

We should note that Nicodemus from Chapt 3 has surfaced again. (Vs 46-53) It seems he had not believed on Christ yet, he is still a Pharisee but He certainly was interested. Nicodemus does surface one more time and it is my hunch he had believed.... Turn over to John 19:39-42. Although the Bible does not say he was a disciple, it looks like he was.

Sunday: John 8:1-11

Jesus loved righteousness and He loved people. The Pharisees claimed to love righteousness and maybe some did, but they failed to love people.

(Vs 1-5) There is no doubt this is wrong. However, Jesus saw through the Pharisees ploy, they cared little for the woman, nor for righteousness. They wished to entrap Him in His words.

(Vs6) Many have speculated what Jesus wrote; some say He listed their sins, some say He wrote of mercy and grace. Whatever it was it was the words He spoke that struck like daggers (Vs 7)

It was not that she was undeserving of punishment, but that they were unfit to judge!

Jesus said in John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

This woman left with forgiveness and a stern call to righteousness and abundant life! (Vs 10-11)

Daily Devotions

Monday: John 6:1-14

Have you ever had a great need? I am sure you have, but sometimes needs can be wants, as I work on this, I “need” a “double-double” 😊

Here in this passage others had a need and Jesus filled their need.

(Vs 1-5) Jesus was teaching the people and knew they were hungry (Did you know Jesus knows our needs?) It was Jesus who brought up the problem (Vs 5). Why would Jesus bring up a problem? Look at Vs. 6. God brings us to difficulties to show Himself strong!

(Vs 7) Man deals in what makes sense, but what Jesus was about to do certainly does not make sense!

(Vs 8-14) Many things are here, God’s provision, but consider the boy who gave up his lunch only to see God multiply it. Will you give what you have to God? He can do far more than we could!

Tuesday: John 6:15-21

Do you get the sense Jesus is allowing them to be put into situations? If so, you are right, some things you can only learn by experience.

(Vs 15) This is a curious verse and one would wonder why He wouldn’t want to be King.... They were not going to make Him thee King, but a king. (Vs15) This would be a step down for the Creator God!

(Vs 16-18) Has it ever been dark and Jesus had not made His presence known? I can relate, but He is always in control! The disciples are learning to trust God, and we must learn this too.

(Vs 19-21) Jesus came to them on the water, in the midst of the storm. In your life you will see that Jesus makes His presence known in the times we call “bad” Someday those times will be the “good old days”

Wednesday: John 6:22-59

This is a difficult passage to understand if you do not keep it in context. Jesus has gathered a large “following” when he fed the 5,000. The quality of their following is seen by the Lord (Vs 26) Not every “follower” is a “true follower”

Jesus is trying to get them off their physical fixation on bread (Vs27) and the Manna they had in the wilderness. (Vs 30-31) onto the true bread of life (Vs 32-36) The context is bread and eating, This explains Jesus statements in (Vs 48-59)

Jesus is not speaking literally but figuratively. To “eat” He means “believe” (Vs 47) is clear on this. This is no way is connected to “Communion.” The “communion” is a time of remembrance. Jesus emphasis here was to believe on Him!

What is the benefit of believing in Christ? (Vs 57-59)

Thursday: John 6:60-71

Throughout Jesus’ ministry He had 12 followers that we know as “The disciples” but He also had other disciples that followed for a time. Here many of these are offended at His doctrine.

He had just stuck His finger in the eye of Judaism and declared Himself as the “True bread” It appears this crowd could not handle this (Vs 60-62) They were having trouble with His origin and He asks them a rhetorical question (Vs 62) *i.e. “You struggle with where I came from, what will you do when you see me go back”*

Notice Jesus did not change the truth to fit the crowd (Vs 63-66) Jesus simply relied on the Spirits work in the hearts of men and carried on.

(Vs 67-71) Have you truly believed on Christ and are you following Him because of this?

Friday: John 7:1-36

Jesus is in an increasingly hostile environment (Vs 1) A Jewish feast is about to begin and Jesus has plans to go to Jerusalem secretly. (Vs10)

(Vs 10-13) Jesus was the talk of the common man, sides were split, some were for Him and others were against Him! Some did believe on Him (Vs 31)

Jesus made Himself known and begins to teach: His main premise is Vs 17. Basically He was saying: “If you wanted to do the will of the Father you would know what I am saying is truth”

They (Pharisees) heard Him but did not want to do the Father’s will and so they did not benefit!

Today, Christians and Un-believers alike hear the truth and walk away with doubt and questions. The fault does not lie in the truth, but in the fact they don’t want to do the will of the Father! They claim to seek “Truth” but if they found the TRUTH they would reject it. They live a life of skepticism and doubt.

Saturday: John 7:37-53

This is the last day of the feast, Jesus cries out in vs. 37-39. Jesus often spoke in the metaphorical manner of the East. Jesus was referring to the fact that the Holy Spirit would indwell believers and their source would be “internal” as oppose to “external”

While Jesus was on earth, the Holy Spirit was not given in the same sense as He is today. Today He indwells EVERY believer. The Greek word for the Spirit is “Parakletos” = One called alongside to help. If you are saved, God is always with you to help you. This is what these verses mean! What a blessing to know that no matter what the outside is like..... God is within us to help us! You should be developing a relationship with Him each day.

