

**REVIEW****“The Public Ministry of Jesus”****John 1-12****John’s Purpose Statement:**

*“<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:30-31*

**OBSERVATION QUESTIONS****\* Read John 1:1-9, 14 \***

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it....14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

1. In vs. 1-2, who is the Word?
2. What does verse 5 say about the light?

**→ Read John 2:1-3, 7-8 and 11**

“1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ...7 Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.”

1. Where is Jesus (vs. 1)? This is Jesus’ first “sign.” What does he do?
2. Who is present (vs. 2) and what is their response in vs. 11?

→ **Read John 2:13-23**

“13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18 So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.”

1. Where is Jesus (vs. 13) and what does he do in this passage?
  
2. For most of Jesus' public ministry the disciples, the Jews (or religious leaders) and the crowds are present. In this passage what is their response?
  - a. Disciples (vs. 22) -
  
  - b. Jews (vs. 18-21) -
  
  - c. Crowds (vs. 23) -

**\* Read John 3:19-21 \***

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

1. What does this passage say about the light?
  
2. How does this passage relate to Jesus publicly cleansing the temple?

→ **Read John 4:49-54**

49 The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” 50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. 51 As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. 52 So he asked them the hour when he

began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” 53 The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. 54 This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

1. Where is Jesus (vs. 54)? This is Jesus’ second “sign.” What did he do?
  
2. The disciples are present as well as a crowd with the man and his family. What is the response in vs. 53?

→ **Read John 5:2-9, 16**

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” 7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” 8 Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked....16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

1. Where is Jesus (vs.2)? This is Jesus’ third “sign.” What did he do?
  
2. What is the response of the Jews in verse 16?

→ **Read John 6:1-2, 5, 9, 11, and 14-15**

1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick....5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”... 9 “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?”... 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

1. Where is Jesus (vs.1)? This is Jesus’ fourth “sign.” What does he do?

2. Who is present (vs.2) and what is the response (vs.14-15)?

→ **Read John 6:35 and 41**

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst..." 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

1. After feeding the 5,000, Jesus did the 5th "sign" of walking on water. Then Jesus teaches the crowds who were following. What does Jesus teach?
2. What is the response of the Jews in vs. 41?

**\* Read John 7:14, 43-44 and 8:12, 30, 58-59 \***

14 About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching...43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him... 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ...30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him... 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

1. Jesus has returned to Judea for a feast and is teaching in the temple. The crowd is present, what is their response in vs.43-44, 30, and 59?
2. What does this passage say about the light?

**\* Read John 9:5-7 and 16 \***

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing...16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

1. Jesus is still in Judea. This is Jesus' 6th "sign." What does he do?

2. What does this passage teach about the light in verse 5?
3. Who is present and what is their response in verse 16?

→ **Read John 10:7, 9, 11, 14-15, 19, 31**

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep... 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture... 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep... 19 There was again a division among the Jews because of these words... 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him... 39 Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

1. This is a continuation of the discussion after Jesus heals the blind man. Jesus is still in Judea. What does he teach in verse 9 and verse 11?
2. Who is present and what is their response?

**\* Read John 11:9-10 \***

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

1. What does this passage say about the light?
2. Jesus is returning to Judea after the Jewish rejection in Chapter 10. How does this passage relate to the context of the Jewish rejection of Jesus?

→ **Read John 11:41, 43-46 and 53**

41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."... 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a

cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, 46 but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done....53 So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

1. Jesus is in a town just outside of Jerusalem in Judea. This is Jesus' seventh and last "sign." What does he do?
2. Who is present and what is the response in verses 45, 45, and 53?

**\* Read John 12:35-37 \***

So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,"

1. What does this passage say about the light?
2. Jesus says this just after entering Jerusalem with the people crying out his praises as king and Jesus teaching them that he must die. What is the final response of the people in verse 37?

**\* Read John 12:46 \***

"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

1. What does this passage say about the light?
2. The Jews and the Crowds have rejected Jesus. Who is the third group that Jesus will now turn his attention to before he goes to the cross?



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe what it means to live in the light. Describe what it means to live in the dark. How do you know whether you love the light or the dark?
2. Jesus has said he is the light of the world and he has called us to live in that light. What does that mean?
3. Jesus also warned that the light is not always present and we must walk in it while it is present. This refers not only to Jesus literally leaving the earth after his death, but also the opportunity for every person to choose the light before the opportunity passes.

2 Corinthians 5:21-6:2 "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

If you have seen the light, have you chosen to live in it? Jesus has clearly proclaimed he is the light of the world, have you chosen to live in him? If "yes," how do you know? If "no," what does your decision mean?