

COME & SEE

A Study On The Book Of John



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A Note to You

Some stories can't be re-told with just words. They're the ultimate "I guess you had to be there" moments: the Minneapolis Miracle, fireworks over Magic Kingdom, a surprise military homecoming. If you don't feel the adrenaline of the countdown, hear the music against the lights in the sky, or see the joy radiating from the family—then you'll miss the whole point.

That's the story of Jesus. Throughout the Gospel of John, we've been invited to **come & see**—not just to hear the words, but to engage with what Jesus is doing and what John is writing. Because when we focus on what we see in the world, all we'll find is death and darkness.

When Jesus came, so did light—and death was defeated. The invitation was no longer just to **come & see**, but to follow Him. And the invitation is for us, too.

So, come with us. Open up your Bible and grab a notebook and pen as we read each day's scripture together. Check out the daily devotionals on our blog and app, which will help you understand each passage and apply it to your life.

Whether you're new to this whole Bible reading thing or you've been around for a while—we hope you experience **come & see** moments that awaken your faith, bring a new perspective to your relationship with Jesus, and remind you how much you're loved by Him.

-Eagle Brook Church

The Book of John

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus was approximately 30-33 years old during the events recorded in the Gospel of John.

John wrote in his Book with the purpose of reaching unbelievers—emphasizing new life found in Jesus.

John emphasizes the identity of Jesus as the Son of God and how we, as believers, should respond to His teachings.

FUN FACTS

7 miracles – 6 of them are unique to the Book of John.

90% of John's material is unique to only the Book of John.

The word "life" appears a total of 36 times in the Book of John.

The shortest verse in the Bible is found in John 11:35,
Jesus wept.

WORDS TO DEFINE

Miracle / something that excites wonder or astonishment, extraordinary, or remarkable feat. the work of a divine agency **Light** / illumination. the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible **Sabbath** / a day of rest **Pharisee** / strict observers of religious ceremony and practice **Disciple** / a follower, learner, or student of a teacher or leader **Come** / to move with the purpose of reaching **See** / to look, understand, experience

Jesus looked around
and saw them following.
“What do you want?”
he asked them. They
replied, “Rabbi, where
are you staying?”
“**COME & SEE,**”
he said. It was about
four o’clock in the
afternoon when they
went with him to the
place where he was
staying, and they
remained with
him the rest of the day.

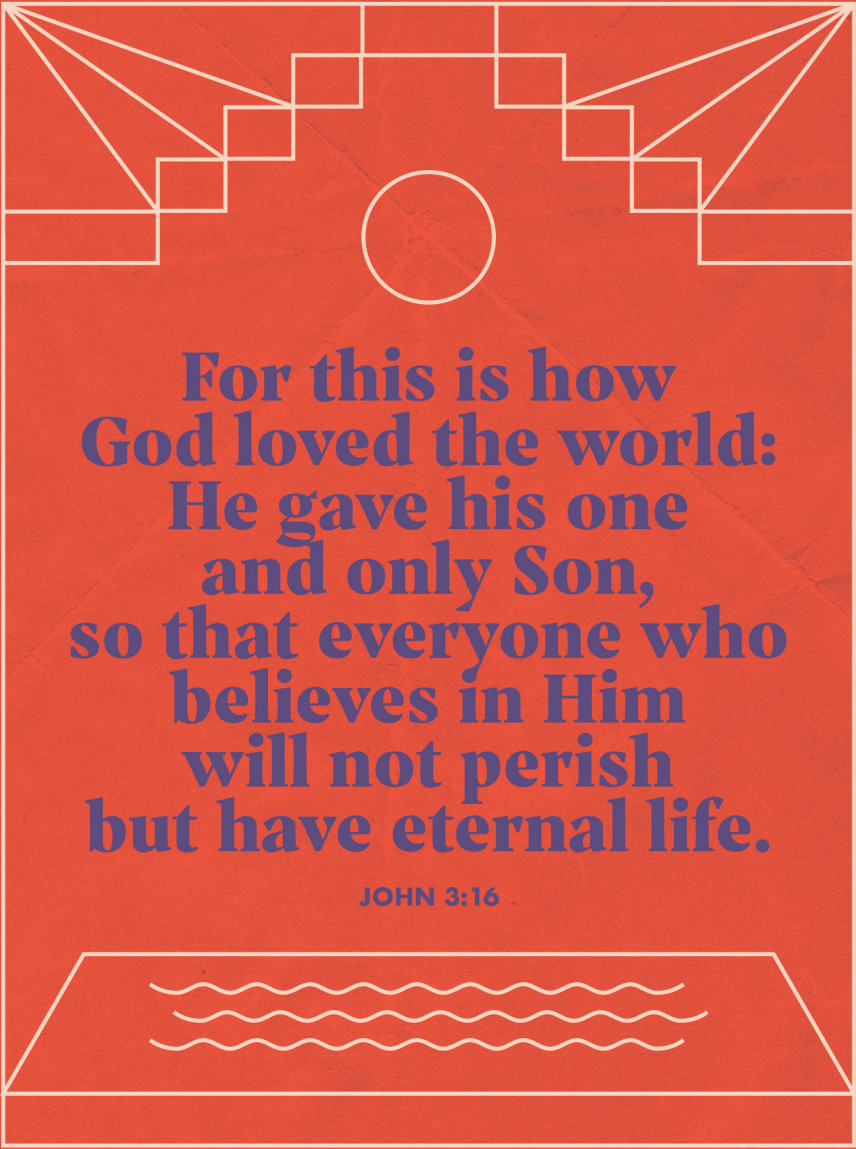
John 1:39

Bible Reading Plan Week 1

- ☐ John 1:1-18
- ☐ John 1:19-34
- ☐ John 1:35-50
- ☐ John 2: 1-11
- ☐ John 2:12-25
- ☐ John 3:1-21

Going Deeper

- ☐ John 1 Genesis 1
 Hebrews 1:1-4
- ☐ John 2 Psalms 69
 Psalms 104:14-15
- ☐ John 3 Proverbs 30:4



**For this is how
God loved the world:
He gave his one
and only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in Him
will not perish
but have eternal life.**

JOHN 3:16

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Did you know that God's word is made up of over 30,000 verses? And, of all those verses, John 3:16 is the one verse that has captured the attention of the world.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

This verse has been printed on the bottom of shopping bags and around the rim of beverage cups. It's been painted on the side of monster trucks, added to signature lines, and googled over 94 million times when Tim Tebow painted it on his face before a televised football game.

But more than sporting events, fans, athletes, and celebrities—this verse reminds us of the hope we have in Jesus. It's the story of the Gospel.

There is perhaps no other single verse that captures God's heart and His love for us in sending Jesus. It sets apart our God from the many other gods of this world. It's an invitation into a relationship and, at the core, the very essence of our faith.

**“COME & SEE
A MAN WHO
TOLD ME
EVERYTHING
I EVER DID.
COULD HE
POSSIBLY BE THE
MESSIAH?”**

JOHN 4:39

Bible Reading Plan Week 2

- ☐ John 3:22-36
- ☐ John 4:1-26
- ☐ John 4:27-42
- ☐ John 4:43-54
- ☐ John 5:1-15
- ☐ John 5:16-30

Going Deeper

- ☐ John 3 1 Timothy 2:5-6
- ☐ John 4 Isaiah 55:1-3
- ☐ John 5 Exodus 20:8-11
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Woman at the Well

We've seen it again and again—Jesus going against the grain. For the majority of His life, Jesus' behavior differs substantially from those around Him. Many of the things He did and said were considered to be counter cultural—especially to the Pharisees. The woman at the well is no exception. Throughout John 4, Jesus disrupts three major cultural elements:

1

Jesus speaks to a WOMAN

Jewish men did not address women in public (v. 27). Women were regarded as second-class citizens and many of their interactions were to be taken in private.

2

Jesus speaks to a SAMARITAN WOMAN

Jews were to have no interactions with Samaritans (v. 9). They were believed to have betrayed their people and their nation.

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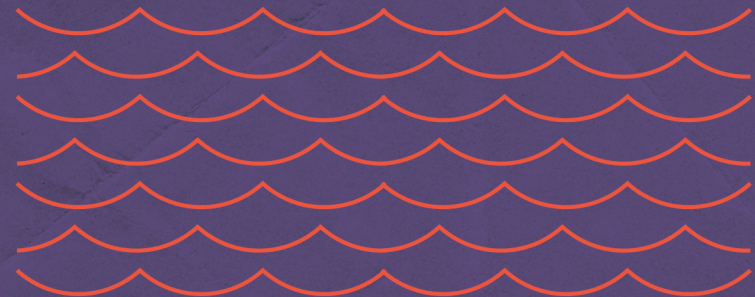
Jesus speaks to an ADULTEROUS SAMARITAN WOMAN

No respectable man would talk to a woman under such circumstances. Yet, we see Jesus speak freely with a woman taken in sin (v. 18).

Was it uncomfortable? Maybe. Was it worth it? Yes. We see the woman be given new life—hope and freedom in Jesus. She will never be thirsty again. She runs into her village and tells everyone to **come & see** a man who she believes could be the Messiah.

**JESUS SAID,
“EVERYONE WHO DRINKS FROM
THIS WATER WILL GET THIRSTY
AGAIN. BUT WHOEVER DRINKS
FROM THE WATER THAT I WILL
GIVE HIM WILL NEVER GET
THIRSTY AGAIN. IN FACT, THE
WATER I WILL GIVE HIM WILL
BECOME A WELL OF WATER
SPRINGING UP IN HIM FOR
ETERNAL LIFE.”**

JOHN 4:13-14



“COME & SEE
WHAT OUR
GOD HAS
DONE, WHAT
AWESOME
MIRACLES HE
PERFORMS
FOR
PEOPLE!”

Psalms 66:5

Bible Reading Plan Week 3

- ☐ John 5:31-47
- ☐ John 6:1-21
- ☐ John 6:22-40
- ☐ John 6:41-71
- ☐ John 7:1-31
- ☐ John 7:32-53

Going Deeper

- ☐ John 5 Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- ☐ John 6 2 Kings 4:38-44
- Psalms 29:10-11
- Acts 3:22-23
- ☐ John 7 Isaiah 12

The Miracles of Jesus

The many miracles of Jesus are the ultimate **come & see** moments throughout the Bible. Jesus had an incredible ability to demonstrate His power, which gives us a glimpse into the Kingdom of God through the miracles He performed.

Jesus did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.
John 21:25

Read the stories below and write out the miracles Jesus performed in the Book of John:

John 2:1-11 _____

John 4:43-54 _____

John 5:1-15 _____

John 6:1-15 _____

John 6:16-29 _____

John 9:1-12 _____

John 11:1-44 _____

Reflective Questions

Read John 20:30-31

What was Jesus' purpose in performing these miracles?

How is God still performing miracles today?

What are some ways you can see God working in your life?

**“We have
found the one
Moses wrote about
in the Law, and
about whom the
prophets also wrote
—Jesus of Nazareth,
the son of Joseph.
Nazareth!
Can anything good
come from there?”
Nathanael asked.
“COME & SEE,”
said Philip.**

John 1:45-46

Bible Reading Plan Week 4

- ☐ John 8:1-20
- ☐ John 8:21-59
- ☐ John 9:1-12
- ☐ John 9:13-41
- ☐ John 10:1-21
- ☐ John 10:22-42

Going Deeper

- ☐ John 8 Exodus 3:10-15
Romans 2:25-29
- ☐ John 9 Psalms 66
Romans 1:18-19

*I AM THE BREAD
OF LIFE*

JOHN 6 : 3 5 , 4 8 , 5 1

*I AM THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD*

JOHN 8:12; 9:5

*I AM THE GATE
FOR THE SHEEP*

JOHN 10:7,9

*I AM THE GOOD
S H E P H E R D*

JOHN 10:11, 14

I AM THE

RESURRECTION

& THE LIFE

JOHN 11:25

I AM THE WAY,

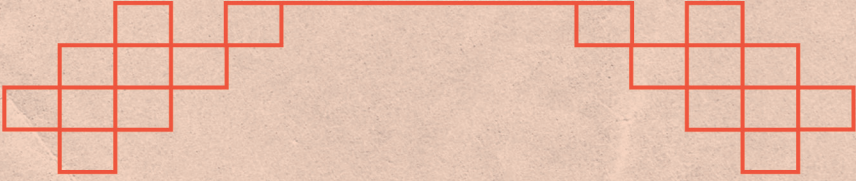
THE TRUTH, & THE

LIFE JOHN 14:6

I AM THE TRUE

VINE JOHN 15:1

Throughout the Book of John, Jesus invites us to **COME & SEE** who He is so that we can fully experience Him. In these I AM statements, Jesus meets us in our inability to comprehend who He is, by helping us understand Him more.



**WHEN JESUS SAW HER
WEeping AND SAW
THE OTHER PEOPLE
WAILING WITH HER, A
DEEP ANGER WELLED
UP WITHIN HIM,
AND HE WAS DEEPLY
TROUBLED. "WHERE
HAVE YOU PUT HIM?"
HE ASKED THEM.
THEY TOLD HIM,
"LORD, **COME & SEE.**"**

JOHN 11:32-34



Bible Reading Plan Week 5

- ☐ John 11:1-16
- ☐ John 11:17-37
- ☐ John 11:38-57
- ☐ John 12:1-11
- ☐ John 12:12-36
- ☐ John 12:37-50

Going Deeper

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| <input type="checkbox"/> John 11 | Daniel 12:2-3 |
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| | Psalms 118 |
| | Isaiah 53 |
| | Isaiah 6:10 |

Lazarus, Mary, & Martha

We've all been there—disaster strikes and we call upon God to help us. But what happens when help comes too late? Or even worse—it doesn't come at all? Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were close to Jesus, just outside of His inner circle of disciples. They were His closest friends. So, when Mary and Martha called upon Jesus to come and heal Lazarus, it's hard to understand why He didn't stop everything He was doing and come running. Because that's what friends do, right?

But Jesus had different plans. From the very moment He heard Lazarus was sick, Jesus was confident in the outcome. When Jesus got the news of His friend, He said, "Lazarus' sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." (John 11:4)

His followers had seen Him heal plenty of people. They knew what He was capable of. But Jesus wanted His followers to experience something more. When Jesus finally arrives and Mary asks Jesus to **come & see** where they had laid Lazarus, we realize the wait wasn't for nothing.

Lazarus had to die so that Jesus' power over death could be shown. His death made it possible for Jesus to instill more faith in His people and lead them into God's glory. If Jesus had come sooner, they would have missed out on this incredible demonstration of love.

So, what are you waiting on God to do? Resist the urge to jump ahead of Him. He may want to perform miracles in your life.

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JOHN

IN THE BEGINNING THE WORD ALREADY EXISTED. THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. HE EXISTED IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD, GOD CREATED EVERYTHING THROUGH HIM, AND NOTHING WAS CREATED EXCEPT THROUGH HIM. THE WORD GAVE LIFE TO EVERYTHING THAT WAS CREATED, AND HIS LIFE BROUGHT LIGHT TO EVERYONE. THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS CAN NEVER EXTINGUISH IT. GOD SENT A MAN, JOHN THE BAPTIST, TO TELL ABOUT THE LIGHT SO THAT EVERYONE MIGHT BELIEVE BECAUSE OF HIS TESTIMONY. JOHN HIMSELF WAS NOT THE LIGHT; HE WAS SIMPLY A WITNESS TO TELL ABOUT THE LIGHT. THE ONE WHO IS THE TRUE LIGHT, WHO GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE, WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD. HE CAME INTO THE VERY WORLD HE CREATED, BUT THE WORLD DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM. HE CAME TO HIS OWN PEOPLE, AND EVEN THEY REJECTED HIM. BUT TO ALL WHO BELIEVED HIM AND ACCEPTED HIM, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD. THEY ARE REBORN—NOT WITH A PHYSICAL BIRTH RESULTING FROM HUMAN PASSION OR PLAN, BUT A BIRTH THAT COMES FROM GOD. SO THE WORD BECAME HUMAN AND MADE HIS HOME AMONG US. HE WAS FULL OF UNFAILING LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, THE GLORY OF THE FATHER'S ONE AND ONLY SON. JOHN TESTIFIED ABOUT HIM WHEN HE SHOUTED TO THE CROWDS, "THIS IS THE ONE I WAS TALKING ABOUT WHEN I SAID, 'SOMEONE IS COMING AFTER ME WHO IS FAR GREATER THAN I AM, FOR HE EXISTED LONG BEFORE ME.'" FROM HIS ABUNDANCE WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED ONE GRACIOUS BLESSING AFTER ANOTHER. FOR THE LAW WAS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES, BUT GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS CAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD, BUT THE UNIQUE ONE, WHO IS HIMSELF

GOD, IS NEAR TO THE FATHER'S HEART. HE HAS REVEALED GOD TO US. THIS WAS JOHN'S TESTIMONY WHEN THE JEWISH LEADERS SENT PRIESTS AND TEMPLE ASSISTANTS FROM JERUSALEM TO ASK JOHN, "WHO ARE YOU?" HE CAME RIGHT OUT AND SAID, "I AM NOT THE MESSIAH." WELL THEN, WHO ARE YOU?" THEY ASKED. "ARE YOU ELIAH?" "NO," HE REPLIED. "ARE YOU THE PROPHET WHO ARE EXPECTING?" "NO," THEN WHO ARE YOU? WE NEED AN ANSWER FOR THOSE WHO SENT US. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF? JOHN REPLIED IN THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH: "I AM A VOICE SHOUTING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE LORD'S COMING.'" THEN THE PHARISES WHO HAD BEEN SENT ASKED HIM, "IF YOU AREN'T THE MESSIAH OR ELIAH OR THE PROPHET, WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO BAPTIZE?" JOHN TOLD THEM, "I BAPTIZE WITH WATER, BUT RIGHT HERE IN THE CROWD IS SOMEONE YOU

Bible Reading Plan Week 6

- ☐ John 13:1-20
- ☐ John 13:21-38
- ☐ John 14:1-14
- ☐ John 14:15-31
- ☐ John 15:1-17
- ☐ John 15:18-16:4

Going Deeper

- ☐ John 13 Psalm 31
Isaiah 49:1-3
Romans 3:21-26
- ☐ John 14 Ezekiel 1:26-28
Isaiah 28:16
- ☐ John 15 Isaiah 25
Isaiah 61:1-4

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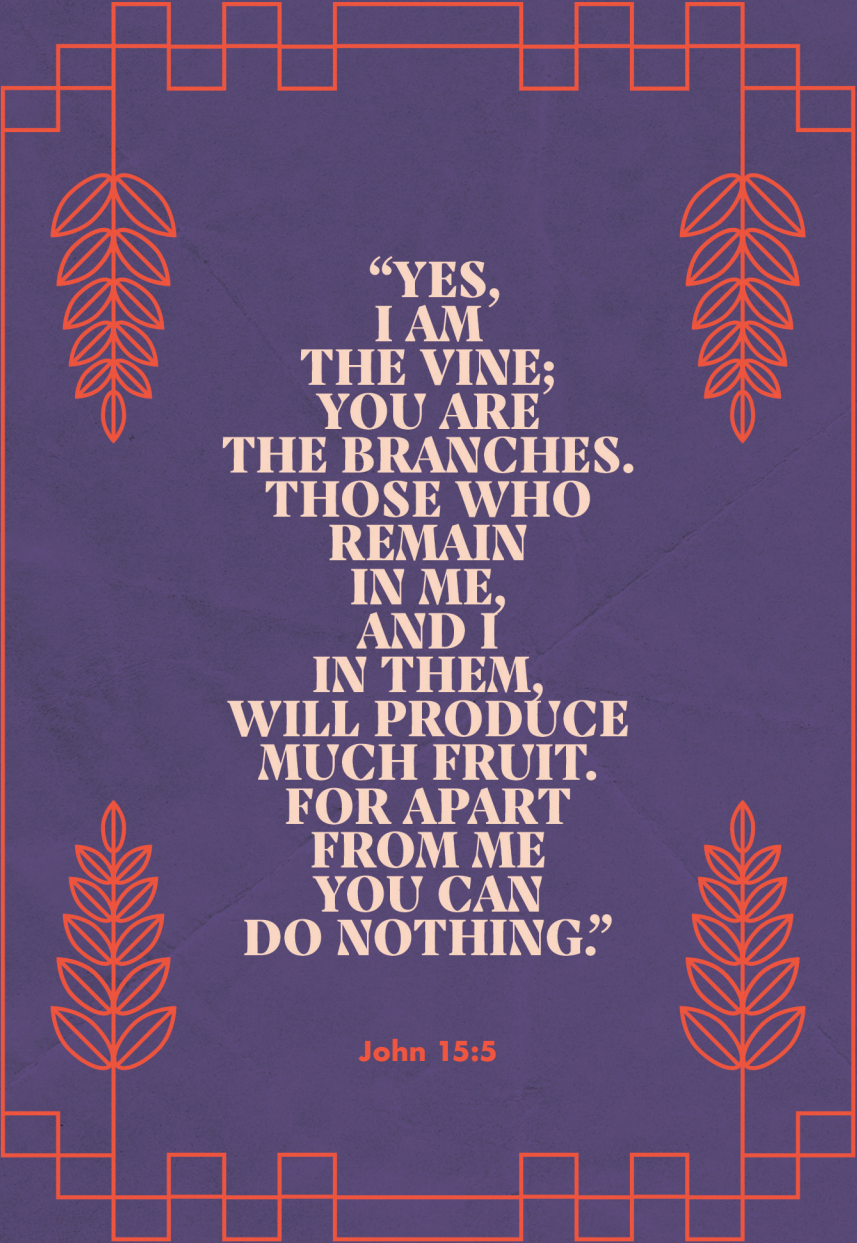
If you've ever wondered who Jesus is and why
He matters, come and see for yourself. Join us
at one of our locations around the Twin Cities.

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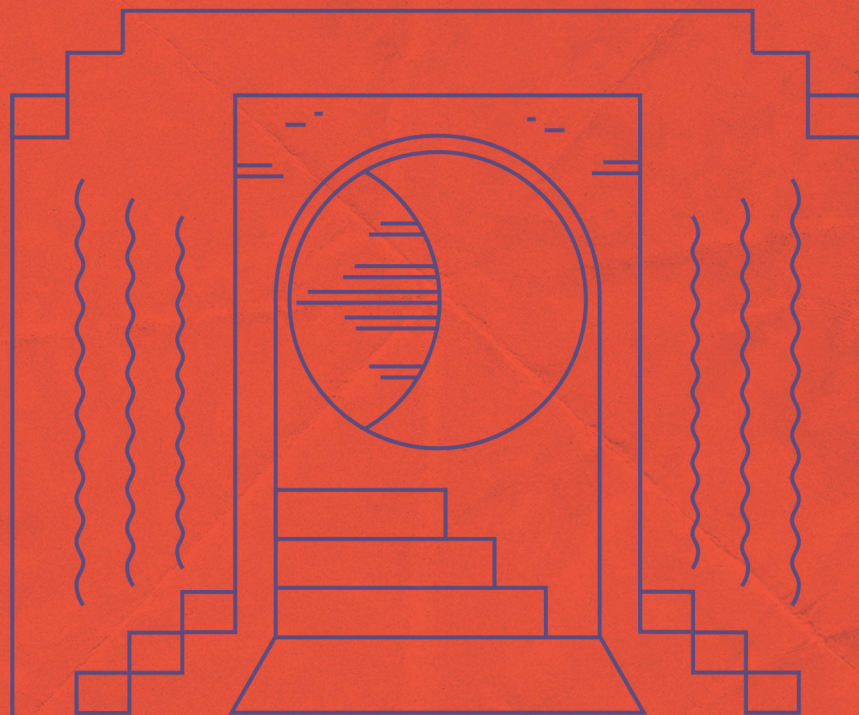
**COME & SEE the glorious
works of the Lord. COME &
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Psalms 46:8



**“YES,
I AM
THE VINE;
YOU ARE
THE BRANCHES.
THOSE WHO
REMAIN
IN ME,
AND I
IN THEM,
WILL PRODUCE
MUCH FRUIT.
FOR APART
FROM ME
YOU CAN
DO NOTHING.”**

John 15:5



“Then the angel spoke to the women.

“Don’t be afraid!” he said.

**“I know you are looking for Jesus,
who was crucified. He isn’t here!**

**He is risen from the dead,
just as he said would happen.**

***COME & SEE*
where his body was lying.”**

Matthew 28:5-6

Bible Reading Plan Week 7

- ☐ John 16:5-33
- ☐ John 17:1-19
- ☐ John 17:20-26
- ☐ John 18:1-14
- ☐ John 18:15-27
- ☐ John 18:28-40

Going Deeper

- ☐ John 16 Isaiah 32:14-18
Romans 8:12-17
- ☐ John 17 Isaiah 9:1-7
1 John 5:20
- ☐ John 18 Jeremiah 25:15-17
Daniel 7:14

Prayer

The prayer Jesus prayed in John 17 is one of the longest in the Bible. But our prayers don't have to be long. Talking to Jesus throughout the day helps us to get to know Him better.

Here is a prayer you can say at the start of every day:

*Lord,
Thank you for Your love and for giving me this life. Thank you for my family and friends and Your protection, always. Lord, fill me with Your Spirit and with Your joy today.*

*Use me.
Guide me.
Watch over me.*

*Be with my family and friends. Fill them with Your spirit and joy.
Affirm Your power in their lives as you use them, guide them, and protect them today.*

And for those who don't yet know you—let them experience Your love and lead them into new life with You today.

Amen

Follow Jesus

God loves us, cares for us, and desires to know each of us deeply. He loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for our sins, that everyone who believes in him would have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Putting your faith in Christ is the most important decision you'll make and the first step in a life-long journey of getting to know God.

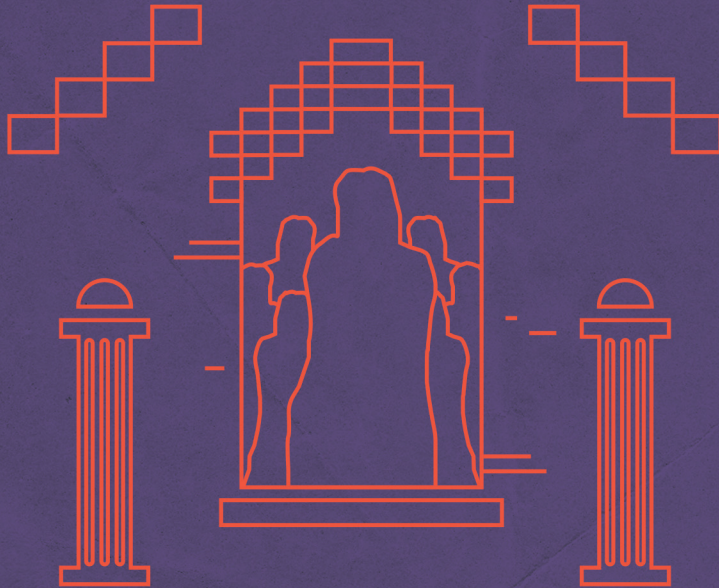
Maybe you're not sure if you are spiritually alive or spiritually dead. Know this—God longs for each one of us to experience life through His Son, Jesus. Today is your day to step from death to life and experience the more that God has for you. There's no reason to wait!

In the quietness of your heart:

Lord Jesus, I'm a sinner. I've been living like the rest of this world and dead in my sin. And I know that you have paid for my sins on the cross. You died, but You rose again. You broke the curse of sin and death. And so right now, I am putting my full faith in You as my Lord and Savior. I'm putting my trust in You. Jesus, save me. Come into my life and wash away my sin. Wash away my anxiety and my fears. Show me Your love and grace and Your gift of eternal life. In Jesus name, Amen.

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We want to help you get to know Jesus better. If you prayed that prayer, let us know! Text BELIEVE to 555888.



A week later his disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side." Thomas responded, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

John 20:26-29

Bible Reading Plan Week 8

- ☐ John 19:1-16
- ☐ John 19:17-27
- ☐ John 19:28-42
- ☐ John 20:1-8
- ☐ John 20:19-31
- ☐ John 21:1-25

Going Deeper

- ☐ John 19 Psalm 22
 Zechariah 12:10
- ☐ John 20 1 Peter 2:22-25
- ☐ John 21 Hebrews 2:17-18
 1 Peter 5:1-4

Jesus knew this life would be hard for us. It's why He gives us faith—to believe. There will be times when we struggle to believe what we cannot see. But the risen Savior is near. When we have trouble seeing Him in our lives, we can see Him here, in the pages of His word. And not just reading the words of Jesus, but experiencing them for ourselves. It's the invitation to continue to **COME & SEE.**

*Life was in Him,
and that life was
the light of men.
That light
shines in the
darkness,
and yet the
darkness did
not overcome it.*

John 1:4-5