* that we shall never be condemned. We can *know* that we have *already* passed from death to life. Do you wonder how this can be? It is because Jesus has *life in himself* (verse 26). *Those without Christ cannot please God* (Romans 8:8), so when they are raised from the grave, they can expect only judgment and eternal separation from God.

Something to Do

Memorize John 5:24 as an assurance to remind you what your salvation really means. As long as you are hearing God's Word and trusting in Him (obedience to Him shows you trust Him), do not let Satan put doubts into your mind. God wants you to *know* you are His. If something comes between you and God, God will point it out to you clearly so you can confess it and forsake it. God *restores*; Satan merely *accuses*.

STORY 11. JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:5-14, 35, 47-51, 53-56, 63

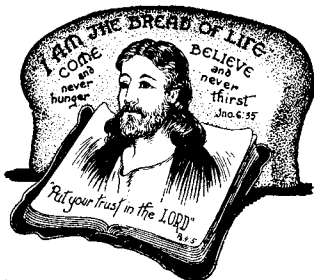
⁵When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? ⁶And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, ⁹There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? ¹⁰And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹¹And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. ¹²When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. ¹³Therefore

they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. ¹⁴Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

³⁵And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

⁴⁷Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. ⁴⁸I am that bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

⁵⁰This is the bread which com-



eth down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵³Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

⁵⁴Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

⁶³It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Something to Do

Memorize these verses: John 6:35 and John 6:63.

What This Story Teaches Us

1. Jesus cares about our needs. He already has plans to provide for all of our needs, but He wants to test our faith in Him. He wants us to look to Him and *depend* on Him for every need that we have.

2. Even Jesus gave thanks for the *little* that He had. God says to us, **"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"** (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

3. Jesus can solve every problem and meet every need in *abundance*. **"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"** (Ephesians 3:20).

4. God does not like waste. He wants us to use *everything* that He gives to us, "that nothing be lost."

He wants us to use our *time* wisely: **"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is"** (Ephesians 5:16, 17).

He wants us to use our *abilities and talents* wisely: **"His**

lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21).

Jesus also wants us to use our *money* wisely: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

5. As the disciples received the food from Jesus, they distributed it to the hungry crowd. When we receive spiritual food from Jesus each day, we also have something to share with those around us who need the "bread of life."

Two Kinds of Bread

The great crowd of people were glad to have food to eat when they were so hungry. They wanted Jesus to be their king, so they would never have to worry about working for food again! But Jesus reminded them of what had happened to their ancestors long before. The children of Israel were on their way from Egypt to the land God had promised them. This great crowd of people became hungry in the wilderness. So God "rained" bread from heaven to feed them each day! What a wonderful miracle this was (Exodus 16:4-35)! The people did not know exactly what this new kind of food was, so they called it *manna*, which means, *What is this?*

Later God taught the people why He had done this. Moses told the people, "And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the



mouth of the LORD doth man live” (Deuteronomy 8:2, 3).

Even though God provided manna from heaven in such a marvellous way for many years, the manna was just bread for physical bodies. The people who ate it still grew old and later died. So now, when Jesus fed the multitude that day, the bread they ate was just for their physical bodies. Though they ate it and were filled, they would still grow old and die later.

But Jesus had great news! Now Jesus was offering a new kind of “bread”, which if people ate of it, would cause them not to die. Yes, their physical bodies would die, but they themselves would never die, and Christ would raise their bodies at the last day when He comes again. Jesus told the people that He, Himself, was a different kind of bread that could be eaten! He was *living* bread for their souls! He had come down from heaven just like the manna had come down from heaven. He had come to give His life for the world. Whoever “eats”—or receives into their souls—the life of Jesus will never die.

How can we “eat” this Bread of Life, which is Jesus? How can we “drink” His blood? We can accept Christ’s sacrifice of His body on the cross for our own salvation. We can accept Jesus as the Lamb of God whose blood covers our sins. We can receive His life-giving Spirit into our hearts. We can also receive His life-giving words by studying them and obeying them. We need to keep taking in His life *every day*, just as we need to eat food every day for our physical bodies.

In a spiritual sense you can “eat” the flesh of Jesus and “drink” His blood each day:

1. Each day walk in the light of God’s Word. If you sin, admit your sin to God, and the blood of Jesus will cleanse you so that you can continue having good fellowship with Him (1 John 1:7, 9).

2. Each day ask Jesus to fill you with His Holy Spirit. In every thing you do, depend on the power of His Spirit within you. Receive instructions from Him each day from the Bible. God’s Word is life to us. Spend some time alone with God each day when you can talk to Him aloud. Then, during the day, keep thinking about Him. Talk to Him in your mind about everything. You will find yourself becoming more and more like Jesus.

God has a wonderful promise for you if you do these things: **“Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him”** (Malachi 3:16, 17).

God’s Word Is Food for Your Soul

Long ago, Job said, **“Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food”** (Job 23:12).

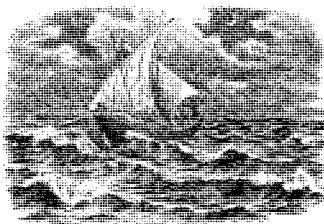
Jeremiah declared, **“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts”** (Jeremiah 15:16).

The psalmist said, **“How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”** (Psalm 119:103).

Peter urged, **“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious”** (1 Peter 2:2, 3).

Let us “eat” God’s Word every day!

STORY 12. JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER



John 6:16-21

¹⁶And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, ¹⁷And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it

was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. ¹⁸And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. ¹⁹So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. ²⁰But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. ²¹Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

Something to Think About

Are you living in a storm? Does life seem dark right now? Does Jesus seem far away? Are you and those around struggling by yourselves in the storm, trying in your own weak strength to get to the other side? If this describes you, know that *Jesus cares*. He *knows*, and He *sees*. He walks toward you in your desperate situation. Do not be afraid. Receive Jesus gladly into the problem or situation. Give it to His control. He will smooth the ruffled waters, and lead you safely *through* to the other side. **“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me”** (Psalm 23:4a).

STORY 13. JESUS TALKS ABOUT FREEDOM

John 8:31-37, 42, 47

³¹Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then

are ye my disciples indeed; ³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

³³They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? ³⁴Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ³⁵And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. ³⁶If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. ³⁷I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place

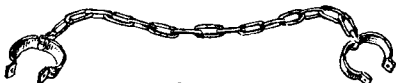
in you.

⁴²Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

⁴⁷He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

John 7:17

¹⁷If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.



Something to Do

Fill in the blanks:

1. If you _____ in my word, says Jesus, then you are truly my _____ (8:31).
2. The _____ shall make you free (8:32).
3. Whosoever committeth sin is the _____ of sin (8:34).
4. If the _____ makes you free (from sin), you will be free indeed (8:36).
5. Jesus told them, If God were your Father, you would _____ me (8:42).
6. He that is of _____ hears God's words (8:47).
7. If any man will do God's _____, he shall _____ whether Jesus' doctrine is of God or not (7:17).

STORY 14. JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



John 8:12

¹²Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 9:1-9, 13-25, 33-38

¹And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. ²And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? ³Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. ⁴I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

⁶When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with clay, ⁷And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

⁸The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? ⁹Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. ¹⁴And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. ¹⁶Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. ¹⁷They say unto

the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. ¹⁸But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. ¹⁹And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? ²⁰His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: ²¹But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. ²²These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore

said his parents, He is of age; ask him. ²⁴Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. ²⁵He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. . . . ³³If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. ³⁴They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? ³⁶He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? ³⁷And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. ³⁸And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Who Said It?

1. Who said, "the night comes, when no man can work"? _____ (verse 4).
 2. Who said, "Is not this he that sat and begged?" _____ (8).
 3. Who said, "This man is not of God"? _____
- (16). [The Pharisees were a Jewish religious sect. They

were strict in obeying the laws of Moses and traditions.]

4. Who said, "He is of age; ask him," because they feared the Jews? _____ (21-23).

[It was a serious matter to be put out of the synagogue. The outcast would be treated like a leper. No one was allowed to eat with that person, or do business with him.]

5. Who said, "If this man were not of God, he could do nothing"? _____ (33).

6. Who said, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" _____ (35).

7. Who said, "Lord, I believe"? _____ (38).

Jesus Brings Light

When Jesus opened the blind man's eyes, He brought light into his life. But Jesus wanted to show that He had really come to open the spiritual eyes of *all* people who sit in darkness.

Many years before, God had promised through His prophets, that One would come who would bring light. God described Jesus: **"I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house"** (Isaiah 42:6, 7). Isaiah saw Jesus' day: **"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined"** (Isaiah 9:2).

When Jesus claimed to be the light of the world, the Jews knew Jesus was claiming to be God, because God is light. **"The LORD is my light and my salvation"** says Psalm 27:1. **"When I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me"** (Micah 7:8b). David, thanking God, said, **"For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness"** (II Sam. 22:29).

When we know Jesus, we know God. Jesus said, **"If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also"** (John 14:7a). **"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of**

darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Corinthians 4:6). Have you received this light?

Walking in the Light

Those who follow Jesus do not walk in darkness any more, but in light. **"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light"** (Ephesians 5:8).

"The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble" (Proverbs 4:19). **"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"** (Proverbs 4:18).

God's Word is light. **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"** (Psalm 119:105). **"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple"** (Psalm 119:130). As we come to God's Word each day, we must *listen* and *obey* what it says. That is what it means to "walk in the light." *Doing what God says* is walking in the light. Do you remember Jesus' commandment that we should love one another? That is why God's Word says, **"But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes"** (I John 2:11).

The quickest way to become blind is to walk in darkness all the time. When mules are used underground to help mine coal, they must be brought up to the light at least one day each week. If they were to be kept underground all the time, they would quickly go completely blind. So it is with us; we *must* keep walking in the light, or else our spiritual eyes can be deceived by Satan, and he can blind our minds and hearts.

We Are Lights in the World

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:14, 15). God has *chosen* us to **"shew forth the praises of him who**

hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (I Peter 2:9). Is *your* life a light to those around you? If not, the apostle Paul urges us to “cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light” (Romans 13:12).

We need to be ready for our Lord’s return. Only if we are awake, and walking in the light, will we be ready. “Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (I Thessalonians 5:5, 6).

Jesus said, when telling about the new heaven and the new earth, that the new Jerusalem will have “no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof” (Revelation 21:23). Isn’t it wonderful that Jesus will be our light for all eternity!

Working While It Is Light

Until Jesus comes back, we need to work while it is light in this dark world. One day, this earth will pass away (Matthew 5:18). Those who have not come to the light will pass on into outer darkness for ever and ever (Matthew 22:13). Let us work “to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins . . . ” (Acts 26:18).

The Jews once asked Jesus, “What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent” (John 6:28, 29). Jesus taught very plainly that “if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

First, we must be sure we ourselves have come to the Light to receive eternal life. Then we must work *with* Jesus to *bring others* to the Light. “Labour not for the meat which perisheth,” He said, “but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you” (John 6:27).

Remember the blind man in our story? He *boldly* told others what Jesus had done for *him*. Though he was cast out by those who were spiritually blind, Jesus cared and came to him to reveal even more of Himself to him. He will do this for you, too!

STORY 15. JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD



John 10:1-16; 27-33

¹Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ²But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. ⁵And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. ⁶This parable spake Jesus unto

them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. ⁷Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. ¹²But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. ¹³The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. ¹⁵As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all;

and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

³⁰I and my Father are one.

³¹Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

³²Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

³³The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Some Lessons from This Story

1. *Jesus is the only door to salvation.* Only by hearing His voice and following Him can we be His very own sheep. He calls you by your name, He leads you, He gives you pasture, He gives His life for you. **"All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all"** (Isaiah 53:6). Have you turned back from your own way to go His way?

2. *Jesus is the only true Shepherd.* **"For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand"** (Psalm 95:7a). **"Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture"** (Psalm 100:3).

3. *If we are His sheep, He knows us, and we know Him.* **"But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee"** (Jeremiah 12:3a). *Do you know Jesus as your Shepherd?* If you do, you will follow Him and no one else. *Does the Shepherd know you?* When **"the Chief Shepherd shall appear,"** many will say to him, **"Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"** Jesus says,

“And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matthew 7:23). We cannot belong to the Shepherd and go our own way at the same time. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).

4. *When we belong to Jesus, we are safe for eternity.* No one can pluck us out of His hand. This promise is given only to those who are *following* that “great Shepherd of the sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. *The one who follows Jesus will flee from strangers.* Satan is like a thief, who wants to steal, kill, and destroy.

6. *Jesus claimed to be God.* When Jesus claimed to be the good Shepherd, and when He said that He and His Father were one, the Jews knew that He was making Himself equal with God. If they had been following God, they would have recognized Jesus as their Shepherd. Isaiah prophesied, “Behold, the Lord GOD will come . . . He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young” (Isaiah 40:10, 11).

The Shepherd's Psalm

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



STORY 16. JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

John 11:1-7; 17-46

¹Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ²(It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) ³Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. ⁴When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. ⁷Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judea again.

¹⁷Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. ¹⁸Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: ¹⁹And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰Then

Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. ²¹Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. ²²But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. ²³Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. ²⁴Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. ²⁵Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: ²⁶And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? ²⁷She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

²⁸And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. ²⁹As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

³⁰Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

³¹The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. ³²Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

³³When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, ³⁴And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! ³⁷And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? ³⁸Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. ³⁹Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was

dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

⁴⁰Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

⁴¹Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid.

And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

⁴²And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. ⁴³And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. ⁴⁴And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was



bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. ⁴⁵Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the

things which Jesus did, believed on him. ⁴⁶But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

Something to Think About

Isn't it nice to know that Jesus loved His friends so much? You are His friend, too, if you do whatever He says (John 15:14). In this story, Jesus' friends were facing a very sad situation. Brother Lazarus had died. It seemed at first that Jesus didn't care. Do you ever feel that God does not care about a hard situation you are facing? But God is never asleep. He always has a plan. We must always keep trusting Him to work things out that will bring the most glory to God.

God has a plan for you, too. He wants to make you like His Son, Jesus. **"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren"** (Romans 8:28, 29). So this is why we have to go through hard times. **"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ"** (I Peter 1:7).

Jesus wanted to teach Mary and Martha, and us, too, that believing in Him means we will never die. When those who believe in Jesus die, they are **"absent from the body"** and **"present with the Lord"** (II Corinthians 5:8).

Jesus proved also that He can bring dead *bodies* back to life by just calling their name. [Lazarus heard the voice of Jesus calling him, and he lived.] When Jesus comes back to this earth again, **"the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live"** (John 5:25).

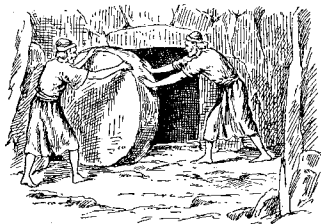
Even now, Jesus knocks on the doors of hearts. **"If any man**

hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20). Those who hear his voice and open the door will become a new creation. "And you hath he quickened [made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:11-13).

This Miracle Required Obedience

Do you face a hopeless situation that needs a miracle? Jesus may allow many hard things to come in your life "for the glory of God." But never forget that He loves you as He did Martha and Mary. He may be planning a miracle you don't expect. But notice the obedience that was necessary for this miracle of new life. Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone." Even though they thought it was foolish, they obeyed. Then after Lazarus came forth, Jesus said, "Loose him, and let him go."

To see the glory of God's power, we, too, must be obedient in even small things that the Holy Spirit tells us to do. If we need to ask someone's forgiveness when we are only 2% wrong, we must do it. It may be the stone that needs to be rolled away so Jesus can work a miracle in the other person's heart. And when Jesus *does* work a miracle, let us lovingly help to loose others from the things that would hinder them from full freedom. Wasn't it wonderful that Jesus allowed His friends to help in the miracle?



STORY 17. THE COUNCIL PLANS TO KILL JESUS

John 11:47-53

⁴⁷Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. ⁴⁸If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. ⁴⁹And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, ⁵⁰Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one

man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. ⁵¹And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; ⁵²And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. ⁵³Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

Rejection of a King

The Jewish council had seen the miracles of Jesus. They had heard Him teach that He was one with His Father and that He had existed before Abraham (John 8:58). Yet, they could not believe that Jesus was the promised King of Israel.

This story suggests that the Jewish leaders were not willing to give up their own position. They were like the wicked servants in a parable Jesus told. The servants said, **“We will not have this man to reign over us”** (Luke 19:14). So, the Jewish leaders decided to put one man to death—Jesus—in order to keep the nation safe. But, of course, they could not have done anything if Jesus had not willingly *given* His life.

God’s purpose in Jesus from before the world began was to save not only the nation of Israel, but also the whole world! **“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, . . . and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand”** (Isaiah 53:10).

STORY 18. THE STORY OF A COSTLY GIFT



John 12:1-8

¹Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. ²There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at

the table with him. ³Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. ⁴Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, ⁵Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? ⁶This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. ⁷Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. ⁸For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

Jesus Is Worthy of All Honor

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the Jewish council decided that Jesus must die. But Jesus' friends were so happy and full of praise, that they put on a special supper to honor Jesus. Now Mary knows who Jesus really is. Her love for Him causes her to sacrifice costly ointment—worth probably equal to wages for 300 days' work. Mary had understood Jesus' words that He was to be crucified within a few days. (Matthew 26:2).

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure

they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

John gives us a peek into heaven, when all the redeemed from every kindred, tongue, people, and nation will join with ten thousand times ten thousand angels to give praise to Jesus, **“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing” (Revelation 5:12).** Jesus is worthy of all the praise and worship we can give Him!

Gifts We Can Give Jesus

What can we give Jesus to express our grateful worship? Paul says, **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:1, 2).** Let us give our bodies to Jesus by living to please Him. Let us give our minds to Him, to think on His name, His Word, and His works instead of thinking about things of the world.

Of course, some may think you are wasting your life and talents by serving God. Didn't Judas think that Mary's sacrificial gift was wasted? But where is Judas today? **“The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot” (Proverbs 10:7).** **“The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance” (Psalm 112:6b).**

When we show love to Christian brothers, we honor the Christ who lives in them. Do you treat your Christian parents, spouse, or children as you would treat Jesus? We also honor Jesus when we love our enemies, because He asked us to do so (Matthew 5:44).

Christ loved us so much; He gave himself for *us* **“an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour” (Ephesians 5:2).** **“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name” (Hebrews 13:15).**

STORY 19. THE STORY OF A LOWLY KING



John 12:12-16

¹²On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusa-

lem, ¹³Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. ¹⁴And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, ¹⁵Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. ¹⁶These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things . . .

Jesus Will Return as an Exalted King

The Old Testament prophet had said, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zechariah 9:9). Yes, the coming of Jesus as a man, as a Saviour, as a servant was clearly foretold by the prophets. More than 300 prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. But three times *more* prophecies than that must yet be fulfilled when Jesus returns as the Exalted King to reign on this earth for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:4).

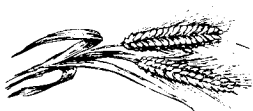
"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

“The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey *not* the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (II Thessalonians 1:7b, 8).

Are You Ready for His Coming?

God always keeps His promises. He has delayed His coming so that many more people may be saved. He is **“not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”** (II Peter 3:9). But He is coming soon! Are you ready: living a holy life and bringing others to Him? **“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?”** (II Peter 3:10, 11).

STORY 20. THE STORY OF A CORN OF WHEAT



John 12:24-26

²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it

bringeth forth much fruit.

²⁵He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. ²⁶If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

What It Means to Die

Dying comes before resurrection power. This was true for Christ, and it is true for us. The apostle Paul showed us what it means to die to our self for the sake of Christ. **“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.**

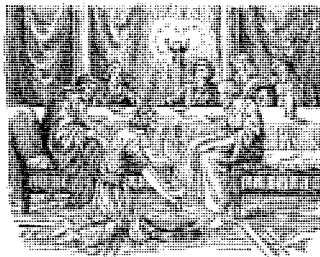
... That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection” (Philippians 3:7, 10a).

Many times obeying Christ means that some personal desire must die. But when self dies, then the power of Christ in us can operate. We can reckon our old self crucified with Christ; our new self lives by faith as we step out in obedience. “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify [put to death] the deeds of the body, ye shall live” (Romans 8:13). Let the Spirit of God lead you as to what you must put to death in your life: some bad habit, some wrong attitude perhaps? As you *choose* to count that dead, and step out in obedience, you will find that God’s power will carry you on in newness of life: giving you the power to put on new habits, new attitudes, and to see victory in your life. “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

STORY 21. JESUS TEACHES BY EXAMPLE AND COMMANDMENT

John 13:3-17; 34, 35

³Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; ⁴He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. ⁶Then



cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

⁷Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. ⁸Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. ⁹Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. ¹⁰Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. ¹¹For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. ¹²So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have

done to you? ¹³Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. ¹⁷If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

³⁴A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Something to Do

What two things did Jesus teach by His own example?

1. He said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have _____ your _____; ye also ought to _____ one another's _____" (verse 14).

2. He also said, "As I have _____ you, that ye also _____ one another" (34).

The Secret of Happiness

Jesus said we would be happy if we would follow His example and serve others. What a picture! To see the Creator bending over and doing the job of a servant: washing off the dust

of the day from the feet of His disciples! "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, . . ." (Philippians 2:5-9a).

Let us watch for ways to serve others, to meet their needs. If we do this, we will be happy. Serving and loving others shows that we are truly the followers of Christ, because that is what He did for us.

STORY 22. FIVE WONDERFUL PROMISES

1. John 14:1-3, 6

¹Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. ⁶Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

2. John 14:12

¹²Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than

these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

3. John 14:13, 14

¹³And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If ye shall



ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

4. John 14:15-17

¹⁵If ye love me, keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: ¹⁷Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him

not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

5. John 14:27

²⁷Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

1. Jesus promised to **prepare a place** for those who follow Him (John 14:1-3, 6).

2. Jesus promised **greater power** because He would be going to the Father. His Spirit living in believers would be able to do greater things than Jesus could ever do as one man living on earth (John 14:12).

3. Jesus promised a **greater privilege of prayer** to those who belong to Him (John 14:13, 14).

4. Jesus promised a **greater presence** with each disciple. When the Holy Spirit came, Jesus would be able to live *in* each believer, not just be *with* them (John 14:15-17).

5. Jesus promised a **greater peace** than the world could give (John 14:27). We need not ever be afraid, because **“greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”** (1 John 4:4).

Something to Do

A. Read these verses again carefully as if Jesus is talking *just to you*. On a piece of paper, write down all the things that Jesus says He, or the Holy Spirit, will do for *you*.

B. Choose three verses from John 14 which are special to you, and memorize them. Write the references here:

STORY 23. THE STORY OF THE VINE



John 15:1-11

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ²Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in

me. ⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. ⁹As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. ¹⁰If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. ¹¹These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Abiding in Christ

If we receive forgiveness and cleansing and new life from Jesus by trusting in Him at the beginning, we must *continue* to live by His Spirit throughout our Christian life. We should never think we can live by our own strength or abilities. Paul said, "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" (Galatians 3:3).

Sometimes Jesus has to purge us or “prune” us. This may mean that we go through times of suffering or testing. But He only wants to make us *more fruitful*. **“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby”** (Hebrews 12:11).

What Is Spiritual Fruit?

Paul tells us that **“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance [self-control]”** (Galatians 5:22, 23). As you ask Jesus to cleanse you, and each day ask His Spirit to fill you, your life will start producing more and more of this beautiful fruit. Fruits of righteousness include having a thankful and singing heart, having a submissive spirit, introducing others to Jesus, giving to God’s work, not wasting time, speaking the Word of God with boldness, and seeing answers to prayer.

A Serious Warning

If we do not *abide* in Christ, Jesus warns that we are cast forth as a branch, and are withered, gathered, and burned. Only those who bear fruit by abiding in Christ are His disciples (verses 6 and 8). The apostle Jude reminds us **“how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not”** (Jude 5).

Although we cannot produce fruit ourselves, it is good to look into God’s Word, just as we look into a mirror, to **“examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, . . . how that Jesus Christ is in you . . .”** (II Corinthians 13:5). If we have Jesus’ words in us, and obey what He tells us, we shall abide in His love (John 15:10). If we know that the Spirit of Christ is in us, we do not need to fear, because the Holy Spirit is a *guarantee* and an *assurance* that we are His. Remember that *love* is the important test: **“God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him”** (I John 4:16b). How God loves you! Live in that love.

STORY 24. CHOSEN TO BE FRIENDS!

John 15:12-17

¹²This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. ¹⁵Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I

have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. ¹⁶Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. ¹⁷These things I command you, that ye love one another.

STORY 25. JESUS TEACHES US TO EXPECT PERSECUTION

John 15:18-25

¹⁸If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. ²¹But all these things will they do unto you for my name's

sake, because they know not him that sent me. ²²If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. ²³He that hateth me hateth my Father also. ²⁴If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

¹These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. ²They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. ³And these things will

they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. ³³These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Something to Do

1. The world hates Christians because they are not of the _____ (15:19).

2. Jesus said, "He that hateth me, hateth my _____ also" (15:23).

3. Even though Jesus did many wonderful works while He was on earth, the unbelieving world has both _____ and _____ both Jesus and His Father (15:24).

4. Actually, the world hates Jesus without a _____ (15:25).

5. The time will come when those who _____ Christians will think they are doing _____ service (16:2).

6. They will do these awful things because they have not _____ the Father or Jesus (16:3).

7. Even though we have tribulation in the world, we can be of good cheer, because Jesus has _____ the world (16:33).

STORY 26. JESUS PRAYS FOR US

John 17:1-8, 15-26

¹These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the

hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: ²As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he

should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. ³And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. ⁴I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. ⁶I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. ⁷Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. ⁸For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

¹⁵I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. ¹⁸As



thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. ²⁰Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. ²²And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: ²³I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in

one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. ²⁴Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the founda-

tion of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. ²⁶And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Jesus Prays for You

Isaiah, the prophet, prophesied that the Messiah **“made intercession for the transgressors”** (Isaiah 53:12). He wanted to give eternal life to as many (John 17:2) as would receive Him.

Jesus also prayed for His own disciples. Earlier he had said to Peter, **“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not”** (Luke 22:31, 32). Now again, just before He is to die, Jesus prays for His disciples to be kept from Satan, the Evil One. He also prays for all who, in future generations, will believe on Jesus because of the witness of these faithful disciples. He was praying for *you*!

He prays for you constantly. **“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them”** (Hebrews 7:25). What a wonderful Savior we have! And, oh, how He prays for us to be one with Him, and one with each other in love! May His prayers be answered in your life and in your home today.

Later, when Jesus was praying in Gethsemane, He asked His disciples, **“What, could ye not watch with me one hour?”** (Matthew 26:40). Do you spend time alone with Jesus each day, interceding (praying) for the lost and for His body, the Church? What a privilege to meet *with* Him at the “throne of grace” each day! **“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”** (Hebrews 4:16).

STORY 27. JESUS HAD POWER OVER HIS OWN LIFE AND DEATH

John 10:17, 18

¹⁷Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

John 19:4-11

⁴Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. ⁵Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! ⁶When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. ⁷The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law



he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

⁸When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; ⁹And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? ¹¹Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Could Jesus Die?

Since Jesus was truly the Son of God, was it possible for men to kill Him? No man had power over Him. Only He could choose to die and come back to life again.

Jesus said to Pilate, **"My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews"** (John 18:36). Jesus *allowed* Himself to be arrested by the Jews. When He was arrested, He said, **"Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?"** (Matthew 26:53, 54). The angels who ministered to Jesus as He prayed in the garden could have destroyed the soldiers who arrested Him. But Jesus knew God's purpose which was revealed in the Scriptures.

Jesus Himself had said, **"The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day"** (Luke 9:22). You see, Jesus died because it was *God's plan* from before the beginning of the world (Revelation 13:8).

It was God's wonderful plan that Jesus would conquer death! **"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage"** (Hebrews 2:14, 15). Do you fear death? Jesus died to deliver you! Yes, Jesus *chose* to lay down His life for you!

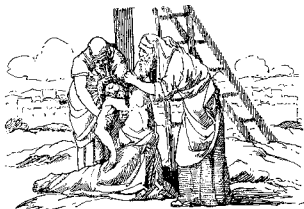
STORY 28. JESUS IS CRUCIFIED AND BURIED

John 19:17, 18, 30-37

¹⁷And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: ¹⁸Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. ³⁰When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar,

he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. ³¹The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that

they might be taken away. ³²Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: ³⁴But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. ³⁵And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. ³⁶For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. ³⁷And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.



John 19:40-42

⁴⁰Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. ⁴²There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

Christ's Death Was No Accident

The key to understanding the Bible is to realize that all the Scriptures center around Christ. **"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself"** (Luke 24:27). Jesus knew that **"all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me"** (Luke 24:44). **"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem"** (Luke 24:45-47).

How wonderful God's plan is! If you have a Bible, study the Scriptures below to see how God told the world His plan in the Old Testament Scriptures and how Jesus fulfilled that plan completely. (These are only a very few of the 300 prophecies concerning Jesus' first coming.)

Satan took God's creation hostage, but God had a rescue plan all worked out, and that rescue plan *worked*! All who want to be rescued can be delivered from Satan's bondage *now*!

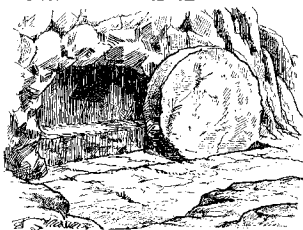
GOD'S PLAN for JESUS	PROPHECY	FULFILLMENT
Promised "seed of a woman"	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
Promised "seed of Abraham"	Genesis 18:18	Acts 3:25
Birth in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18
Ministry in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1, 2	Matthew 4:12-16
To be a Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:15	John 6:14
To be a Priest	Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 6:20
To be a King	Isaiah 9:7	John 18:36, 37
Rejection by Jews	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11; 5:43
Triumphal Entry	Zechariah 9:9	John 12:13-15
Betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9	Mark 14:10
Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
False witnesses accuse Him	Psalms 27:12	Matthew 26:60,61
Silent when accused	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 26:62, 63
Smitten and spat upon	Isaiah 50:6	Mark 14:65
Crucified with sinners	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
Hands and feet pierced	Psalms 22:16	John 20:27
Mocked and insulted	Psalms 22:6-8	Matthew 27:39, 40
Given vinegar to drink	Psalms 69:21	John 19:29
Prays for His enemies	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:34
Side to be pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
Not a bone to be broken	Psalms 34:20	John 19:33
To be buried with the rich	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
His Resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Matthew 28:9
His Ascension	Psalms 68:18	Luke 24:50, 51

(For the complete story of Jesus' death, read Matthew 26 and 27; Mark 14 and 15; Luke 22 and 23; John 18 and 19; Isaiah 53; and Psalm 22.)

STORY 29. JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD

John 20:1-9

¹The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. ²Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. ³Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. ⁴So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. ⁵And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not



in. ⁶Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, ⁷And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. ⁸Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. ⁹For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Why the Resurrection Is So Important

Job asked the question long ago, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). This was his glad answer: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25, 26). Yes, because He lives, we shall live also (John 14:19).

"For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you" (II Corinthians 13:4).

The whole gospel message was summarized by Paul in two verses: **"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"** (I Corinthians 15:3, 4). If it were not for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we would have nothing to preach. We would have no hope. We would still be living in our sins and doomed to death. But, praise God, Jesus *is* alive, and He can live in *you*! **"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you"** (Romans 8:11).

Now We Must Live for Him

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (II Corinthians 5:14, 15). We were dead in our sins when Christ died for us; now we are alive to God. We are new creations in Him. We must not live this new life for ourselves, but for *Him*! You do not belong to yourself now. **"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's"** (I Corinthians 6:20).

STORY 30. JESUS APPEARS TO MARY

John 20:11-17

¹¹But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, ¹²And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³And they say unto her,

Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. ¹⁴And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weep-



est thou? whom seekest thou?
She, supposing him to be the

gardener, saith unto him, Sir,
if thou have borne him hence,
tell me where thou hast laid
him, and I will take him away.
¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Mary.
She turned herself, and saith
unto him, Rabboni; which is to
say, Master. ¹⁷ Jesus saith unto
her, Touch me not; for I am
not yet ascended to my Fa-
ther: but go to my brethren,
and say unto them, I ascend
unto my Father, and your
Father; and to my God, and
your God.

How Jesus Respects Women

In both the hours of darkest tragedy and the hours of brightest joy, Jesus showed respect for women. During the agony of His crucifixion, Jesus tenderly spoke to His mother and gave her into the care of His beloved disciple, John (John 19:26, 27). Now, in the triumph of His resurrection, He chose to appear *first* to a woman—another Mary.

Godly women, who trust in God and wear the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit are **“in the sight of God of great price”** (I Peter 3:4). When God made man in His own image, He created male *and* female as a *perfect whole* to mirror His likeness (Genesis 1:27). In spiritual things, God gives both women and men the same opportunity to come to Christ and receive the same inheritance. **“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature . . .”** (II Peter 1:4). **“There is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus”** (Galatians 3:28b).

God honors women so much that He commanded husbands to love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and gave His very life for it (Ephesians 5:25). **“So ought men to love their**

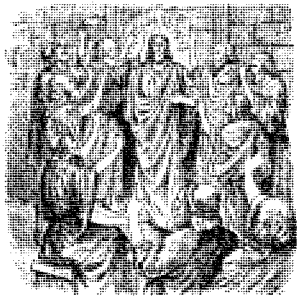
wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (Ephesians 5:28). God loves perfect union and harmony between husband and wife. He *hates* divorce. "For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away . . ." (Malachi 2:16). "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves" (Philippians 2:2, 3).

STORY 31. JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

John 20:19-22

¹⁹Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

²⁰And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. ²¹Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. ²²And



when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

Something to Do

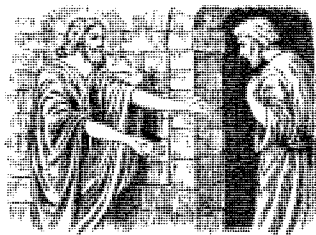
What did Jesus say? Fill in the blank spaces.

1. "_____ be unto you" (verse 19).

2. "As my Father has sent me, even so _____"
_____ (21).

3. "_____ ye the Holy Ghost [Spirit]" (22).

STORY 32. A DOUBTING DISCIPLE BELIEVES



John 20:24-29

²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and

thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

²⁶And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

²⁷Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. ²⁸And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. ²⁹Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

A Special Blessing

Jesus says you have a special blessing if you believe on Him even when you have not seen Him with your eyes. Today we know Jesus by His Spirit which lives in us. We also know Him by the words He speaks to us through the Bible.

One day we *shall* see Him. **“We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is”** (1 John 3:2b). **“Blessed [Happy] are the pure in heart: for they shall see God”** (Matthew 5:8). **“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him”** (Revelation 1:7). When you see Jesus, will you be glad or sad? If Jesus is your Lord and God, as He was for Thomas, you will be so glad!

STORY 33. JESUS HAS POWER TO PROVIDE

John 21:2-6; 9-12; 15-17

²There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. ³Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. ⁴But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. ⁵Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. ⁶And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

⁹As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire

of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. ¹¹Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. ¹²Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. . . .

¹⁵So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. ¹⁶He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁷He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.



Come and Dine

What a beautiful picture of Jesus giving an invitation to breakfast! Jesus guided his disciples to the place of *abundant provision*. Are you hungry and thirsty for righteousness? Jesus said, **"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled"** (Matthew 5:6).

Come into His presence each morning for a spiritual breakfast, feeding on His Word, which satisfies the soul. The Lord, your God, who has led you out of bondage, says to you, **"Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it"** (Psalm 81:10b).

If you belong to Christ, you have another beautiful invitation to "come and dine." Before Jesus returns to this earth as KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS, His eternal union with all believers will be celebrated with a marriage supper.

John records, **"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints"** (Revelation 19:7, 8). Are you ready for that supper call? Remember, we cannot wear our own righteousness. In God's sight, **"all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"** (Isaiah 64:6). Jesus Himself is the only garment of righteousness that makes us acceptable for that wonderful marriage feast. **"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"** (II Corinthians 5:21). What a wonderful exchange: He took our sin and gave us His righteousness!

Feed My Sheep

After Jesus has fed you, He wants you to feed others. Have you been fed in your soul by studying this Bible Study on John? Then you must share with others what God has taught you. **"Feed the flock of God which is among you, . . . being examples to the flock"** (I Peter 5:2, 3). We can bless others by sharing God's Word with them and being an example to them. **"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway. . ."**(Matthew 28:20).

Answers to Questions

The answers to the questions in this Bible study on John are found below so that you can check your work and know the correct answers. Refer to this page only *after* you have answered all the questions.

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