



MY DAILY APPOINTMENT  
WITH GOD

*the gospel according to*  
**JOHN**

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# The Gospel According to John

The first 39 books of the Bible make up what we call the "Old Testament." These books were all written before Jesus was born and were written in the Hebrew language (the language of the Jewish people). The next 27 books make up what we call the "New Testament." This is the collection of books written by Jesus' followers after his death and resurrection and were written in Greek (the official language of the Roman Empire.)

The first four New Testament books are called "Gospels." The word "gospel" in the Greek language means "good message" or "good news."

The Gospels are all biographies of the life of Jesus. Each was written by different followers of Christ, and though they tell the story of Jesus' life, they are named after the person who wrote each book.

John was one of Jesus' three closest disciples (see Matthew 17:1, 26:36-38, Mark 13:1, Luke 8:51). He is referred to as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 13:23, 19:26, 20:2, 21:7,20, and 24). As you read the "Gospel according to John" you can tell that John knew Jewish life well, understood the hostilities that Jewish people felt toward the Samaritan people (John 4:9), and knew the geography of Palestine. He also writes as an eyewitness (note how he mentions the fragrance of the broken perfume bottle in John 12:3).

Scholars think John wrote the gospel somewhere between 50 A.D. and 85 A.D. (20-35 years after Jesus' death and resurrection).

John tells us the reason he felt led to write the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in chapter 20, verse 31: "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." As you follow this guide, **the questions will be easier to answer if you read from a New International Version of the Bible**, but any version you have will be okay.

# My Appointment With God On Day 1

## John 1:1-5

1. What was "in the beginning" according to the first 6 words of John 1:1?
2. Who was the "Word" with, and who was the "Word" according to John 1:1?
3. Find at least three things that became true about the "Word" (Jesus) according to John 1:14.
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4. Fill in the blanks below from Genesis 1:1, John 1:1, John 1:3 and Colossians 1:15-16. What conclusions can we draw about who the Word is from these verses?
  - "In the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1
  - "In the beginning was the \_\_\_\_\_, and the Word was with God, and the Word was \_\_\_\_\_." John 1:1
  - "Through [the Word] \_\_\_\_\_ things were made; without him \_\_\_\_\_ was made that has been made." John 1:3
  - "[Jesus] is the image of the invisible \_\_\_\_\_, the firstborn over all creation. For by him \_\_\_\_\_ things were \_\_\_\_\_; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; \_\_\_\_\_ things were \_\_\_\_\_ by him and for him." Colossians 1:15-16
5. What was "in" the Word according to verse 4?
  - Read Acts 3:15. What title is Jesus given in this verse, and how does it relate to what John 1:4 says about him?
  - Read I John 5:20. What does this verse say about Jesus and life? (John 1:5 will be better understood when we read John 3:19-21.)
6. On the back side of this sheet, write a prayer of praise and thanks to Jesus with the truths we studied today in mind.

# My Appointment With God On Day 2

## John 1:10-14

Yesterday we learned that Jesus is God. He created all things. He is life and gives life. Verses 10-14 teach more about Jesus (or the Word) so we are looking at them today. We will look at verses 6-9 tomorrow.

1. What three things about Jesus and the world do we learn in verse 10?
2. Verse 11 says Jesus "came to that which was his own." This could mean all of mankind since he created us. It could also mean the Jewish people since the Jewish people are God's chosen people and Jesus was born into a Jewish family and grew up living among and preaching to the Jewish people. What point do you think John was trying to make when he wrote verse 11?
3. What "right" can people receive according to verse 12?
4. What two things must we do to receive this right according to verse 12? What do you think it means to do these two things? How are they different from each other?
5. What three ways might someone be born physically according to verse 13? How do you think these are different than being born of God?
6. John 1:14 tells us that Jesus "made his dwelling among us." The word in Greek for this phrase means he "tabernacled among us." look up tabernacle in the dictionary and write out in your own words what you think this phrase means.
7. Write out what you think each word or phrase below from verse 14 means:
  - glory
  - full of grace
  - full of truth
8. Again, write out a prayer to Jesus on the other side of this page, praising and thanking him for who he is and what he has done according to the verses we studied today.

**Pray for anyone you know who is sick or hurting.**

# My Appointment With God On Day 3

## John 1:6-9, 15-18

Today we will learn about John the Baptist. John the Baptist was a different person than John the Apostle. John the Baptist was 6 months older than Jesus and started preaching before Jesus began his ministry. John the Apostle wrote the gospel of John that we are reading. He became a follower of Jesus later on.

1. Who sent John the Baptist? (verse 6)
2. What two things did John the Baptist come to do? (verse 7)
3. What was John the Baptist and what wasn't he? (verse 8)
4. Keeping verse 8 in mind, how are we to be like John the Baptist?
5. Read verse 15. We know that John the Baptist was 6 months older than Jesus. (See Luke chapters 1 and 2). Why do you think John said Jesus "was before" him if John the Baptist was older than him? (John 1:1 might help.)
6. Verses 16-17 tell us how blessed we are that Jesus came.
  - What was given to us through Moses? (see also Exodus 20:1-21)
  - What two things came through Jesus according to verse 17?
  - What does John 8:32 tell us about one of these things?
  - What does Ephesians 2:8-9 tell us about the other?
7. What has Jesus made known to us that we could never really know otherwise (according to verse 18)?
8. Ask Jesus to give you freedom in some area of your life through his truth, and ask him to help you be a witness like John was!

# My Appointment With God On Day 4

## John 1:19-34

1. When the priests and Levites asked John the Baptist who he was, he tells them who he was not. List the three people he says he was not. (19-21).
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2. In our culture some might think that "Christ" was Jesus' last name. It wasn't. It is a title. The Hebrew word for the "Christ" is "Messiah." It means "anointed one." Look up Messiah in a dictionary and write out the definition given there.
3. John told them he was not Elijah. Elijah was a prophet who did not die, but was rather taken up to heaven alive, so the Jews look for his return (see II Kings 2:1-18, Malachi 4:5-6, Matthew 11:11-14). He also said he was not "the Prophet." Read Deuteronomy 18:15 to discover why they were looking for "the Prophet."
4. Who does John say that he is in verse 23, and what do you think he meant by these words? (John 1:7-8 might help)
5. In verses 24-28 we read of how the priests asked why John baptized, and we read John's response. Now read Mark 1:1-11, and answer the following questions:
  - Why did John come before Jesus? (Mark 1:2-3)
  - What kind of baptism was John preaching and participating in? (Mark 1:4 -5)
  - How was John's baptism different than Jesus'? (Mark 1:7-8)
  - What two significant things happened as Jesus was coming up out of the water after John baptized him? (Mark 1:9-11)
6. What title did John give Jesus in John 1:29? If someone asked you what this meant, what would you say?
7. How did John know that Jesus was the Lamb of God? (32-34)
8. What example has John the Baptist given in these verses that you could follow?

# My Appointment With God On Day 5

## John 1:35-51

1. Who was John the Baptist within according to verse 35?
2. What did the two men do after John the Baptist told them who Jesus was? (36-37)
3. How do you think it made John the Baptist feel to have two of his disciples leave him and follow Jesus? (Review John 1:6-9, 26-30, 34)
4. What command did Jesus give the two men after they asked where he was staying? (38-39)
5. When in your life did you first sense Jesus calling you to "come" to him and consider who he really is?
6. What was the first thing Andrew did after he met Jesus? (40-42) How is he an example to us?
7. Why do you think Jesus gave Simon a new name? How do you think it made Simon feel? (42)
8. If Jesus was to give you a new name (with a special meaning behind it) what would you want it to be, and why would he call you this?
9. What command did Jesus give to Philip? (43) How is this different than the command in verse 39 (or is it different)?
10. What did Philip do after Jesus called him? (44-45) Why do you think Andrew and Philip both did similar things?
11. Nathaniel was skeptical about Jesus. What three words did Philip use to answer Nathaniel's skepticism? (46) Who else said words like this? (39)
12. What 3 titles did Nathaniel give Jesus? (49) How would you define each one to someone who asked you what they meant?
13. What did Jesus claim would happen? (51) (see Acts 1:1-11)

# My Appointment With God On Day 6

## John 2:I-II

This passage lists the first public miracle that Jesus performed. Let's discover together some key ingredients in experiencing a miracle.

1. Verse 2 tells the most important ingredient in a miracle being performed. What do you think this is? (Hint: someone thought to invite a special person)
2. Every miracle in the Bible started with a problem. What was the problem here? (verse 3)
3. What problems do you have that you need a miracle for?
4. What is the next key to seeing a miracle happen? (verse 5)
5. What kind of people did Jesus work with to do the miracle? (7)  
What does this suggest about what is needed to do a miracle?
6. What objects did Jesus choose to use to do the miracle? (verse 6)
7. What command did Jesus give to the servants? (verse 7)
8. Were the objects used incredibly unique, or was the command given especially hard to perform?  
What does this suggest about being a part of God doing a miracle?
9. Why would the command in verse 8 be harder to obey than the command in verse 7? What does this say to us about obeying Jesus?
10. What do the comments about the wine in verse 9-10 tell us about what takes place when God does a miracle?
11. Verse 11 tells us one other result that comes from God doing a miracle. What is it?
12. Ask God for a miracle in some area of your life. Then choose to take action on one of the lessons you learned from the passage today

# My Appointment With God On Day 7

## John 2:12-17

1. Who did Jesus go to Capernaum with? (verse 12)
2. Read Mark 6:3 and list the names of Jesus' brothers found there. (Note, he also had sisters, though we don't know their names.)
3. What did Jesus' mother and brothers do with the disciples after Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension into heaven? (Acts 1:14)

*In Acts 15 (note especially verse 13) we find that Jesus' brother, James, became the recognized leader of the church in Jerusalem. He is the author of the book of James found later in the New Testament. (For further study on James, see Acts 12:17, 21:18, Galatians 1:19 - keep in mind the disciple named James was killed by Herod the story is told in Acts 12:1-2) Jesus' brother Judas is the author of the book of Jude\_(the second to last book of the Bible).*

4. The Passover is one of the most important holidays of Israel. It commemorates the time when God delivered the Israelites from Egypt. God sent the angel of death to kill all the first born males in the land of Egypt, but told the Israelites (and anyone who would honor him as God) that if they killed a lamb and spread the blood over the door frame of their homes the angel of death would "Passover" their home leaving their firstborn unharmed. This punishment by God was the final blow to Egypt. After this they let the Israelites go. (See Exodus 11-12).
5. At the celebration, the religious leaders sold animals for the required sacrifices at this feast. They charged exorbitant amounts of money for the animals, and made the people exchange their money for acceptable "temple" money. They made a huge profit on this too.
  - What did Jesus sit down to do? (verse 15)
  - What did Jesus use the whip for? (verse 15)
  - What did he do to the people exchanging money? (verse 15)
  - What did Jesus say the people had turned the temple into? (16)
  - Suppose someone asked you why Jesus would do such a violent thing. Put in your own words what you would say to them.
  - Is there anything that happens today that might make Jesus this upset? How should we respond to it?

# My Appointment With God On Day 8

## John 2:18-25

Yesterday we read about how Jesus threw the money changers and animal dealers out of the temple courts at the Passover Feast. Today we read about how the people reacted to this.

1. What did the Jewish people want Jesus to do to prove he had the authority to kick people out of the temple courts? (verse 18)
2. Why do people challenge God to do miracles to prove he is worthy of our respect?
3. Read verses 19-22.
  - What miracle did Jesus say gave him the authority to do what he did?
  - Why did the people misunderstand him?
  - When was it that the disciples understood what Jesus meant?
  - Why does this miracle prove he has authority to do things like he did?
4. Why did many people at the feast believe in Jesus and his name? (verse 23)
5. Have you ever seen a miracle? Do you think it would help you believe in Jesus and God more if you saw one?
  - Write down at least one miracle you would like God to do for you.
  - Now write out word for word John 20:29.
6. Why didn't Jesus trust people? (24-25). What do you think verse 25 means?
7. Write out the biggest doubts you struggle with on the back side of this page, and ask God to help you trust him in these areas.

# My Appointment With God On Day 9

## John 3:1-12

1. What was the name of the man who came to visit Jesus and what position did he hold? (verse 1)
2. Why did this man believe that Jesus was from God? (verse 2)
3. What did Jesus say must happen if we want to see the kingdom of God? (verse 3) What did Nicodemus think this meant? (4)
4. Human life is conceived when a seed is planted in an egg. If no seed is planted, the egg simply passes away in a few days. But if a seed is planted, the living tissue of the egg becomes a human life with the potential of living 60, 70, 80 years or more.

As human beings we are like spiritual eggs on the face of the earth. If we ask Jesus to come into our heart and be our Savior and Lord, spiritual life is sparked and we can live for eternity!

- What do you think Jesus means in verse 5?
  - What does Jesus mean in verse 6?
5. Why is the wind a good illustration to describe God's Spirit's work in our life? (verse 8)
  6. Why should Nicodemus have been able to understand all this? (verses 9-10)
  7. Read verses 11-13.
    - What two things did Jesus say people speak about and testify to? (verse 11)
    - What sometimes happens even when we tell people what we have experienced? (verse 11)
    - Why could Jesus tell people about heavenly things and about God? (verse 13)
    - Why did Jesus think that Nicodemus wouldn't believe him if he told Nicodemus about heavenly things? (verse 12)
  8. Write down the name of someone you want to talk to about Jesus. Ask God to help them understand the spiritual things you want to explain to them.

# My Appointment With God On Day 10

## John 3:14-21

1. In verses 14-15 Jesus says he must be lifted up like Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness. Read Numbers 21:4-9 and write in your own words how Jesus being lifted up on the cross was like the snake that was lifted up in this story. (By the way, this is where the medical profession gets their logo of a snake on a pole.)
2. Why did God give his very best to the world? (John 3:16)
3. What are we to do to gain eternal life? (16)
4. Why didn't God send his Son into the world? (17)
5. Why did God send his Son into the world? (17)
6. What is the key to avoiding condemnation? (18)
7. If you believe, and have eternal life, write a note to God on the back of this sheet thanking him for eternal life. If you have never told God you believe and want Jesus to be your Savior and Lord, write that out and do it now!
8. If you have never memorized John 3:16, take the time to write it out on a 3x5 card or on a piece of paper and start memorizing it. If you have memorized verse 16, make an effort to memorize verses 17 and 18!
9. What came into the world? (verse 19, see also John 1:4-5, 9)
10. How do people react to this wonderful thing that came into the world, and why do we react the way we do? (verse 19-20)
11. What quality do you need to have in order to even want to come to the light? (verse 21)

Evaluate your life. Talk to God about the "dark" thoughts and activities of your life that you are ashamed of or hope nobody finds out about. God already knows all of this. Bring them to his light and ask him to remove them from you life.

# My Appointment With God On Day II

## John 3:22-30

1. What two things did Jesus do with his disciples in the Judean countryside? (verse 22)
2. Read Mark 3:13-19. What three issues did Jesus make a priority in his time with the 12 disciples? (verses 14-15) How do these coincide with John 3:22?
3. While Jesus was baptizing in one area, so was John the Baptist in another area. What was the concern John's disciples expressed about this? (verse 26)
4. Why is it hard for us when someone else gets more attention or "press" than we do?
5. John explained why more people were following Jesus in verse 27. Write out, in your own words, what you think John was trying to tell his disciples in this verse.
6. John implies that he is glad that Jesus had more people coming to him in verses 28-29. List at least 2 reasons you can find from these verses as to why John is glad.
7. What was John the Baptist's goal in life according to verse 30? What do you think this meant?
8. Verse 30 is a great verse for all of us. "Jesus must become greater; we must become less." What specific aspects of your life would change if Jesus became greater and you became less?
  - In regard to your speech?
  - In regard to what you put into your mind?
  - In regard to your money?
  - In regard to how you do your job?
  - In regard to your marriage and family?
  - In regard to your involvement in church?

# My Appointment With God On Day 12

## John 3:31-36

1. In verses 31-32 John the Baptist alternates between describing who Jesus is and who he (John the Baptist) is. Write out the de-scription John gives to Jesus and to himself, and then write in your own words what you think each phrase means.

JESUS CHRIST

JOHN THE BAPTIST

2. What does someone who accepts John's testimony about Jesus certify? (verse 33)
3. What two evidences are there that Jesus was sent by God according to verse 34?
4. What two things does God the Father give to his Son? (35)
5. What is necessary to have eternal life? (36)
6. What can keep someone from having eternal life? (36)
7. What brings on God's wrath? (36)
8. John the Apostle, who wrote the book of John, also wrote 3 let-ters. I John is one of those letters. You'll find it toward the end of your New Testament. Read I John 5:11-13.
  - Who gives us eternal life? (11)
  - Where is the life found? (11)
  - Which people have eternal life? (12)
  - Which people do not have eternal life? (12)
  - What did John want people who believed in Jesus to know? (13)
9. If you don't have eternal life, ask Jesus into your heart now! If you do, stop and thank God for it, and then ask him to make you like John the Baptist! (Review #1 and see how you can be like him.)

# My Appointment With God On Day 13

## John 4:1-42

*Today we will look at a time when Jesus met a Samaritan woman. The people of Samaria were like "half-breeds"; they had Jewish ancestors who intermarried with other races. The Jewish people held a deep prejudice against them, wouldn't travel through their land, or even talk to them. On top of that, men in that culture seldom interacted with women. Yet Jesus went against all prejudices and had this conversation.*

1. Why did Jesus sit at the well? (Note: the sixth hour is noon) (6)
2. Why was the woman shocked that Jesus asked her for a drink?(7-9)
3. What did Jesus do to interest the woman in a conversation about spiritual things? (10-15)
4. Why do you think Jesus confronted the woman on her marital history? (16-18)
5. What did the woman do to get the focus of attention off her short-comings? (19-21) Why do people do things like this?
6. What did Jesus say are the main issues in worshipping God? (verses 21-24) What do you think it means to worship God in this way?

*John the Apostle also wrote the book of Revelation. Read Revelation chapters 4 and 5 and try to find at least 10 elements of worship found there. (Use the back side of this page to list them.)*

7. What claim does Jesus make about himself? (verses 25-26)
8. How does the disciples' reaction to Jesus talking with the woman show that they did not understand the truth of John 3:16 yet? (verses 27, 31-33)
9. Read Acts 1:8. How does this story help you understand this verse better?
10. Jesus spoke the words of verses 35-38, the people of the village were coming (verse 30). Matthew 9:35-38 shares a similar event. List the ways these verses show Jesus' love for lost people.

# My Appointment With God On Day 14

## John 4:43-54

1. How long did Jesus stay with the people of Sychar in Samaria? (verse 43 - see yesterday's appointment.)
2. Why did the people of Galilee welcome Jesus? (verse 45)
3. Read verses 46-53. Where was Jesus, and what had happened in that city before? (46)
  - Who came to see Jesus and why? (46-47)
  - If your child was the one who was sick, what feelings would you have?
  - What do you think it means that he begged Jesus to come?
  - What would you be willing to do to get help for your child if he/she were dying?
  - What do you think Jesus meant by verse 48? What emotion do you think Jesus had?
  - Read verse 44 again, and then read Matthew 13:53-58 and Mark 6:1-6. Write out how these verses help you understand Jesus' words and emotions.
  - What did the royal official do that was commendable? (58)
  - What happened as a result of Jesus healing the boy? (51-53)
4. A very similar story is told in Matthew 8:5-13. Read it and list all the admirable qualities you can find about the Centurion who came to Jesus. (Remember, he wasn't even Jewish and hadn't been brought up with a faith in the true God)
5. What need do you have that you should bring to God? Will you believe in him even if he doesn't do a miracle for you? Talk to God about this and tell him how you feel.

# My Appointment With God On Day 15

## John 5:1-15

1. How many people were by the pool? (verses 1-3)
2. How many people did Jesus choose to heal?
3. Why do you think God chooses to heal some and not others?
4. What question does Jesus ask the man who was crippled? What is the significance of the question? (verse 6)
5. How does the man's answer show that he did not know that Jesus could heal him? What was he hoping would heal him? (verse 7)
6. What do people today look to for healing instead of to Jesus?
7. What command did Jesus give the man and how did he re-pond? (verses 8-9)
8. Why were people upset at the man for obeying Jesus? (verses 9-10)
9. The 10 Commandments tell us to keep the Sabbath holy, but they don't say you break the Sabbath if you carry a mat. That was a rule the religious leaders added. Why do you think we try to add things like this to what the Bible says?
10. Read Matthew 15:1-20. What does Jesus say we do when we add traditions or rules to God's word?
11. What did Jesus want the man to change about his life? (John 5:13-14)
12. If you have a disease or problem, let Jesus know you want to get well. If there is some sin in your life you are clinging to, ask Jesus to forgive you and choose to stop that behavior. (Tell a friend about your commitment to stop and ask them to pray for you.)

# My Appointment With God On Day 16

## John 5:16-23

1. What did the Jews do to Jesus for "breaking" the Sabbath? (16)
2. What did Jesus say that made the Jews want to kill him? What was it about what he said that made them so upset? (17-18)
3. How much did Jesus say he could do by himself? (verse 19)
4. What were the only kinds of things that Jesus could do and why were they the kinds of things he did? (verse 19)
5. What two things did the Father do for Jesus? (verse 20)
6. What did Jesus say he could do for others that only God can do? (verse 21)
7. What responsibility has God the Father given to God the Son? (verse 22) What do you think this means?
8. How much honor are we to give to Jesus? (verse 23)
9. If we don't honor Jesus, what sin do we commit?
10. Think over the last week. What things have you done to honor Jesus? What ways have you perhaps dishonored him? Stop and take time to ask forgiveness if you have dishonored him. Write out how you have honored him. Then write down ways you will honor him this week.

# My Appointment With God On Day 17

## John 5:24-30

1. What gives us eternal life according to verse 24?
2. What does Jesus mean by “the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live?” (verse 25)
3. Read Ephesians 2:1-5 with John 5:25 in mind.
  - What was our past condition? (Eph 2:1)
  - What did we all gratify and follow at one time in our lives? (Eph 5:3)
  - What were we objects of? (Eph 5:3)
  - What did God do for us since he loved us so much? (Eph 2:4-5)
4. What does Jesus have in himself to give to us? (John 5:26)
5. What will happen someday when Jesus speaks? (John 5:28-29)
6. Many people have said that Jesus was just a good teacher. How do the claims Jesus makes here show that he couldn't have been just a good teacher? He was either a con-man, a lunatic, or that he really is God come in the flesh.
7. What did Jesus seek to do?
8. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What will happen one day at Jesus' name?
9. If you have the Son you have eternal life. Thank him for that life. In prayer, acknowledge that he is your Lord, Master, Savior, Life-giver, and Judge.

# My Appointment With God On Day 18

## John 5:31-40

1. Jesus' authority has been questioned. He explains that there are those that will testify on his behalf that he is who he says he is. He says if he testifies about himself - if he is the sole witness to who he is - that people would not consider that valid. (verse 31) This was based on Jewish law regarding a crime someone committed. Jesus did not commit a crime, but he was accused of breaking the Sabbath and blaspheming (John 5:16-18) Read the following verses and in your own words, write out what they are teaching.

- Numbers 30:35
- Deuteronomy 17:6
- Deuteronomy 19:15
- II Corinthians 13:1
- I Timothy 5:19
- Hebrews 10:28

2. In John 5:32-38 Jesus lists 3 who testify on his behalf. List them below and write in your own words how each one adds credibility to Jesus.

3. To verify the three who testify on Jesus' behalf read the following verses and list who or what it is that testifies.

- 1) John 1:6-8, 15, 29-31, 35-36
- 2) John 2:11, John 4:48-54
- 3) John 1:32-34

4. How does Jesus know that God's word did not dwell in the people he was speaking with? (John 5:37-38)

5. What did the people Jesus was speaking to do right in their pursuit of a relationship with God and eternal life? What did they do wrong? (John 5:39-40)

6. If Jesus were to speak with you right now about what you believe about him, what would he say to you? (Circle one)

- You know the Bible well, but don't know me very well.
- You seem to ignore the testimony about me.
- You know me well. (or would it be something else?)

# My Appointment With God On Day 19

## John 5:41-47

1. What did Jesus not accept? (verse 41)
  - Does this mean Jesus doesn't want us to praise him?
  - How do Paul's words and Paul's attitude expressed in Galatians 1:10 help us understand what Jesus meant?
  - How does John 2:24-25 help us understand what Jesus meant?
2. What did Jesus sense that the Jewish religious leaders were lacking? (John 5:42)
3. In your opinion, if Jesus were to walk into the average church in America today, would he say the same thing to that group of people as he said to these religious people (John 5:42)? Why or why not?
4. Write out what you think Jesus would say to you about your love for God if he were to have a face to face talk with you today?
5. What do you think Jesus meant in verse 43?
6. Try to list 5 or 6 people of our day and age that "come in their own name" and are widely accepted by the people of our culture.
7. Read verse 44 and write it out in your own words.
8. Why do we often seek man's praise rather than God's approval?
9. The Jewish people prided themselves as being followers of Moses. Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) and was the one whom God gave the Ten Commandments through. With this in mind, how do you think the people reacted to Jesus' statements in John 5:45-47?
10. Moses set up the sacrificial system. This is one of the ways he "wrote about Jesus." If you'd like to consider this further, read Hebrews 9:24-10:10.

# My Appointment With God On Day 20

## John 6:1-15

1. Why did the crowd follow Jesus after he crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee? (verses 1-2)
2. Read Mark 6:30-34 to discover more about this event.
  - Find at least two reasons why Jesus went to this place with his disciples.
  - What was Jesus' motive for spending time with these people and feeding them?
3. Why did Jesus ask Philip about feeding the people? (John 6:5-6)
4. How impossible was it to feed all these people from Philip's point of view? (John 6:7)
5. Why did Andrew's suggestion seem ridiculous? (John 6:8-9)
6. How many men were there? (John 6:10) How many women and children do you think were there with the men?
7. How much did each person get to eat? (John 6:11)
8. How much was left over after everyone ate?(John 6:12-13).
9. How many disciples did Jesus have?
10. Who did the people say Jesus was as a result of the miracle? (John 6:14)
11. Read Deuteronomy 18:14-19 and write out at least 3 things these verses tell you about "the Prophet".
12. Why did Jesus withdraw from the crowd after the feeding of the 5,000? (John 6:15)
13. Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords (Philippians 2:9-11), but he didn't come the first time to be the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world. Read Mark 10:42-45 and write what Jesus says makes one truly great. Also write down the 2 reasons Jesus says he came. Then write a note to Jesus about whether you are like him in this way or not.

# My Appointment With God On Day 21

## John 6:16-21

**Read both John 6:16-21 and Matthew 14:22-33.**

1. Where was Jesus when the disciples first got in the boat and started rowing to the other shore? (John 6:15, Matthew 14:22-23)
2. Remember that the people wanted to make Jesus King. Remember that he preached that the Kingdom of God was at hand. He came so that people would repent of their sins and ask him to be their Savior and King. It must have been a struggle to not give into the people's desire and become their king. We know this from Matthew 4:8-10. What did the devil try to tempt Jesus with? How does this help you understand why Jesus wanted to be alone to pray?

*What tempts you the most in life? Do you need to stop right now and talk to God about it, and get his perspective?*

3. How far was the boat from the shore? (John 6:19)
4. What was the problem the disciples were facing? (John 6:18, Matthew 14:24)
5. Matthew 14:25 says Jesus came during the "fourth watch of the night." According to Roman time measure night begins at 6:00 PM and is divided into four 3 hour "watches." What time was it when Jesus came to them?
6. What did the disciples feel when they saw Jesus, and what did they mistake him for? (John 6:19, Matthew 14:26)
7. Jesus told them it was him. What else did he say to them? (John 6:20, Matthew 14:27)
8. If you were on the 44th floor of a hotel and your life was in danger and it was 3:00 in the morning and Jesus suddenly showed up floating outside your window and said, "It is I. Don't be afraid." what would you feel?
9. What did Peter do? Would you do that? (Matthew 14:28-31)
10. What did the disciples say and do when the crisis was all over?
11. Which part of this story is most like your life right now? In a storm, tired, need Jesus, afraid of Jesus, walking on water, sinking, worshipping? Write a letter to God about it!

# My Appointment With God On Day 22

## John 6:22-29

1. What did the people do when they realized that Jesus was no longer at the place where they had received bread from him? (6:22-24)
2. Why did Jesus say the people were seeking him? (6:26)
3. What did Jesus want the people to hunger for? (6:27)
  - Read Matthew 4:1-4. What did the devil try to get Jesus to do? Why wouldn't Jesus do it? What was more important to Jesus than his hunger?
  - Read Matthew 5:6. What did Jesus say we should hunger for here?
  - Read Matthew 6:25, 31-33. What does Jesus say we shouldn't worry about? What should we pursue instead?
  - Read I Peter 2:2-3. What should we hunger for according to this verse?
4. What is the thing God requires of us? (John 6:29)
5. How do John 3:16 and John 3:36 reaffirm that this is what the Father requires of us? (Write them out in your own words as you answer this)
6. What does Deuteronomy 10:12-13 say God requires of us? How does this line up with John 6:29?
7. God cannot and will not forgive us for rejecting Jesus Christ as Savior. If we accept him as our Savior he will and does forgive us of all other sins. If you have never asked Jesus to come into your heart, forgive your sins and be your king and Savior, do it now. If you have, take time to thank him for saving you and ask him to help you live out Deuteronomy 10:12-13. (Why not write those verses on a 3x5 card and memorize them?)

# My Appointment With God On Day 23

## John 6:30-71

1. What did the crowds want from Jesus? (6:30-34)
2. Jesus spoke of a different kind of bread than the crowds did.
  - What did Jesus call himself in verse 33, 35, 48, and 51?
  - What promises did Jesus give in verse 35? What did he mean?
  - What did Jesus mean when he said "This bread is my flesh, which I give for the life of the world?" (verse 51)
  - Remember that Jesus had just fed many of these people. They had been in the crowd of 5,000 (John 6:1-15). With this in mind, why did Jesus create such a big problem by talking about himself "as the bread of life?"
  - How did the crowd respond to Jesus' claims? (41-42)
  - In verses 53-58 Jesus makes some pretty outrageous claims. He means them symbolically. How does I Corinthians 11:23-26 help us understand his words more clearly?
3. Jesus also spoke of the Father to the crowd.
  - Who will come to Jesus according to verse 37, and how will Jesus respond to them?
  - Why did Jesus come down from heaven? (verse 38)
  - What three things does Jesus say are the Father's will? (39-40)
  - Who comes to Jesus according to verses 44-45?
4. Why do you think it was so hard for some of the disciples to accept these words Jesus spoke? (60-66) (Remember, the word "disciple" was not just used for the 12, but for anyone who was a follower of a teacher in Jesus' day.)
5. Why did Peter and the 12 continue to follow Jesus? (66-71)
6. Write a note to Jesus telling him that he is more important to you than food (if that is true). List a number of things that are less important to you than he is, and share with him what things sometimes are more important to you than he is.

# My Appointment With God On Day 24

## John 7:1-13

1. Why did Jesus stay away from Jerusalem? (1)
2. What two sarcastic reasons did Jesus' brothers give him for going to Judea? (2-4)
3. Why do you think that at this time Jesus' brothers didn't believe in him? (verse 5, see also Matthew 13:53-58)

*Remember that later Jesus' brothers became his followers, and even became leaders in the early church - see day 7 - appointment with God.*

4. Why did Jesus say "the world" would accept people like his brothers, but not him? (verses 6-7)
5. How does Jesus' explanation in verse 7 help you understand why people often make fun of Christians for their beliefs and lifestyles?
6. Verses 8-10 make it seem like Jesus lied. Commentators help us understand that he didn't. First of all, he did not go up to the feast at the same time as his brothers. But more importantly, they were suggesting he go up in a public pilgrimage to gain followers. It was not time yet for Jesus to do that! Jesus "went up" in this manner a year or two later on Palm Sunday for the Passover Feast when he was offering himself as the Passover Lamb to be sacrificed for the sins of the world. With this in mind, write in your own words why Jesus went up secretly to the feast.
7. What were the two opinions about Jesus? (verse 12)
8. List all the opinions you can think of that people have about Jesus today.
9. If you are persecuted or made fun of for being a Christian, Jesus knows how you feel. Pray and ask Jesus to help you be bold in your stand for him, even if others do criticize or attack you.

# My Appointment With God On Day 25

## John 7:14-24

1. What amazed the people about Jesus' teaching? (14-15)
2. How did Jesus explain his ability to teach so profoundly? (16)
3. Read Acts 4:5-13.
  - What amazed the religious leaders in this situation?
  - What did the leaders take note of?
4. If Jesus stated he was able to teach well because his teaching was from the Father, and if Peter and John (who were ordinary, unschooled men) could speak boldly because they had been with Jesus, what does that tell you about yourself?
5. How can someone find out if Jesus' teaching is really from God? (John 7:17)
6. What makes someone a "man of truth" as opposed to a man who speaks to gain honor for himself? (18)
7. Pray for your pastors that they would not speak to gain honor for themselves, but to give honor to God! Pray the same thing for yourself!
8. What did the people accuse Jesus of when he claimed the people were trying to kill him? (19-20)
9. The Jews were very serious about "keeping the Sabbath." Remember what happened in John 5:1-15 when the lame man picked up his mat and walked on the Sabbath. What did the Jews feel it was okay to do on the Sabbath? (21-23)
10. What does Jesus' frustration with the people and their legalistic view of the Sabbath tell you about what really matters to God? (23-24)

# My Appointment With God On Day 26

## John 7:25-36

*The Jewish people were looking for the "Christ" to come. The word "Christ" is Greek for the Hebrew word "Messiah." The English meaning for Christ and for Messiah is "Anointed One." The Hebrew people anointed their prophets, their priests, and their kings with oil to represent the Holy Spirit coming over them. The "Messiah" or "Christ" was the ultimate "Anointed One" sent from God to save Israel. They expected a conquering king that would make Israel the ruling nation of the world. Instead, Jesus came to make God's kingdom the ruling kingdom of the world, and he did it by dying on a cross, not sitting on a throne on earth. Keep all this in mind as you continue to study John.*

1. What did some of the people think when the authorities did not arrest Jesus? (25-26)
2. Why did some people think that Jesus wasn't the Christ? (27)
3. Jesus did not claim to be a self-proclaimed Messiah. How do you see this in verses 28-29?
4. Why did some believe in Jesus? (31)
5. Why couldn't the authorities arrest Jesus at this time? (32, 30)
6. Read verses 33-36. Now write out the answer you would have given to the questions the people were asking in verses 35-36.
7. Read Philippians 2:5-11.
  - How do verses 5-8 explain why it was so hard for the Jewish people to accept Jesus as the Christ?
  - How do verses 9-11 help us understand that Jesus is the "Ultimate Anointed One"?
8. Remember today that Jesus deserves your total allegiance!

# My Appointment With God On Day 27

## John 7:37-44

1. What do you think Jesus meant in verse 37? Why would this really hit home with the people of his day? (For more information, review John 4:7-15)
2. In your own words write out what Jesus meant in verse 38, keeping in mind that verse 39 explains that he is talking about the Holy Spirit coming into our lives.
3. The last part of verse 39 says, "Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified." The Holy Spirit has always existed, and been on earth. Before Jesus' death and resurrection - and before the "Day of Pentecost" (in Acts 2) the Holy Spirit would "come upon" certain people that God wanted to use and could be removed from people (see Psalm 51:11). This all changed. Now when we receive Christ as Savior the Holy Spirit immediately comes into our lives and does not leave us.

### Read Romans 8:9-11.

- How do we know if we belong to Christ? (9)
- What is our spirit like if Christ is in us? (10)
- What hope do we have after we die because the Spirit is in us? (11)

### Read John 14:16-17

- What is the Spirit called in verse 16?
- What is the Spirit called in verse 17?
- Where was the Spirit in relation to the disciples while Jesus was on earth? (17)
- Where did Jesus promise the Spirit would be one day? (17)
- Where does the Bible teach the Spirit is in relation to you right now?

*We will study more about the Spirit when we get to John 14-16.*

# My Appointment With God On Day 28

## John 7:40-52

1. What 3 opinions did the people have about Jesus? (40-44)
2. How has Luke 2:1-7 helped with the confusion? Find at least 2 important facts from these verses that answer the concerns in verses 41-42.
3. How are the people's opinions in Jesus' day much like the opinions people have of Jesus today?
4. Why did the guards not arrest Jesus? (45-46)
5. What do you think it was about the way Jesus spoke that impacted the guards so much?
6. Read Matthew 7:28-29, Mark 1:21-22 and Luke 4:31-37. List two or three things that were unique to the people about Jesus' teaching.
7. What did the Pharisees (the religious teachers and rulers of the Jews) say about the guards in verse 47?
8. What rationale did the Pharisees use for why the guards should not believe in Jesus? (48-49)
9. Verses 50-51 tells us Nicodemus spoke up. What does John 3:1 tell us about his position?
10. Read John 19:38-42 and write down Nicodemus' role in Jesus' burial.
11. Again, verse 52 tells us the Pharisees did not know the facts found in Luke 2. Matthew 2:1-6 tells us the religious leaders knew where the Christ was to be born, but the Magi from the East were the only ones to go and look for him when Jesus was born. This shows us that you can know a lot about the Bible and still not be sensitive to God. Pray that God helps you know him - not just the Bible!

# My Appointment With God On Day 29

## John 8:I-II

There have been many Greek manuscripts of the New Testament found over the years. Since they did not have printing presses back then, the Bible was copied over and over by hand. The most reliable manuscripts are the oldest ones, since they are closest to the original. Your Bible may note that these verses are not found in the most reliable manuscripts. This may mean a later writer added this story. We must be careful about drawing significant theological insights from such passages, but we can still learn from these verses and stories.

1. Where did this event occur? (verse 2)
2. What sin had the woman committed, and what was the predetermined course of punishment for such a sin? (3-5)
3. Read Leviticus 20:10. What part of the punishment did these Pharisees leave out? What does that tell us about their motives?
4. What does verse 6 tell us about their motives?
5. If Jesus was perfect and still people plotted against him and wanted to "bring him down," should we be surprised when people try to find fault with us and bring us down?
6. What was Jesus' response to the accusers in verse 7? What was their response in verse 8?
7. Why do we find it so easy to accuse other people and point out their faults, but still refuse to deal with our own?
8. Read Luke 6:37-38 and write these verses out in your own words.
9. Think again about who it is that is "out to get you" and read Luke 6:27-36. Then list one thing you will begin to do differently in regard to this person.
10. How does John 3:17 shed light on John 8:10-11 (and on us)?
11. What does Jesus tell the woman to do? What do you need to leave?

# My Appointment With God On Day 30

## John 8:12-20

1. So far in the book of John, Jesus has been compared to many things. List below all the things he has called himself or been called by others.
  - John 8:12
  - John 6:35
  - John 4:25-26
  - John 3:19 (John 1:6-9)
  - John 1:29
  - John 1:1
2. Which name, title or description above impacts you the most, and why? Write out a simple prayer of a sentence or two, praising Jesus for that description and how it applies to you.
3. Suppose a friend read John 8:12 and asked you what Jesus meant. Write out what you would say.
4. What argument do the Pharisees raise about Jesus' claims about himself? (13)
5. Jesus answered this complaint earlier (see John 5:31-40). How is his answer different this time? (Note that John the Baptist had probably been beheaded by Herod already - see Mark 6:14-29)
6. Jesus said his Father was his witness. What did the Pharisees think he meant by his Father? (verse 19)
7. What did Jesus mean by his Father, and why did he make his response so vague? (19)
8. Why didn't Jesus' opponents arrest him? What does verse 20 mean?

# My Appointment With God On Day 31

## John 8:21-30

1. Where was Jesus going? (verse 21)
2. Why wouldn't the people listening to him be able to follow him? (verse 21)
3. What did some of the people think Jesus meant? (verse 22) Why would they draw this conclusion?
4. What two contrasts does Jesus draw between himself and those listening to him? (verse 23)

LISTENERS

You are from

You are of

JESUS

I am from

I am not of

5. In your own words write out what you think Jesus meant by these phrases.
6. What one thing needs to happen so that we won't "die in our sins?" (verse 24)
  - What does this mean? (See also John 1:12 and Romans 10:9-10)
7. What did Jesus tell the world? (verse 26) What does this tell us about his words?
8. When did Jesus say people would know that he was who he claimed to be and came from God? (verses 27-28)
9. Read John 3:14-15 and review your notes on that. Then stop and thank Jesus for being "lifted up" for you and me so that we could have eternal life. You may want to write a prayer of thanks to him for this.
10. What assurance did Jesus have about God the Father? (29) Do you feel you have the same assurance? Why or why not?
11. What happened in some people's hearts? (30) Has it happened in yours?

# My Appointment With God On Day 32

## John 8:31-47

1. What makes us really Jesus' disciples?" (31)
2. What will we know if we hold to Jesus' teachings, and what will it do for us? (32)
3. How did the people's pride get in the way of receiving the kind of freedom Jesus wanted to offer? (32-34) What was it they were slaves to, even though they thought they had never been slaves?
4. How would it make you feel if someone you admired told you that you were a slave to sin? Why would you feel that way?
5. What is the difference between a slave and a son? (35)
6. Jesus knew the people were descendents of Abraham (37), so why did he say they weren't Abraham's children? (36-40)
7. Who do the Jewish people claim as their father in verse 39?
8. Who do the Jewish people claim is their Father in verse 41?
9. Why does Jesus say God isn't their Father? (verse 42)
10. Who does Jesus say their father is? (44) How do you think this made them feel? How would it make you feel?
11. What two accusations does Jesus make about the devil? (44)
12. How is Jesus' character different than the devil's? (44-46)
13. Why does Jesus come to the conclusion that these people do not belong to God? (47)
14. Evaluate your life. Would you rather hear the truth, even if it hurts and would make you change your way of life; or would you rather be fed lies that might make you feel good and make life easier?
15. Ask Jesus to help you hold to his word, know the truth, live the truth, and be set free by the truth!

# My Appointment With God On Day 33

## John 8:21-30

*Yesterday we saw that the devil is the father of lies, and that Jesus speaks the truth that sets people free. He was upset with the people because they believed lies rather than the truth so they refused to listen to him. He ended by telling them that the devil was their father because they were like him. They were liars and murderers. (John 8:44)*

1. What two things do the people claim about Jesus in verse 48 that shows they are following the devil's example?
2. Why is it so absolutely ridiculous that people would say Jesus was demon-possessed?

*We know Jesus was God come in the flesh and perfect, yet people attacked and criticized him (falsely). If that is the way we as people treat the perfect Son of God we should not be surprised if others attack, and criticize us. If you are the object of criticism and attack, stop now, thank him that he knows how you feel and ask him to help you live like him in the face of criticism.*

3. What was Jesus seeking to do (verse 49), and what was he not seeking to do? (verse 50)
4. What promise does Jesus give in verse 51? Why is this an outrageous promise for someone to make?
5. How did the people react to Jesus' true words? What reasons did they give to accuse Jesus of being demon-possessed or out of his mind? (52-53)
6. In verse 50, Jesus said he wasn't seeking glory for himself. Who does he say brings glory to him? (54)
7. What claim does Jesus make about himself and God? (55)
8. What claim does Jesus make about Abraham? (56)
9. Who did these people claim were their fathers in John 8:39 & 41?
10. Why did the people want to stone Jesus? (56-59)
11. Read Exodus 3:13-14, then read the last 2 words Jesus spoke in verse 58. What was Jesus claiming? How does John 1:1 shed light on this too?
12. End by praising Jesus as the great "I AM", our God & Savior!

# My Appointment With God On Day 34

## John 9:1-41

*We will be studying John 9:1-41 both today and tomorrow. Today we will focus on the legalistic religious leaders of the day and how they responded to what God was doing. Tomorrow we will focus on the blind man who was healed.*

1. What did the disciples assume about the blind man? (1-2)
2. What was Jesus' response to the disciples' view? (3)
3. How do Jesus' words in Luke 13:1-5 show that people often misunderstand life and its problems?
4. How did the Pharisees legalistic view of God and religious life keep some of them from rejoicing in what God did? (John 9:4-16)
5. What did the people do to try to disprove that Jesus had done a miracle? (17-20)
6. How did the religious leaders' legalism keep the man's parents from really being able to celebrate the miracle done in their son's life? (21-23)
7. What conclusion had the Pharisees drawn about Jesus? (24)
8. It is obvious from verses 24-27 that the Pharisees didn't know what to do. They couldn't admit they were wrong and Jesus was who he said he was so they continued to try to find some way to discredit him. What was their problem - even by their own admission? (28-29)
9. Why wouldn't the Pharisees listen to the blind man? (30-34)
10. How do Jesus words from verse 3 show that the legalistic view of the Pharisees in verse 34 was wrong?
11. How does the question the disciples asked in verse 2 show that they had been influenced by the legalism of their day?
12. What did Jesus say the Pharisees' problem was? (35-41 - especially 40-41)
13. Ask Jesus to open your eyes to any prejudices or legalism that you hold to that isn't right. Ask him to help you be open to seeing people and life with his eyes of love.

# My Appointment With God On Day 35

## John 9:1-41

*We studied John 9:1-41 yesterday and will be studying it again today. Yesterday we focused on the legalistic religious leaders of the day and how they responded to what Jesus had done. Today we will focus on the blind man.*

1. Where did Jesus and the disciples see the blind man? (1)
2. What did this man do to survive? (verse 8)
3. What did the disciples assume about the blind man's life, and how did Jesus correct them? (verses 2-3)
4. What title does Jesus claim for himself, and how does it apply to his ability to help this man?(verse 5)
5. Read Luke 4:16-21. List at least 5 aspects of Isaiah's prophecy that are true of Jesus - including the one that applies specifically to the story in John 9.

*Jesus could have healed the man by speaking to him, or touching him. Instead, he asked him to go wash mud off of his eyes. Often God asks us to participate in what he is doing. What do you think God is asking you to do right now for him? What aspect of life and obedience does he want you to choose to grow in? Write out a prayer to God about it. Ask him for a miracle in this area, but also ask him what he wants you to do to participate in that miracle.*

6. The healed blind man is a great example of a good witness. He simply told others what he knew. No more and no less! (That is what God asks us to do in telling others about him!) (Write your answers to the following questions on the back of yesterday's page or on the back of this page)
  - Find 5 specific things the blind man told people in verse 11.
  - How did he answer the question in verse 12?
  - What 3 specific things did he tell the Pharisees in verse 15?
  - How did he answer the Pharisees' question in verse 17?
  - How did the blind man respond to the Pharisees' accusation of Jesus in verses 24-25?
  - List 4 facts the healed man shares in verses 31-32.

The man didn't know all the answers, and faced a hostile, intimidating group, but he told what he knew and admitted what he didn't know. This is a good example for us in witnessing!

7. Read John 9:35-38. What did the healed man say and do when he came face to face with Jesus? (verse 38) Why not do the same thing right now yourself?

# My Appointment With God On Day 36

## John 10:1-21

After healing the blind man Jesus spoke of people as sheep and himself as the shepherd. Below write the characteristics of each of the following people as Jesus describes them in this passage.

**THE THIEF AND ROBBER** (verses 1, 8, 10)

**THE SHEPHERD** (verses 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18)

**THE WATCHMAN** (verse 3 - how is John the Baptist like the watchman? How are pastors like the watchman?)

**THE GATE** (verses 7, 8, and 9)

**THE HIRED HAND** (verses 12, 13)

**THE SHEEP** (verses 3, 4, 5, 12, 14, and 16)

What good qualities of the sheep do you have?

Are you more like the good shepherd or the hired hand? Why?

Thank Jesus for who he is and ask him to help you be a good follower and more like him.

# My Appointment With God On Day 37

## John 10:22-42

1. What did the Jews want to know? (22-25)
2. Why did Jesus say they didn't believe in him? (26)
3. List at least 7 ways that Jesus describes his sheep. (27-29)
4. How does verse 30 of this chapter line up with John 1:1?
5. What was the reaction of the Jewish people to Jesus' comment in verse 30, and why did they say they were reacting this way? ( 31-33)

*Note: In verses 34-35, Jesus quotes Psalm 82:6 where God says the judges are like gods - they were people God divinely appointed to carry out judgment.*

6. What two things does Jesus claim God the Father did with him? (36)
7. Why did Jesus think they should believe him? (37)
8. What did Jesus ask them to believe in even if they did not believe in him? (38)
9. What happened after this discussion? (39)
10. Are you surprised at how many times the Jewish leaders try to arrest, snatch or kill Jesus? Why or why not?
11. How was John the Baptist's ministry different than Jesus', and what role did John play in Jesus' ministry?
12. Note that while many tried to kill Jesus, many also believed in him (31, 39, and 42). How do you see similarities to this today?

# My Appointment With God On Day 38

## John 11:1-16

*For the next four or five days we will be looking at the account of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. It will help if each day you read all of John 11 and then go back and answer the questions from the specific verses we are looking at in this chapter.*

1. What were the names of Lazarus' sisters? (1)
2. Read Luke 10:38-42 and list the way Lazarus' sisters dealt with Jesus when he visited them.
3. What does John 11:2 tell us about Mary?
4. Read Luke 7:36-50. What do these verses tell us about Mary?
5. When Lazarus got sick, what did his sisters do? (John 11:3)
6. John 11:4 sounds very much like John 9:3. Lazarus did die. So what did Jesus mean by these words?
7. How did Jesus feel about Lazarus and his sisters? (verse 5)
8. Why would it seem strange that Jesus did what he did? (v 6)
9. Lazarus lived in Judea. Why did the disciples not want to go back to Judea? (verses 7-8)
10. Put in your own words what you think Jesus was trying to communicate in verses 9-10.
11. How did the disciples try to talk Jesus out of going to Judea to see Lazarus? (11-12)
12. Why was Jesus glad he wasn't with Lazarus before he died? (13-15)
13. What does this tell us about hard times we go through? Why might God wait and not rescue us right away from difficult things?
14. How do Thomas' words reveal that it was dangerous for Jesus to go and see his friends? (16)

# My Appointment With God On Day 39

## John 11:17-37

*For the next three or four days we will be looking at the account of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. It will help if each day you read all of John 11 and then go back and answer the questions from the specific verses we are looking at in this chapter.*

1. How long had Lazarus been dead and buried? (17)
2. How far was Bethany from Jerusalem? (18)

*Remember that Jerusalem was where all the religious leaders were that wanted to arrest Jesus and have him killed - Jesus was in Jerusalem in John 7, 8, 9, and 10 - and in each of these chapters he was attacked and people tried to kill him.*

3. What were Martha's first words to Jesus? (21)
4. What did Martha hint that she was hoping for? (22)

*Have you ever told Jesus, "If you'd only been here, this wouldn't have happened?" If so, write the experience down and share it with Jesus again.*

5. What did Martha believe about Lazarus? (23-24)
6. What did Jesus call himself in verse 25?
7. What is the key to living even though we die, and what is the key to never dying? (clue - It is a one word answer, and Jesus uses the word 3 times in verses 25-26)
8. What 3 things does Martha say she believed? (27)
9. Who did Jesus ask about? (28)
10. What did Mary do when she knew Jesus was nearby? (29)
11. What were Mary's first words to Jesus? (32)
12. What emotions did Jesus experience, and why? (33-36)
13. How does Ezekiel 18:32 help us understand Jesus' weeping?

*Verse 37 reveals that no matter what you do, some will criticize you, Think over today's passage, give your needs to Jesus, and apologize if you have lacked faith, been critical of God, or wondered if he cared!*

# My Appointment With God On Day 40

## John 11:38-54

*For the next day or two we will be looking at the account of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. It will help if each day you read all of John 11 and then go back and answer the questions from the specific verses we are looking at in this chapter.*

1. What do we know about how Jesus felt at this point? (38)
2. What command did Jesus give? (39)
3. What was Martha's response to Jesus' command? (39)
4. Why do we as human beings so often question God or tell him why we don't think we ought to do the things he asks us to do?
5. Read John 11:21-27 again. How do these verses help you understand some of the frustration Jesus must have felt in verse 40?
6. Why did Jesus pray out loud to God in verses 41-42?
7. What command did Jesus give in verse 43?
8. How did Lazarus respond to the command? (44)
9. Why do you think a dead man obeyed Jesus more quickly than the living people around him did?
10. What was the result of Jesus' miracle? (45)
11. Why did Jesus tell the disciples he was glad he wasn't with Lazarus before he died? (John 11:14)
12. If Lazarus hadn't died, how many of those people would have been with Mary and Martha (verse 19) or had a chance to see Jesus' power?
13. Did everyone respond positively to the miracle? (46-54)
14. Why do you think the Jewish leaders were so antagonistic to Jesus when it was so obvious God's power was on him?
15. Why are people still antagonistic to Jesus today?

# My Appointment With God On Day 41

## John 11:17-37

*We are now entering the narrative about the last week of Jesus' life.*

1. What were the different reactions to Jesus in Jerusalem? (John 11:55-57)
2. Where did Jesus go 6 days before the Passover? (12:1)
3. What happened when Jesus arrived? (verse 2)
4. What were each of the following people doing? (2-3)
  - Lazarus
  - Martha
  - Mary

*You may again want to read Luke 10:38-42. It is interesting that Mary and Martha play similar roles in both stories. Also note what Jesus says about Mary in Mark 14:9.*

5. What was Judas Iscariot's reaction to Mary's act of worship, and why did he react that way? (4-6)
6. Find at least 2 reasons why Jesus defended Mary's act of worship. (7-8)
7. For what 2 reasons did the curious crowd of Jews come to the house? (9)
8. What response did the religious leaders have in regard to the great miracle Jesus did by raising Lazarus from the dead, and why did they have that response? (10-11)
9. As you think through where you are in your spiritual journey, which of the characters from this story are you most like, and why?
  - Lazarus (fellowshipping with Jesus)
  - Martha (serving Jesus and others)
  - Mary (worshipping Jesus humbly and generously)
  - Judas (criticizing those who worship Jesus)
  - one of the people crowd (curious about Jesus)
  - one of the chief priests (antagonistic toward Jesus)
10. Write a letter to Jesus and tell him where you are and where you want to be.

# My Appointment With God On Day 42

## John 12:12-19

We are now entering the narrative about the last week of Jesus' life.

1. How were the crowds responding to Jesus at this time? (12-13)
2. "Hosanna!" means "Save!" and is an expression of praise. What other two praises did the people give Jesus and in your own words write down what you think they meant. (13)
3. What prophecy did Jesus fulfill in verses 14-15?
4. What do kings usually ride on, and why? What did Jesus' mount say about his style of leadership?
5. Why do you think the disciples didn't realize what was happening with Jesus until after he rose from the dead? (verse 16)
6. What was beginning to happen because of the miracle of Lazarus' resurrection? (17-19)
7. Read Exodus 12:1-7, 12-13
  - What day were the people to pick out a lamb to sacrifice? (3)
  - What day were they to slaughter the lamb? (6)
  - Where were they to spread the blood? (7)
  - What would happen if they obeyed God, killed the lamb and spread the blood over their doorposts? (12-13)
8. How many days before Passover did Jesus ride in on the donkey? (See John 12:1 and John 12:12)
9. How do you see that Jesus was offering himself as the "Passover Lamb" that was to be slaughtered a few days later?
10. Thank Jesus for being "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" - yours and mine and everyone who comes to him!

# My Appointment With God On Day 43

## John 12:20-26

1. After Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem for the Passover Feast some people wanted to meet Jesus. What was their nationality? (verses 20-21)
2. Who went to tell Jesus that these people wanted to meet him? (verses 21-22)
3. Andrew is often called the "introducer." He often took the initiative to introduce people to Jesus. Look up the verses listed below and write down who it was that Andrew introduced to Jesus.

Then write out what the results ended up being.

- John 1:40-41
  - John 6:8-9
4. What time had come according to Jesus? (verse 23)
    - How is this different than what he said in John 7:6?
    - What do you think Jesus meant by his words in John 12:23? (Remember, this is the last week of Jesus' life)
    - How does John 12:24 help us understand what Jesus means when he says it is time for the Son of Man to be glorified?
  5. What do you think John 12:25 means?
    - How does II Corinthians 5:15 help us understand this concept?
    - How does I John 2:15-17 help us understand this?
  6. Read John 12:26 and answer the following questions:
    - What must we do, if we are going to serve Jesus?
    - What will God the Father do for those who serve Jesus?
    - How does Mark 10:42-45 reaffirm what John 12:26 says?
  7. What part of this world do you love that you need to let go of? What will it mean for you to "follow and serve Jesus" today?

# My Appointment With God On Day 44

## John 12:27-36

1. What was it about “this hour” that troubled Jesus? (verse 27, you may also want to look up Matthew 26:36-46.)
2. Why do you think Jesus and God the Father said and did what they did in verses 28-30?
3. What does the truth of verse 31 have to do with Jesus’ death on the cross?
4. How does I John 3:8 add light to John 12:31?
5. Read the following verses from John and list:
  - a) how they are similar and different, and
  - b) what Jesus means in each:
    - John 3:14-15
    - John 8:28
    - John 12:32-33
6. Why did the Jewish people listening to Jesus have a hard time with him talking about being “lifted up”? (John 12:34)
7. What four things does Jesus say about the light that the people have with them? (verses 35-36)
8. What two things does Jesus say about the darkness?
9. What kinds of activities would someone today be involved in if they were “walking in darkness”? (List at least 7)
10. What is involved in walking in the light today? List at least 7 practical activities someone would be involved in on a regular basis if they were walking in the light.
11. Go back and circle one or two areas you want to work on to walk in the light more.

# My Appointment With God On Day 45

## John 12:37-50

1. Why should people have believed in Jesus? (verse 37) .
2. Beside each reference below, list the miracles that Jesus had done (listed in the book of John).
  - John 2:7-10
  - John 4:49-54
  - John 5:5-9
  - John 6:5-13
  - John 6:19
  - John 9:1-7
  - John 11:38-44
3. What did Isaiah predict hundreds of years before Jesus' birth that shows he foresaw Jesus' ministry on earth? (John 12:38-41)
4. Find two reasons why John says some of the leaders who believed in Jesus didn't confess their faith in Jesus. (42-43)
5. Have you ever had the same problem at your workplace, in your neighborhood, with your family or at your school? If so, why do we worry so much about what people think of us instead of about what God wants from us?
6. What does Galatians 6:10 say about people who are trying to please people instead of God?
7. In verses 44-45 Jesus indirectly declares he and God the Father are one and the same. Fill in the blanks below to show how he declares this truth.
  - If a person believes in Jesus he also believes in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - If a person looks at Jesus he also sees \_\_\_\_\_.
8. What condition does Jesus want to rid people's lives of? (46)
9. What truth is taught in verse 47 that is also taught in John 3:17?
10. What truth is taught in verse 48 that is also taught in John 3:18?
11. What do God's words and commands lead to? (verses 49-50)
12. Why was it hard for people to believe in Jesus in his day, and why is it hard for people to believe in and submit to him today?

# My Appointment With God On Day 46

## John 13:1-11

1. What four things do these verses tell us Jesus knew?
  - verse 1
  - verse 3
  - verse 3
  - verse 11
2. Even though Jesus knew what he knew, what did he do, and why is that so amazing? (verses 4-5)  
(Write at least one reason why it was so amazing for each of the five things he knew.)
3. What is one reason why Jesus did what he did that we find in verse 1?
4. Why do you think Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet? (verse 6-7)
5. Why did Jesus say he didn't need to do any more than wash Peter's feet? (verses 9-10)
6. Once Jesus forgives our sins we are "clean." Still, each day we sin and make mistakes, so we need to come to Jesus on a regular basis --not to be cleansed completely, but to have our "feet washed." Take some time right now and list some of the sins you committed over the last week that you'd like Jesus to "wash off of your feet.
7. Now thank Jesus that even though he knew where he came from and how great he was and he knew how far from perfect you and I are, still he was willing to die on the cross for us.

# My Appointment With God On Day 47

## John 13:12-17

1. What two things did Jesus do after he had finished washing the disciples' feet? (verse 12) What does this tell us about his rightful position even though he did the work of a servant?
2. What two titles did Jesus say were accurate descriptions of who he was to his disciples? (13)
3. What should we do if Jesus is our Lord and teacher? (14-15)
4. List as many things as you can think of that Jesus did that we should try to imitate. (For example, "He forgave people." "He was patient with his disciples.")
5. Who will we never be greater than? (verse 16)
6. What will bring blessing to our lives according to John 13:17?
7. In what areas of your life do you follow Jesus' example? (Write out at least one way you are trying to follow his example in each of the following areas.)
  - With your personal and spiritual life
  - With your parents
  - With your spouse
  - With your children
  - At your workplace or school
  - In the church with other Christians
  - In your neighborhood
8. List one or two areas of your life where you'd like to follow Jesus' example in a better way, and list two or three practical things you will try to do so that you do follow his example.

# My Appointment With God On Day 48

## John 13:18-30

1. Jesus is sharing the Last Supper with his disciples in this passage. He has just washed all of the disciples' feet (including Judas Iscariot, who will betray him.) In verse 18 Jesus refers to Judas with a quote from the Old Testament. Go back and read Psalm 41:9.
  - What three qualities of a good relationship are listed in Psalm 41:9?
  - Why is betrayal by a trusted friend more painful than many other wrongs?
  - If you have ever felt betrayed by a person or persons, list their initials here, talk to Jesus about it and thank him that he knows how you feel. Ask him to help you let go of the hurt.
2. Why did Jesus quote part of Psalm 41:9 to his disciples? (John 13:19)
3. What does John 13:21 tell us about how Jesus felt knowing that Judas would betray him? How would you put into words what you think Jesus was feeling?
4. Jesus very bluntly says, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." (verse 21)
  - What was the reaction of the disciples, and why? (22)
  - What did Peter and John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved") want to know, and how did they try to find the answer? (23-25)
  - Reading the verses, it seems very apparent that Jesus is pointing out Judas as the betrayer. Why do you think it was so hard for the disciples to understand that Jesus was pointing Judas out? (26-30)
5. Verse 27 says "Satan entered into him." Judas had spent probably about 3 years with Jesus himself, yet he did not commit himself wholeheartedly to Jesus and had left himself open to Satan's influences. Just because we have gone to church for a long time doesn't mean we can't be influenced by the devil or his demons. The real key is to be completely sold out to Jesus. Why not take some time right now to write a letter to Jesus reaffirming your desire to be completely sold out to him?

# My Appointment With God On Day 49

## John 13:12-17

1. What word does Jesus use 5 times in verses 31-32?
  - Write out your own definition of what you think this word means in this context.
  - Look the word up in the dictionary and write out the definition you find there that makes the most sense to you.
2. What had happened just before Jesus spoke these words? (see verses 26-30) Why do you think Jesus said this right after Judas left?
3. The book of John speaks of Jesus being glorified in two earlier passages. Read the passages listed below and write out how each passage explains that Jesus will be glorified.
  - John 12:23-24
  - John 7:39
4. What will be the ultimate glorification of Jesus, and what did he do that led up to it according to Philippians 2:5-11?
5. What three statements did Jesus make in verse 33 that would be confusing to his disciples? List the three phrases and then write out what you believe Jesus meant by each phrase.
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6. Jesus says he is giving a new commandment in verse 34, but the commandment to “love one another” is not new at all. The new part is in the second part of the verse.
  - How are we to love each other?
  - List 5-7 characteristics about how Jesus loves us, then write out how you can show this kind of love to your family members and the other Christians at our church.
7. What will non-Christians know about us if we love each other the way Jesus loves us? (Pray that we have this kind witness.)

# My Appointment With God On Day 50

## John 13:36-14:4

1. What did Jesus mean when he spoke to Peter in verse 36?
2. What bold claim does Peter make in verse 37, and how does it hit Jesus according to verse 38?
3. Has there ever been a time in your life when you shrank back from standing up for Jesus? If so, write it down, ask Jesus for forgiveness and take heart that even someone who actually walked with Jesus struggled with this.
4. What 3 commands does Jesus give in John 14:1? (Put into your own words what you believe Jesus meant.)
5. Jesus answers Peter's question from John 13:36 in John 14:2. What is the answer to the question?
6. What is Jesus trying to assure the disciples of in verse 3?
7. What does Jesus say his disciples knew? (John 14:4)
8. If someone asked you if you knew the way to get to where Jesus is, what would you say?

(You might want to pick up the "Would You Like to Know God Personally?" booklet from the Church Office to have a better handle on this.)

# My Appointment With God On Day 51

## John 14:5-14

1. What two things does Thomas say he does not understand (5)?
2. How does Jesus answer each of Thomas' two questions (6)?
3. We have seen that John records many of the sayings of Jesus that start with "I am..." For example, Jesus said "I am the bread of life," "I am the resurrection and the life," etc. What three new "I am's" does Jesus give in John 14:6? List them, and then write out what each means to you.
  - I am the \_\_\_\_\_
  - I am the \_\_\_\_\_
  - I am the \_\_\_\_\_
4. Compare what Jesus says in verse 7 with the following verses. Then summarize what Jesus is saying about himself in your own words.
  - John 8:58
  - John 10:28-33
  - John 12:44-45
  - John 14:8-10
5. Jesus says the disciples should believe what he says (14:11), but then lists a reason for them to believe what he says. What is the reason he gives?
6. What promise does Jesus give to those who believe in him? (John 14:12)

*This verse is hard to understand because most Christians wouldn't say that they "do greater things" than Jesus did. Maybe the real key is that we are to do the kinds of things Jesus did - honor God!*

7. If you said, "In the name of the Queen of England, I declare war on your country!" what had better be true about what you are saying? How does this apply to John 14:13-14 and prayer? (See James 4:1-3 too)

# My Appointment With God On Day 52

## John 14:15-21

1. What is the evidence of a real love for Jesus according to John 14:15 and 21?
  - List 3-5 commands that Jesus gave that come to your mind.
  - If obedience is the evidence of love for Jesus, how much evidence is there in your life that you really love Jesus?
  - How do you feel about this? Is there anything in particular you want to change as you reflect on this?
2. Jesus said that when he left he would ask the Father to send "another Counselor." The Greek word for "Counselor" means "one called alongside to help." He was referring to the Holy Spirit. Fill in the blanks listed below to see what lessons we can learn about the Holy Spirit from John 14:16-17.
  - He will be with us \_\_\_\_\_ (16)
  - He is the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ (17)
  - The world \_\_\_\_\_ accept him (17)
  - The world neither \_\_\_\_\_ him nor \_\_\_\_\_ him (17)
  - Before Jesus died, rose and ascended to the Father, the Holy Spirit "lived \_\_\_\_" in the disciples (17)
  - Jesus told the disciples that after he died, rose and ascended to the Father the Holy Spirit would live \_\_\_\_ them (17)

*You may want to read Acts 1:8 and Acts chapter 2 to learn more about how the Holy Spirit came to live in the disciples.*

3. Jesus said that the Spirit would come from the Father to live in the disciples. Who else would come to them according to verse 18?
4. Read Romans 8:10-11 and fill in the blanks below to see if they help you make sense of what Jesus is saying in John 14:16-18.
  - "...the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ lives in you." (9)
  - "...if anyone does not have the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_" (9)
  - "...if \_\_\_\_\_, is in you" (10)
  - ...if the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ *who* Jesus raised from the dead is living in you" (11)
5. Summarize what these verses tell us about God the Father, Je-sus, and the Holy Spirit. Then thank God for sending his Spirit to live within us.

# My Appointment With God On Day 53

## John 14:22-31

1. If you had to answer the question that Judas asks in verse 22 for Jesus, what would you say?
2. Jesus seems to answer Judas by saying he is only showing himself to those who love him. Is that an appropriate answer? Why or why not? (verse 23)
3. How did Jesus say he knows if someone loves him? (verse 24)
4. What two things did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do for the disciples? (verses 25-26)
5. What did Jesus give to the disciples? (verse 27)
6. How do you think Jesus' peace is different than the world's?
7. What "do not's" does Jesus give in verse 27?
8. Why do you think Jesus feels it is important to speak about peace and not being afraid at this time? (Remember, this is the night that Jesus will be betrayed.)
9. How does Jesus say the disciples should feel about him going away? (verse 28) Why would that be hard for the disciples?
10. What title does Jesus give to the devil in verse 30?
11. John writes about the devil again in I John 5:19. What two things does John say we know? How is this both an encouragement and a warning?
12. What did Jesus want the world to know? (John 14:31) How did his death on the cross show this to be true about him?

# My Appointment With God On Day 54

## John 14:15-21

1. Jesus gives an analogy here. From verses 1 and 5 identify who the following items represent.  
The vine is (1, 5)  
The gardener who cuts and prunes is the \_\_\_\_\_ (1,2)  
The branches are (5)
2. Which branches does the Father cut off? (2) How does that apply to the Christian life?
3. Which branches does he prune, and why does he prune them? (verse 2) How does this apply to your life?
4. What "cleans" or "prunes" our life and character? (verse 3)
5. What must a branch do if it wants to continue to bear fruit? (verse 4)
6. What must a Christian do if he/she wants to have a fruitful Christian life? (verse 4)
7. What promise can we claim if we stay in close communion with Jesus? (verse 5)
8. How much of eternal significance can we accomplish if we do not stay in close communion with Jesus? (verse 5)
9. What happens if we remove ourselves from close communion with Jesus according to verse 6?

*Keep in mind that this does not teach that we will go to hell, but rather that we are useless to the cause of the Kingdom of God and God may take us earlier from our existence on earth! See John 10:27-29!*

10. Write a letter to Jesus. Tell him how you evaluate your closeness to him right now, and how "fruitful" you feel you have been for the kingdom. Let him know what you will do to stay as close as possible. Also try to identify areas where the Father may be "pruning" your life so that you will be more fruitful for him.

# My Appointment With God On Day 55

## John 15:7-17

1. After reading verse 7 go back and review your notes from John 14:13-14, and James 4:3-4. What do you think the key issue is here?
2. What brings glory to the Father? (verse 8)
  - How might Galatians 5:22-23 help us understand this?
  - How might Matthew 9:35-38 help us understand this?
  - How might I Corinthians 3:5-9 help us understand this?
3. What does Jesus compare his love for his disciples to? How much love is this?
4. What helps us remain in Jesus' love? (verse 9)

*Keep in mind that even if we don't obey Jesus, he still loves us - it's just that we don't benefit from his love because we have pulled away from him!*

5. What did Jesus want his disciples to have from him? (verse 11)
6. What command does Jesus give again? (verse 12, 17) Why will this be especially important for the disciples (see John 13:33)?
7. What is the greatest love someone can show (John 15:13)?
  - How is this different than what Whitney Houston says "The Greatest Love Of All" is (if you are familiar with the song)?
  - How does this verse fit with how Romans 5:6-8 describes the love Jesus had for us when he died on the cross?
8. What is the evidence that someone is Jesus' friend (verse 14)?
9. How did Jesus show that we are not just his servants, we are his friends? (15)
10. Jesus says he chose his disciples. What did he appoint them to do? (16) How does this apply to us? What does he want us to do?

# My Appointment With God On Day 56

## John 15:18-25

1. How does the world feel about followers of Christ? (18-19)
2. What are at least two reasons why the world feels this way about followers of Christ? (18-19)
3. Who can we never be greater than? (20)
4. Who will a servant be treated like? (20)
5. Why do some people in the world persecute Christians and re-fuse to listen to them? (21)
6. Put in your own words what you think Jesus means in verse 22.
  
7. How do our feelings toward Jesus represent our feelings toward God? (verse 23)
8. Why did Jesus say people who saw what he did would be in trouble? (verses 24-25)
9. Do you feel the world in general hates or rejects Jesus? If not, why not? If so, why?
10. Do you feel the world hates you? If not, why not? If so, why?
11. Ask Jesus to help you be like him and live for him, no matter what!

# My Appointment With God On Day 57

## John 15:26-16:4

1. Read verse 26 and answer the following questions.
  - Who did Jesus say would come?
  - Who sent him?
  - Where did he come from?
  - What other name is given to him in this verse?
  - What does he do according to this verse?
2. How were the disciples to be like the Counselor - the Spirit of truth - the Holy Spirit? (verse 27)
3. Read Acts 1:8.
  - Who were the disciples to wait for?
  - What would happen to them when he came?
  - What were they to do after he came?
  - What comparisons do you find between what is taught in Acts 1:8 and in John 15:26-27?
4. What did Jesus say would be at least 2 of the consequences of being witnesses for him? (John 16:2)
5. Why did Jesus say people would do things like this? (16:3)
6. What concern did Jesus have for the disciples? (16:1)
7. Why hadn't Jesus warned them about these things before this? (16:4)
8. How often are you a "witness" for Jesus?
9. What do people in our society today do to mistreat people who testify about Jesus?
10. Write down at least 2 ways this passage encourages you to be telling others about Jesus or inviting others to church.

# My Appointment With God On Day 58

## John 16:5-15

1. What emotions were the disciples going through because of what Jesus had told them? (5-6)
  - Have you ever grieved the loss of someone you loved? What did you feel?
  - What emotions do you think the disciples were going through as they grieved?
2. Read the first part of verse 7. How would you have reacted if you were his disciple and he said this to you?
3. What benefit did Jesus say the disciples would receive if he left? (7)
4. The word "Counselor" (verse 7) is translated different ways in different versions of the Bible. It is made up of two Greek Words: "para" meaning "along side" or "beside" and "cletos" meaning "to call", so it literally means "to be called to one's side" or "to be called alongside." Below are listed the different ways the word is translated. Circle the term that touches you most, and then write out how you see the Holy Spirit ministering to you this way.
  - **Counselor** - New International Version
  - **The divine helper** - Phillips Translation
  - **The Friend** - The Message
  - **The Comforter** - King James Version
  - **Your Advocate** - The New English Bible
  - **The Helper** - The New American Standard Bible
  - **The Intercessor** - Footnote in The New American Standard
5. What three things does the Spirit convict the world of? (8-10)
6. What title does Jesus give the "Counselor" in verse 13, and what does Jesus say the "Counselor" will do for the disciples?
7. What does the Spirit do for Jesus? (verse 14)
8. Review all that the Spirit is and will do from these verses. Then list how we can touch people's lives like the Holy Spirit does.

# My Appointment With God On Day 59

## John 16:16-22

1. How would you answer the disciples' questions found in verse 17?
2. How would you answer the question they ask in verse 18?
3. What two events is Jesus referring to in verse 20?

**Event #1** - the disciples would weep and mourn at this time, but the world would rejoice.

**Event #2**- the disciples' grief would be turned to joy.

4. Throughout the Bible we find times when God gives a vision, or a hope for the future, then something comes along and seems to destroy that hope or vision, and then God miraculously resurrects the hope or vision that the people thought was lost. Obviously Jesus' death and resurrection is the ultimate example of this.
  - Has there been a time in your past when God did something like this for you? A time when you thought all was lost, and then God brought new hope?
  - Is there anything like this going on in your life now?
  - Is there something like this going on in the life of someone else you know that you need to be praying for? If so, stop now and pray for them.
5. What illustration does Jesus give to explain that great joy can come out of very painful times? (verse 21)
6. How is it true that no matter what happens, no one can take away the joy a Christian has because of Christ's death and resurrection? (verse 22)
7. Take time now to thank Jesus for the eternal sense of joy we can have in him because of what Jesus has done for us.

# My Appointment With God On Day 60

## John 16:5-15

1. Jesus says we can ask for things "in his name." (23-24) To help us understand this concept let's think through an illustration. Imagine you went into the capital of the United States of America and said, "In the name of Fidel Castro of Cuba I declare war on the United States of America," what would happen? Nothing - except that you would be arrested. Why would that be all that happened?
  - What do you think needs to be true about your life if you are going to ask for anything "in Jesus' name?"
  - How does James 4:2-3 shed light on what must be true for us to truly ask for something in Jesus' name?
2. Why does Jesus say we don't need him to ask God the Father to take care of us or listen to us? (verses 25-27)
3. What does Jesus tell the disciples is about to happen? (verse 28)
4. In verse 32 Jesus predicts that the disciples will abandon him at his arrest and death. What gives Jesus comfort and peace in spite of the fact that his friends will abandon him?
5. Have you ever felt abandoned by those who should have been there for you? How can you find peace and strength from the same source Jesus did?
6. Jesus had warned the disciples that he was going to be taken away, abused and killed. He told them that he would send the Holy Spirit to help them - he would be sure they weren't left alone. He told them that he knew they would abandon him, they would be heartbroken and they would grieve. Why did Jesus tell the disciples all of this in advance? (verse 33)
7. What is going on in your life that distresses you? How can Jesus' words in verse 33 help you?

# My Appointment With God On Day 61

## John 17:1-5

1. Why did Jesus want the Father to glorify him? (verse 1)
  - Who does Jesus want to bring glory to (John 14:13)?
  - Who does the Holy Spirit glorify according to John 16:14?
  - Who does the Father want to glorify according to Philippians 2:5-10?
  - When every tongue confesses Jesus as Lord, what is the result according to Philippians 2:11?
  - Read Romans 12:10. How do the members of the Trinity (Father Son and Holy Spirit) live out these words?
  - How did Jesus bring glory to the Father? (John 17:4)
  - How can we bring God glory? (John 15:8)
2. What authority does Jesus have? (John 17:2)
3. What is Jesus' definition of eternal life? (John 17:3)
4. If eternal life is knowing God, list at least 5 things we can do to get to know God better. (If you get stuck, think of how you got to know your best friend or your spouse.)
5. What did Jesus ask for in John 17:5?
  - How does John 1:1 shed light on this?
  - How does Philippians 2:5-11 shed light on this request?
6. What do people on earth do to get "glory" for themselves?
7. With your answers from #6 in mind, what can we do to bring glory to God and to Jesus?

# My Appointment With God On Day 62

## John 16:5-15

1. Who was Jesus praying for in these verses? (verse 9)
2. In John 17:4 Jesus says he brought glory to the Father by completing the work the Father gave him to do. In the following verses Jesus lists some of the tasks involved in the work the Father gave him to do. Write out the tasks you find listed in these verses. Some of the things the Father gave Jesus to do were...
  - ...verse 6
  - ...verse 8
  - ...verse 9
  - ...verse 12
  - ...verse 14

How can we be like Jesus to others?

3. What do the following verses tell us that the Father wanted the disciples to do?
  - Verse 6
  - Verse 8
4. What did Jesus want for his disciples?
  - Verse 11
  - Verse 13
  - Verse 15
  - Verse 17
  - Verse 18
  - Which of Jesus' desires for his disciples means the most to you and why?
5. This prayer of Jesus' reveals his desires for his disciples. Write out one thing you think Jesus wants you to do with your life as a result of understanding his heart through the words of this prayer.

# My Appointment With God On Day 63

## John 17:1-5

1. Who did Jesus pray for besides the twelve disciples? (verse 20)
2. What three things did Jesus pray would happen in verse 21? In your own words, write out what you think he means by each phrase.
3. What does Jesus reiterate as his primary concern for his followers in verses 22-23?
4. What did Jesus say would be the result of unity among Christians? (verse 23)
  - In John 13:34-35 Jesus expresses this same belief. Write out word for word these verses, then make a point to memorize them.
  - How would a strong love between people cause others to know there was something different about them?
5. What 2 things did Jesus did want for his followers? (verse 24)
6. What do people of the world not know that Jesus does know? (verse 25)
7. What did Jesus come to help people know? (verse 26)
8. Why does Jesus want people to know God the Father? (verse 26)
9. What are we to do as Jesus' disciples? (Acts 1:8)
10. List at least 7 reasons why we should help others know Jesus.

# My Appointment With God On Day 64

## John 18:1-14

1. Why did Judas know where to find Jesus? (verses 1-3)
  - What do you learn from Luke 22:39 and Luke 21:37 that add new light to Judas knowing where he was?
2. List who Judas led to Jesus, and list what they were carrying. (verse 3)
3. What did Jesus know according to verse 4? What else did Jesus know according to John 13:1, 3, and 11?
  - What else did Jesus know according to verse 4?
  - Why is it amazing that Jesus acted the way he did in light of all that he knew?
  - What would you have done if you had known all this?
4. What was the group's reaction in verse 5, and why do you think they reacted that way?
5. What was one of Jesus' concerns at this time? (verses 7-9)
6. What did Peter do, and what was Jesus' reaction? (verses 10-11)
  - Why didn't Jesus need Peter to defend him according to Matthew 26:51-54?
  - What does Luke 22:49-51 add to this story that we don't read about in Matthew or John?
7. What three things did the people do to or with Jesus according to verses 12-13?
8. What is mentioned about Caiaphas in verse 14?
  - How does John 11:49-52 add new insight into this statement?
9. Take time now to thank Jesus for offering himself for our sins when he could have easily escaped!

# My Appointment With God On Day 65

## John 18:15-27

1. How many disciples followed Jesus after he was arrested? (verse 15)
2. What happened when Peter was allowed into the courtyard? (verse 16-17)
  - Why do you think Peter did this?
  - Has there ever been a time when you denied being a follower of Jesus or were embarrassed about being a follower of Jesus? If so, when and where (i.e., in a restaurant when someone prayed, at work when a co-worker was talking to you about Jesus, etc.)
  - Why do we get embarrassed about being a follower of Christ?
3. Who was Peter with according to verse 18?
4. What two things was Jesus questioned about (verse 19)? Why do you think these two things were brought up?
5. Why did Jesus say they shouldn't question him about his teachings? (verses 20-21)
6. What acts of physical abuse did Jesus suffer, and why? (22-23)?
  - Have you ever been hurt unfairly? When?
  - Does it help you to know that Jesus knows what it is like to suffer unfairly? Does it or will it affect the way you pray to him about unfair treatment?
7. What two things did Peter do in verses 25-27?
  - Read John 13:36-38, then write out how Peter must have felt after he did what he did in John 18:25-27.
8. Jesus later forgave Peter for his denials. If you tend to be a "secret agent" Christian or have ever denied being a follower of Christ in the past, ask him for forgiveness and make a commitment to be sold out to following him no matter what and no matter who may know!

# My Appointment With God On Day 66

## John 18:28-40

1. Why did the Jewish leaders take Jesus to the Roman governor, Pilate? (verses 28-31)
2. Why wouldn't the Jewish people go into the Roman governor's palace? (verse 28)

*Anyone who is not a Jew is considered a "Gentile." Jewish people felt entering the home of anyone who wasn't Jewish made them "unclean." For more about uncleanness read Leviticus 5:2-3, 7:19 21 and Leviticus chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.*

3. Why did the Jewish leaders turn Jesus over to the Romans according to verse 32?
4. Read the following verses where Jesus predicts the kind of death he will die. How do these verses indicate death on a cross?
  - John 3:14
  - John 8:28
  - John 12:32-33
5. What question did Pilate ask Jesus in verse 33 and how did Jesus finally answer Pilate's question in verses 34 and 37?
6. Why didn't Jesus' servants fight to defend him according to verse 36?
7. Who are Jesus' servants that could have fought for his release according to Matthew 26:53 and why didn't he have them fight according to Matthew 26:54?
8. Why did Pilate finally decide to have Jesus crucified? (38-40)
9. Jesus cared more about truth than physical life (verse 37). He came to die to give us life. Thank him for that gift!

# My Appointment With God On Day 67

## John 19:1-6

1. List at least 5 hurtful things done to Jesus in verses 1-3 (either physically abusive or psychologically hurtful.)
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2. What fault did Pilate say he found in Jesus? (verse 4)
3. Why did Pilate finally agree to crucify Jesus? (verses 5-6)
4. Pilate gave in to group pressure. He didn't think Jesus' life was worth the hassle. He compromised on what he believed was true to "keep the peace" with the religious leaders of the area. Every human being struggles with this. How often or how much do you struggle with this? When is the last time you compromised your beliefs or convictions to keep from having a problem with others around you? Write down the event in a letter to God, then ask his forgiveness.
5. Why did the Jews want Jesus dead? (verse 7)
6. Why wasn't Jesus intimidated by Pilate? (verses 8-11)
7. What new pressure did the Jewish leaders use against Pilate when he tried to set Jesus free? (verses 12)
8. How is the response of the chief priests in verses 13-15 blasphemous? (especially verse 15)
9. The Jewish leaders were so intent on killing Jesus that they were blinded to who he was. They would have said anything to get him killed. Pilate was so concerned about a rebellion or riot in his territory that he was willing to compromise on his convictions. We are all sinners and all need God's forgiveness for what we do. Is there an area in your life where God wants to slow you down or wants you to change your behavior or decisions? Ask him to make clear to you any changes he wants to make in your life.

# My Appointment With God On Day 68

## John 19:17-24

1. List the two names given for the place where Jesus was crucified. (verse 17)
2. What significance do you think there is that Jesus was crucified between two sinners? (verse 18)
3. Often Roman officials would nail a notice to the cross where a criminal was crucified stating the crime for which they were punished. What "crime" did Pilate have listed on Jesus' cross? (verse 19)
4. What three languages were commonly used in Jesus' day for legal issues ? (verse 20)
5. What protest did the religious leaders make about the crime listed on Jesus' cross, and why? (verse 21)
6. How did Pilate respond to their protest, and why do you think he had that reaction? (verse 22)
7. What did the soldiers do with all of Jesus' clothes, except for his undergarment? (verse 23)
8. Read verse 24 and then read Psalm 22:18.
  - What prophesy did the soldiers fulfill?
  - Why does Psalm 22:1 sound familiar when you keep the crucifixion in mind?
  - Why does Psalm 22:7-8 sound familiar?
  - Why does Psalm 22:16 sound familiar?
9. It is very probable that Jesus was completely naked when he was crucified. This was a terribly painful and humiliating death. Why would Jesus willingly die this way for us? How does Galatians 3:13 help us understand this?
10. Read and try to memorize Romans 5:6-8. Thank Jesus for dying for you - because he loves you!

# My Appointment With God On Day 69

## John 19:25-37

1. Who were the four women that were at the scene of Jesus' crucifixion? (verse 25)
2. Which disciple was there at the crucifixion? (verse 26)
3. What responsibility did Jesus give to the disciple? (verse 27)
4. John lists two reasons why Jesus said, "I am thirsty." What were they? (verse 28)
  - What did the people do for Jesus after he said he was thirsty? (verse 29)
  - Read Psalm 69:21. How does this explain Jesus' request being a part of fulfilling Scripture?
5. Who took Jesus' life from him according to verse 30?
  - What does Jesus say about who takes his life from him in John 10:17-18?
  - Why did Jesus give up his life according to John 10:11?
6. When someone died on a cross they usually died of suffocation. When their arms were either tied or nailed up their collar bones would come together and pinch off their ability to breathe. In order to stay alive they would have to push up on their feet to get a breath and then drop back down to a position where they could not breathe. Many who were crucified were on the cross for days before they finally died. The only way to guarantee a quick death was to break the victim's legs so that they could not push up and get a breath. Why did the Jews ask Pilate to break the legs of the men on the crosses according to verse 31?
7. Why didn't the soldiers break Jesus' legs? What did they do to make sure he was dead? (verses 32-34)
8. What two prophecies did these acts fulfill? ( Verse 36 is a quote from Exodus 12:46 which refers to the lamb that was sacrificed and verse 37 refers to Zechariah 12:10- see also Isaiah 53:5)
9. Why did John say he wrote all of this down? (verse 35)

# My Appointment With God On Day 70

## John 19:38-42

1. Why didn't anyone know that Joseph of Arimathea was a disciple of Jesus? (verse 38)  
(Remember that Jesus had many "disciples" or "students." Joseph was not one of the "12 disciples." He was simply one of Jesus' many followers.)
2. Joseph had secretly followed Jesus while he was alive, but how did that change during Jesus' trial and after Jesus' death? (See Luke 23:50-52 and Mark 15:43-45.)
3. Joseph of Arimathea was a wealthy member of the Council. Jesus had died a criminal and then been cared for and buried by a wealthy man. How does this fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 53:9?
4. Who was with Joseph and what had Jesus told this man before? (verse 39 and John 3:1-3)
5. What did Joseph and Nicodemus do with Jesus' body? (verse 40)
6. Where did they lay Jesus' body? (verse 42)
  - How were they able to find a tomb on such short notice according to Matthew 27:59-60?
  - How do you think it made Joseph feel three days later to know that Jesus had risen from the dead out of the tomb he had prepared for his own death?
7. Who witnessed this burial according to Matthew 27:61?
8. If you have ever lost a loved one you know how painful something like this could be. Still, Jesus rose from the dead later! So while you may grieve the loss of a loved one, take time to thank Jesus right now for the hope of eternal life!

# My Appointment With God On Day 71

## John 20:1-9

1. Who was first at Jesus tomb on that first Easter Sunday? (verse 1)
2. What did Mary notice first? (verse 1)
3. Who did Mary go to first? (verse 2)
4. What did Mary assume had happened to Jesus? (verse 2)
5. When Peter and John ran to the tomb, who got there first? (verses 3-4)
6. What did John do when he got to the tomb, and what did Peter do? (verses 5-6)
7. What did Peter find in the tomb? (verses 6-7)
8. What was John's response when he saw what was in the tomb? (verse 8)
9. What did the disciples still not understand according to verse 9?
  - Why do you think they still did not understand this?
  - What does this verse tell us about how important Scripture is?
10. This is the most incredible miracle ever. Any of us would have a hard time believing a "little" miracle occurred. Take time now to ask God to help you understand the power and importance of this miracle - then thank him for it!

# My Appointment With God On Day 72

## John 20:10-18

1. Who stayed at the tomb after the disciples left? (verses 10-11)
2. What was Mary's emotional state as she stood outside the tomb?
3. Who did Mary see when she looked into the tomb, and where were they positioned? (verse 12)
4. What did the angels ask Mary? (verse 13) Why do you think they asked her this?
5. What did Mary tell the angels she was concerned about, and what did she tell Jesus she was concerned about (when she thought Jesus was the gardener)? (verses 13-15)
6. What one word seemed to help Mary understand that Jesus was the one talking with her? (verse 16)
7. What two commands did Jesus give to Mary in verse 17?
8. What was Mary's response? (verse 18)
9. God knows you personally. There are times when he calls you by name - in soft, subtle ways. There are commands he gives you and me, too. Pray that you too, will respond immediately and do what he has called you to do. Is there something you believe God is calling you to do today? Talk to him about it and obey him quickly.

# My Appointment With God On Day 73

## John 20:19-31

1. Answer the following questions from verse 19:
  - What day of the week and what time of day was it?
  - What emotion had overcome the disciples?
  - What were Jesus' first words to the disciples?
2. What did Jesus show the disciples? (verse 20)
3. What new emotion did the disciples experience? (verse 20)
4. What words did Jesus repeat to the disciples? (verse 21)
5. What words did Jesus say to the disciples in verse 26?
6. When the angels appeared to people their first words in the Bible were usually "Do not be afraid." How are Jesus' words different, and why do you think he used the phrase "Peace be with you" instead of "Do not be afraid?"
7. How did Jesus say the disciple's assignment was similar to his assignment? (verse 21)
  - What did God send Jesus to do, and what did he not send him to do? (John 3:16-17)
  - What does this mean Jesus sends us to do?
  - With this in mind, what does verse 23 mean?
8. What did Jesus give to the disciples? (verse 22)
9. What did Thomas want as proof of Jesus' resurrection? (24-25)
10. What did Thomas call Jesus after he saw him? (verse 28)
11. Who does Jesus say are blessed? (29) Does this include you?
12. Why did John write all that he wrote? (verse 31) How should we try to follow John's example given in this verse?

# My Appointment With God On Day 74

## John 21:1-14

1. List the names of the disciples who went fishing. (verses 1-3)  
(Hint: Matthew 4:21 will tell you who the sons of Zebedee are.)
2. Why do you think these men went fishing? (Matthew 4:18-22 will help with this answer.)
3. What was the result of their fishing trip? (verse 3)
4. Read John 21:4-9. How did John know it was Jesus? How would the story from Luke 5:4-11 have helped Peter and John know it was Jesus?
5. How did Peter respond to Jesus in each of the stories? Why do you think he responded as he did each time?
6. What did Jesus do for the disciples? (verse 9-13)
7. Jesus loves us. He knows when we are hurting and confused. He knows when we want to go back to our old patterns of life. When he came to Peter and the others he did not rebuke them. Instead he gave them more fish than they could ever have hoped for. That didn't lead them back into a life of fishing, but instead it led them back to following him even more closely. Then he fed them breakfast. Jesus knows what is going on in your heart. He knows what you need. He wants to minister to you in small simple ways. Tell him what you are wrestling with in your heart and ask him to minister to you.

# My Appointment With God On Day 75

## John 21:15-25

1. Jesus asks Peter if he loves him 3 times. But he asks the question just a little differently each time. Write the three different ways Jesus asks.
  - verse 15
  - verse 16
  - verse 17
2. When Peter says he loves Jesus, Jesus commands him to do three things. They are very similar, but they are different in ways too. List the three commands Jesus gave to Peter each time he said he loved Jesus.
  - verse 15
  - verse 16
  - verse 17
3. Why do you think Jesus asked the question a little differently each time? Why do you think he changed the commands he gave a little each time?
4. Many believe Jesus asked Peter about his love three times because of what happened in John 18:15-18 and John 18:25-27. Do you agree, and if so, why?
5. What was going to happen to Peter according to verses 18-19?
6. What do you think it means that Peter's death would glorify God?
7. Have you ever asked God or anyone else a question like Peter asked Jesus in verses 20-22?
8. Why do we so often worry about other people instead of ourselves?
9. What do verses 22-23 teach us about how rumors get started?
10. Why do you think John ends the book with the words of verse 25?
11. Take time to thank Jesus for all he has done. Tell him you will do whatever he wants, no matter what he asks someone else to do