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General Instructions:

- 1. Please fill in the blanks on the following pages using a King James Version of the Bible. Please read the detailed instructions for the individual lessons on page 6 before you begin to put pen to paper.
- 2. When you are done, **return the Review Section (Pages 35-36) of this booklet** to the address provided below. **Keep the rest of this Booklet (Pages 1-34)** for your own use. NOTE: The individual lessons are designed to be completed daily so you can meditate on the material.
- 3. As soon as we receive your completed review pages, we will grade it and send it back to you, along with Booklet #6 in the Series. Review Sections returned less than 30 days from the time it was mailed, will not be accepted. Please spend time with the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help you learn the material.
- 4. When you have completed all four booklets in the "Gospel of John" Series, we will send you a certificate of completion.

Please mail the completed Review Section to:

Mountain State Ministries P.O. Box 217 Springfield, WV 26763 Ministry. CWPM's purpose was to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to prison inmates and their families, and to edify them through the teaching of the Word of God through Bible correspondence courses. MSM will continue this legacy and expand the Bible correspondence courses to anyone in world via the internet. This will provide anyone the opportunity to study God's word, become more closely imitate with Jesus, and be more sensitive and obedient to God's Holy Spirit. Our goal is to Exalt the King and to Expand the Kingdom!

Ray Witmer Jr., author of this Bible study curriculum, founded Country Wide Prison Ministry in 2003. His New Life Christian Growth Series has been administered to thousands of prison inmates throughout ever state in the Union. Mr. Witmer retired due to heath issues on 1 January 2017 and has provided Mountain State Ministries all rights to continue his legacy.

We are very grateful and appreciate Brother Ray's heart for God and his willingness to let us use this resource to spread God's Word among this generation of people.

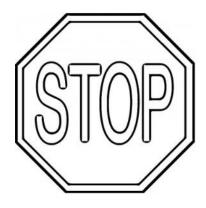
"Verily, Verily, I say to you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24

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***** INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR BIBLE LESSONS *****

- A. The Bible verses used in this study are taken from the King James Version of the Bible, translated out of the original tongues with the former translation diligently compared and revised.
- B. Before doing each lesson, take time to ask God to open your understanding and show you the truth.
- C. For the best results, <u>do only one lesson each day</u>. Meditate on each day's lesson. (There are four weeks of lessons per book)
- D. Keep in mind that these lessons are based on what the Bible says and not on man's opinion.
- E. These lessons are designed to help you to know the truth, to know the Lord in a personal way, and to trust what the Bible says and teaches you.
- F. Remember, it is not what you, I, or any preacher says, but what the Bible says.
- G. You must learn to stand on what the Bible says to "study to show yourself approved unto God, workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)
- H. Who wrote the Bible? (II Peter 1:21)
- I. All Scripture is inspired by God. (II Timothy 3:16)
- J. Regardless of what man says, the believer (Christian) has direct access to the throne of God and is responsible directly to God. This access is through Jesus Christ and Him only. (I Timothy 2:5)
- K. These studies are to help you have peace of mind. (Isaiah 26:3-4)
- L. These studies will help you know if you are going to Heaven or Hell. (Romans 10:13)
- M. These lessons will help you with assurance and security; these are not the same. The securing of the believer is God's work; It is a part of God's great work of Salvation depending solely upon His infinite grace. Assurance is the believer's acceptance of the security provided for him in Christ; It is the result of the human soul resting in what God has promised in His Word to accomplish. This is why it is important to know what the Bible says. (I John 5:11-13)



TAKE TIME TO READ BELOW BEFORE DOING THIS LESSON

Meditate on the Scriptures of this Lesson and Ask Yourself These Questions:

- 1. What do these verses teach me about God and myself?
- 2. Is there an example here to follow or avoid?
- 3. Is this a command, a promise, or a warning that I need to apply?
- 4. What action do I need to take to align my life with this truth?



The Bible is the Word of God

JOHN 7:1-14 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #1

*** This lesson is taken from John 7:1-14 ***

In chapter 7, which is the text for this lesson, we find Jesus in Jerusalem again at the Feast of Tabernacles. The city is thronged with people who have come from all of Israel for the religious holiday. There is much controversy over the Lord Jesus. Some are saying that He is the Christ, and others say that He is a deceiver. In this chapter, we see enmity of the religious leaders to Jesus. This enmity will grow until finally they succeed in having Him crucified.

| Jesus traveled in Galilee. He did not want to travel in Judea because the people there wanted to kill him. Who were these people? |
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| People today think they can do things without anyone knowing about it. What does the Bible tell us in these verses? |
| Jesus' brethren said to go to Judea so that "your followers will see the things that you are doing," for His own brothers did not believe in Him. Verse 5 says, "For neither did His brethren believe in Him." |
| Who were these brothers of Jesus? (Psalm 69:8) |
| Jesus said unto them, "My time is not yet come." What did Jesus mean with this saying? |
| The Bible says that the world does not hate us, but they hate Jesus. Why is this? |
| Why did Jesus go to the feast in secret? |
| There was much murmuring among the people even as people do today. In some churches, preachers and people say the same things about Jesus and still don't believe. What do they say about Jesus? |
| Out of all these verses, Jesus was telling the people about an important event. What event? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 56.

JOHN 7:14-31 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #2

*** This lesson is taken from John 7:14-31 ***

The Jews believed that when the Messiah appeared, He would become their king. When they saw Jesus' miracles, more and more of the common people were convinced that He was the Messiah. This alarmed the Jewish leaders; they did not want a new king. The priest and Pharisees were jealous about their authority and position of power, and they were afraid that they might lose these if they had a new ruler. They did not understand that Jesus did not want to be an earthly king, but wanted to bring men and women into the kingdom of God.

| In the middle of the feast, Jesus went and did what? |
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| Note: Jesus went to the temple (church), and so should we. |
| What was the letter that is listed in v. 15? |
| In v. 16, what is the doctrine Jesus is referring to? |
| If we are in God's will, how will we know if a preacher is speaking of himself or of God? Please explain: |
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| When we speak about God and tell others about Him, who should get the glory? |
| What is the Law that Moses gave the people? Please explain: |
| What should a man receive on the Sabbath day that the law of Moses should not be broken? |
| Note: Holy people in the Bible keep the Sabbath day. Compare this with today. |
| How did Jesus teach us to judge the appearance of a person? |
| How is Jesus an example to us in how He spoke to the people and rulers? |
| In verses 28-29, what was the message Jesus was trying to get across to the people? |
| Once again, the people sought to lay hands upon Jesus but could not. Why? |
| How many miracles has Jesus done in your life? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 57.

JOHN 7:32-53 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #3

*** This lesson is taken from John 7:32-53 *** In verse 32, who were the Pharisees and Chief Priest? Why would Jesus say that a little while I am with you and where I go you cannot come. What was Jesus talking about? Why were the people upset that they did not know where Jesus was going; did they not have the Old Testament that told them all these things? In verses 37-38 what is Jesus doing? Now, Jesus is telling the people about the Holy Spirit that was coming, He was not given to them yet; why? There was a division among the people about who Jesus was. What did they say about Jesus? In verse 44, again we read that no man laid hands on Jesus; "Why"? What was the reason that the officers gave the Chief Priest and Pharisees for not bringing Jesus to them? What was it that Nicodemus said unto the people to make them go unto their own house? Where did Jesus' brothers urge Him to go? _____ Why does the world hate Jesus? Of whom were the people afraid? Who sent the Son into the world? Who gave the Law? ____ Why did many believe? _____ Who is the Living Water? To whom may the thirsty go? From where was Christ to come? Who rose to Jesus' defense?

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 58.

JOHN 8:1-18 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

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*** This lesson is taken from John 8:1-18 ***

Please read John chapter 8. This chapter opens with the story of the woman taken in adultery. The religious leaders brought her case to Jesus in order to find some reason to accuse Him. Jesus, however, used this as an occasion to test the men themselves. The woman's act was wicked, but Jesus would not allow men who were sinful to condemn her while covering their own sin. On another occasion, Christ told the scribes and Pharisees that they appeared righteous on the outside, but were full of hypocrisy and iniquity within. Remember that the Lord does not see as man does.

| Why did Jesus go unto the Mount of Olives? |
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| Jesus taught the people at what time of the day? |
| The Scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. What was the purpose in this action? |
| When Jesus was done writing in the sand, how many people were left? |
| How many men condemned this lady? |
| What did Jesus say that He would do then? |
| According to the Law, there had to be at least two or three accusers to condemn someone (Deuteronomy 17:5-7). After they all went away, Jesus was the only one left with the woman. Therefore, He could not stone her to death according to the Law |
| In verse twelve, Jesus said that He is the light of the World, and he that follows Him shall not walk in darkness. Explain what Jesus meant by this saying: |
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| The Pharisees told Jesus that He bore witness of Himself, and the record is not what? |
| Jesus is trying to get the people to believe who He is. He reminds them of what is written in their law. What was it? |
| Who were the two witnesses that knew Him (Jesus)? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 58.

JOHN 8:19-35 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #5

*** This lesson is taken from John 8:19-35 ***

Jesus told the woman to go and sin no more; He says this to ALL who come to Him. He is the light of the world (the second "I AM") Who has come to dispel the darkness of sin (v. 12). In verse 36, it is crystal clear that only the Son can free us from our sin. When we trust in Him, we are born anew. He imparts His life to us and makes us His children. Then, because we LOVE Him, we SERVE Him; but we are not to try to merit the gift we already have—ETERNAL LIFE.

| In verse 19, Jesus answered, "You neither know my Father, nor me; if you had known me, you should have known my Father also." Why should the people have known Jesus? |
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| In verse 20, what does the Bible mean when it says, "No man laid hands on Him; for His hour was not yet come?" |
| Jesus takes time and tries to explain who He is in verses 21-24. Jesus tells them that if they do not believe in Him, what shall happen to them? |
| It is the same way if we do not believe in Jesus today. |
| Then, said they unto Him, "Who art thou?" Please explain why you think, after all the explaining Jesus did, that they still did not know who Jesus was: |
| Then, said Jesus unto them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall you know that I am He." What is Jesus talking about? |
| "And He that sent me is with me". Who is Jesus talking about? |
| If you are a Christian, it is the same way for you today. The Father will always be with you. |
| Many of the people believed on Him; what did Jesus tell them what they must do to be set free? |
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It is the same thing for us today. We need to abide in His word (Bible), and we shall know the truth, and the truth shall make us free—free to escape from Hell, free to know the truth about the Bible, free to know the right way to get to heaven, free to know God's will and not man's word, free to know you are saved, free to know right from wrong, free to know who the false prophets are, and free to know who controls the whole world and every thing in it.

They answered Him, "We are Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man. How sayest thou, you shall be made free?" What was Jesus' answer to them?

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 59.

JOHN 8:35-54 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #6

| *** This lesson is taken from John 8:35-54 *** |
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| Jesus told the people in verses 35-36 that the servant (sinner) abideth not in the house forever (the sinner will die), but the Son doeth what? |
| Jesus said, "You seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard from Whom? |
| In verse 41, Jesus is about to tell them who their father is, but they said their father was whom? |
| Jesus said unto them, "If God were your Father, you would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but He sent me." Why did they not understand Jesus' speech? |
| We forget that there are people today who do not understand God's word, and it is because they cannot hear God's voice. This is why you have preachers who don't preach the truth — God is not speaking to them and they do not know the truth. Please take time to read these verses: John 10:1-4 and Revelation 3:20. |
| In verses 44-47, Jesus plainly tells the people why they cannot understand what He is teaching. In these verses, what was the reason that they could not understand Jesus? |
| In verse 47, Jesus makes it clear to us that if we are of God, we hear God's word. Those people who don't hear the truth from God's Word are not of God. This is the reason why we have to be careful of what man says. Remember, God's word is truth, and if it is not found in the Bible, IT IS NOT TRUE. |
| Even after they said Jesus was a devil, He gave us a promise in verse 51. What was the promise? |
| Jesus is talking about the second death found in Revelation 21:8. |
| Jesus said, "If I honour myself, my honour is nothing;" who is it that honours Jesus? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 60.

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Lesson #7 *** This lesson is taken from John 8:54-59 *** Jesus tried every way to lead the people to know God, His Father, but they could not understand; why not? Jesus said, "Yet, you have not known Him, but I know Him: and if I should say I know Him not then I would be like you," a what? These people could not know the Father because they had to believe on Jesus first (John 14:6), and they did not believe on Him. "Your father, Abraham, rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad." The Jews said to Jesus that He was not yet fifty years old, and had He seen Abraham? Jesus said what unto them? **REVIEW OF JOHN CHAPTER 8.** The scribes and Pharisees sought to test Jesus. Who was really tested? What is the second "I AM"? What must we know to be set free from sin? Who is a slave of sin? Who is able to make us truly free? According to verse 42, if God is your Father, whom will you love? Did Jesus teach that all people are the children of God? Who is the father of lies?

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 61.

Can anyone convict Christ of sin?

What did Jesus mean when He said He was before Abraham?

JOHN 9:1-17 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #8

*** This lesson is taken from John 9:1-17 ***

Please read Chapter 9. Here Jesus repeats His claim that He is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, and then He gives sight to a man born blind. One is led to believe that if the Lord Jesus had power to give physical sight, He also had power to give spiritual sight.

| Jesus passed by and saw a man who was blind from what? |
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| The disciples, thinking that this man's blindness came from sin, asked Jesus if this sin was from this man or his parents. How did Jesus reply? |
| The last part of verse three says, "but the works of God should be revealed in him." What did Jesus mean by this? |
| Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day." Explain what Jesus meant by working while it is day: |
| Jesus said in verse 5, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Now that Jesus is gone to Heaven, who is the light of the world?(Matthew 5:16) |
| When Jesus anointed the eyes of the blind man with clay, Jesus told him to go wash in the pool. Was he healed because of Jesus' power, or was it because of the man's faith? |
| Why did the healed man's neighbors not know him? |
| When Jesus comes into your life, you become a new person. Even your neighbors will wonder what happened to you and ask, "Are you sure it is he?" |
| They brought the blind man to the Pharisees. It was the Sabbath day when Jesus opened his eyes. The people said, "This man is not of God because He keepeth not the Sabbath day." What did others say? |
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Will some of the people say this about you: "How can this sinner have such a change?" Will they see a difference in your life?

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 62.

JOHN 9:17-34 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #9

into his or her heart.

*** This lesson is taken from John 9:17-34 *** After seeing that the man who was healed could see, the Jews called for his parents to see if this was their son. What did the parents tell them? This man's parents did not know by what means he could now see, but they told them to ask the man himself, for he was what? After asking questions to the healed man about Jesus and telling him that Jesus was a sinner, what was the man's reply? Then, said they to him again, "What did He do to thee?" What was the man's reply to them? They asked the healed man if he was now what? The people said that they were disciples of Moses, and the healed man was Jesus' disciple. This man also tried to explain to them who Jesus was, and he told them since the world began, never had any man opened the eyes of one blind person. If Jesus was not of God, He could not do what? Verse 31 says, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but, if any man be a worshipper of God and doeth His will, Him He heareth." This is one thing we should remember when we go to pray. If we have sin in our lives, God will not hear us. But I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness." You have heard wicked people say, "I prayed, and I know God heard my prayer." What does the Bible say? The only prayer that God will hear from a sinner is when the sinner calls upon Him to save him and ask Him to come

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 63.

JOHN 9:34-41 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #10

*** This lesson is taken from John 9:34-41

The price of acceptance is sometimes high. The man who accepted Jesus' gift was cast out of the temple. Do you think that he felt the price was worth paying? The attitude of the Pharisees should teach us to be very careful to be loyal to the TRUTH; their religion was a mere outward show. They had already decided in their hearts that they did not want to recognize Christ as the Son of God as He claimed to be (verses 35-37); for if they did so, they would logically have to serve and honor Him. They shut their eyes to the truth; they really were the ones who were blind. Are your eyes open to the truth of God?

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| The Jews answered and said unto the healed man, "Thou wast altogether born in sin and dost thou teach us?" What did they do to him? |
| The blind man's physical eyes were opened and his spiritual eyes were also opened; he now knew who Jesus was. Some people will condemn you because you were a sinner, but as Jesus opened this man's eyes, so Jesus can open your eyes. |
| Jesus heard that they had cast out the blind man; he went looking for him. When Jesus found him, Jesus asked him an important question. What was it? |
| After Jesus told him He was the Son of God, what did the man do? |
| Note: in verse 35, Jesus went looking for the blind man; the blind man did not look for Jesus. It is the same today. Jesus comes looking for us. He wants to ask the same question. Do you believe on the Son of God? No person will be saved unless Jesus draws him (John 14:6). |
| In verses 35-41, Jesus is speaking about spiritual blindness. Please explain how these people were spiritually blind: |
| Do you think that people today are spiritually blind? If so, explain why and who they are: |
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Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 64.

REVIEW OF JOHN CHAPTER 9 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #11

| *** This lesson is taken from John, Chapter 9 *** |
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| The man was blind from birth; why? |
| The unbelieving Jews inquired about the miracle called what? |
| What was the man's parents' reply to them? |
| The Jews had agreed that anyone who confessed that Jesus was the Christ should be what? |
| The blind man who was healed told the Pharisees what? |
| The Jews said that they were disciples of whom? |
| Who did Jesus tell them they were disciples of? |
| Jesus found the man and asked him what? |
| What did the healed man tell Jesus when Jesus found him? |
| What did the healed man do when Jesus found him? |
| Jesus told the Jews that their sin remained; why? |
| Jesus said, I am come into this world that I may do what? |
| Jesus said unto them, If you were blind, you should have no what? |
| What is the main lesson that you learned from this chapter? |
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Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 65.

JOHN 10:1-5 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #12

*** This lesson is taken from John 10:1-5 ***

Please read John chapter 10. In Israel, sheep and shepherds were a very familiar sight. For this reason, in the Bible, God's care for His people is very often likened to the care of a shepherd for His sheep. In verse 7, Jesus speaks of Himself as the DOOR of the sheepfold; this is the third "I AM." Jesus was making it clear that He is the ONLY WAY by which people may enter heaven. Some believe that there are many ways to God or that Jesus is only PART of the way; they believe that one is saved by the death of Christ PLUS many other things. Note carefully that this is not what Jesus said. In verse 28, He distinctly says, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." HE SAVES, AND HE KEEPS. We do not keep ourselves saved by works.

| Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold (Heaven), but climbeth up some other way, (not through Jesus) the same is what? |
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| As you know, there are people and churches that are teaching other ways to get into heaven besides going through Jesus. Some say you must talk in tongues, some say you must do good works, some say you must go through Jesus' mother, Mary, some say you must pray towards the North, and some say Jesus was just a prophet. There are lots more people that have ways to get to heaven, but the Bible is truth, and what does it say about how to get to Heaven? |
| But he that entereth in by the door (Jesus) is the shepherd of the what? |
| To Him, the porter (doorkeeper) openeth; and the sheep (Christian) hear His voice; and He calleth His sheep by what? |
| And when He putteth forth His own sheep (Christians); He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they do what? |
| A Christian should know God's voice in his thoughts that lead him and tell him right from wrong. If you don't know or hear God's voice, pray and ask God to help you hear and know His voice. |
| And a stranger will they not follow but will flee from him for what reason? |
| When Jesus is living in you and you hear some preacher or person tell you something about the Bible, you will know |

When Jesus is living in you and you hear some preacher or person tell you something about the Bible, you will know right away if it is the truth. You will hear God's voice telling you that is wrong. We should be familiar with God's word, too.

He is not only the DOOR of the sheepfold, but He is also the GOOD SHEPHERD (the fourth "I AM").

As the Shepherd, He gave His life for the sheep.

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 66.

JOHN 10:6-16 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #13

*** This lesson is taken from John 10:6-16 *** Again, Jesus is telling them and us that the only way we can get to heaven is through Him. Verse 9 says, I am the door; if any man enters (calls on me), he shall be what? Note the word "SHALL" be saved. The Bible does not say "maybe," but "SHALL" be (no doubts). This is a precious promise that Jesus gave us. "The thief cometh not, except for to steal, and to kill and to destroy." The Bible is talking about Satan. This is what he wants to do to us. But Jesus said, I have come that you might have what? How sweet it is to know that we can have a Shepherd who cares about us. We must trust Him to lead us each day, and we must be certain to follow Him. Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd." The good Shepherd will do what for His sheep? We know now that Jesus has already given His life us on the cross. This statement has been fulfilled. "But he that is an hireling (hired man), and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf (trouble) coming, and leaveth the sheep (Christian) and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them" and does what? This is what happens today in a lot of churches. The preacher (hired man) sees trouble coming and leaves the church because he does not care for the sheep and preaches only for the money. In verses 14-16, Jesus tells us that He is the good Shepherd, and we know Him, and God the Father knows Him. Jesus is concerned for the lost people that are not in the fold (flock). To them He must do what?

Note: The statement in verse 16 states that "They shall hear my voice." Jesus is still calling the lost. The question is, who will go and tell the people? Will you tell? (Romans 10:14)

The Bible says: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:13-14). Do you care enough about others to tell them what the Bible says about eternity? Do you love your neighbors enough to tell them about Jesus?

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 67.

JOHN 10:17-38 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #14

| *** This lesson is taken from John 10:17-38 *** |
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| In verses 17-18, what is Jesus explaining to us? |
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| As you can see in these verses, man could not and cannot take Jesus' life. Jesus laid it down; He gave His life freely for us. WHY? The answer to this question can be found in John 3:16. Can you see the power that Jesus has? The Bible tells us that He took up His life again and is NOW in Heaven at the right hand of the Father (Romans 8:34). |
| There was a division again among the Jews for this saying. What did they say? |
| What did the Jews want Jesus to tell them plainly? |
| Jesus answered them. What did He tell them? |
| This is very plain: if you are not Jesus' sheep (a born-again Christian), you will not hear God's voice and will not know Him. In verse 27, Jesus tells us that if we are Christians, we hear His voice, and He knows us, and we will follow Him. |
| Jesus made us a promise. What was that promise? |
| Verses 28-29 are two of the greatest verses in the Bible. Once you are one of God's sheep, NO one can take you from Him. This is not what man says, but what the Bible says. Don't ever let anyone take these verses from you. Hold onto God's Word; it is truth. |
| Jesus said," I and my Father are" what? |
| Then, the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. What did Jesus say to them? |
| In these verses, Jesus tries to explain to the people that He is the Son of God. In verse 36, Jesus tells them who He is. The people are to believe in the works that He has done, and then they may know what? |
| We have seen in these many verses that Jesus tries to get the people to see who He is and be saved. Do you think that today, people believe that there is a Jesus, and that He is real? Explain your answer. |
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Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 68.

JOHN 10:39-42 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #15

*** This lesson is taken from John 10:39-42 *** Jesus made a statement which angered the Jews so much that they wanted to kill Him. He said, "I and my Father are one" (verse 30). Several times before, the Jews wanted to kill Jesus and always for this same reason — that He made Himself equal with God. In their minds, there was no doubt He was not whom He claimed to be. Therefore they sought again to take Him, but He did what? We see here that man has no control over Jesus. It was not time for man to lay hands on Jesus, and they could not. Jesus went away again to Jordan, the place the place were John first baptized. Many came to him and said that John did not do miracles, but all things that John spoke of Jesus were true. What happened as a result? **REVIEW OF JOHN CHAPTER 10.** He that entereth not by the door unto the sheepfold, but tries some other way is a what? Does a Christian hear and know God's voice? ____ How does God call you? Who should Christians follow? Explain verse five. What you think it means? What is Jesus to the sheep? Any person that comes through Jesus shall be what? Jesus said He has come that we might have what? Jesus said He was a good what? Jesus is a good shepherd and knows His sheep. They will do what? What can no man take from Jesus? Jesus said His sheep hear His voice and they do what? Jesus said He would give what to His sheep? What did Jesus say that man would not be able to do to His sheep? Jesus said His Father is greater than all. What can man not do to him? Please list the most important things that you learned in this chapter.

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 69.

JOHN 11:1-10 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #16

*** This lesson is taken from John 11:1-10 ***

The Bible says, "All have sinned" (Romans 3:23), and that "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Because all have sinned, all must be prepared to die, but death holds no fear for the man or woman who knows Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Jesus has tasted death for every man and has removed its sting by conquering death Himself.

Read John 11. Here we see Jesus' power over death in the calling of Lazarus back to life. Life is perhaps the greatest of miracles and the greatest of mysteries. In the raising of Lazarus, Jesus showed that He is the giver of life.

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). This is the fifth "I AM." These are the words which mankind, with a fear of the grave, longs to hear. Faith rejoices that the Lord Jesus proved His tremendous claim by raising the dead!

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| Now, we know person. | that when the Bible says, "th | here was a certain man" and names | that person, that perso | on was a real |
| What did Mary o | lo to Jesus? | | | |
| When Mary and | Martha sent to tell Jesus that t | heir brother was sick, what did Jesus sa | y? | |
| Remember this 1 | verse and the saying of Jesus; | we will see later how Jesus was glorifi | ed. | |
| Jesus loved Mart | tha, her sister Mary, and Lazar | us. How many days did Jesus wait to go | see them? | |
| Jesus said to His | s disciples, "Let us go back to | Judea again." This is the place were | the people tried to do v | what to Jesus? |
| Jesus answered, | "Are there not | hours in the day? If any ma | n walk in the day, he | stumbleth not, |
| | | of this world. But if a man | in the | he |
| stumbleth becau | use there is no light in him " | | | |

Jesus is explaining to His disciples that the people are living in darkness because they are not saved. Jesus is the light, and if they get saved, they will no more walk in darkness. It is the same today, only we are the light of the world (Matthew 5:16).

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 70.

JOHN 11:11-26 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #17

| *** This lesson is taken from John 11:11-26 *** |
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| Jesus explains to His disciples that His friend Lazarus was sleeping. The disciples did not understand that Lazarus was not just sleeping, but he was what? |
| When Christians die in Jesus, they are not dead; they are with Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:8). |
| Jesus said, "I am glad for your sakes that what? |
| Jesus is life, and He created life. Now that Lazarus is dead, Jesus can show His disciples His power and that He is the Son of God. |
| Then, when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus was already dead. How many days was he dead? |
| Many people came to Martha and Mary to comfort them. Who were the people? |
| Who was it (Mary or Martha) when they heard Jesus was coming, who went to meet Him first? |
| Martha said what to Jesus when she met Him? |
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| Jesus saith unto Martha, "Thy brother shall rise again." What did Martha say unto Jesus? |
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| Jesus made what promise until Martha that He also gives to us today? |
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What a joy it is to know that if we repent and believe in Jesus, He saves us and we will never die. Even when our dead bodies are in the ground, our souls will live and be with Jesus.

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 71.

JOHN 11:26-40 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #18

| *** This lesson is taken from John 11:26-40 *** |
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| Martha said unto Jesus, Yea Lord, I believe what? |
| To never die, you must believe what Martha believes — that Jesus is the Son of God. You must repent, trust in Him, and ask Him to come into your heart and save you (Romans 10:13). |
| Martha went away and secretly called whom? |
| As soon as Mary heard Jesus was there, what did she do? |
| When Mary arose quickly and left the Jews, they thought she was going where? |
| Then, when Mary was come where Jesus was and saw Him, what did she do and say? |
| Jesus saw Mary and the Jews doing what? |
| Jesus' heart was touched, and He was deeply moved. He asked them what? |
| At this time, Jesus did something; what was it? |
| Now, compare the difference between what Martha said and what Mary said as they came to meet Jesus. In verse 21, Martha said the same thing that Mary said in verse 32; what was the difference? Mary fell at Jesus' feet. Also, verse 33 says she was weeping; she was broken and crushed (Psalm 34:17-18). Jesus was moved. In verse 34, Jesus' heart was touched. Jesus sees the tears we shed and the hurt we feel. He knows what sin has done to the human race. He will be touched if we come to Him like Mary did. |
| Some of the people said, "Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused this man not to have died?" Deeply moved, Jesus came to the grave. What was the grave? |
| What did Jesus tell them to do at the grave? |
| Martha said what unto the Lord? |
| Jesus said to Martha, You would have seen God's glory if you only did what? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 72.

JOHN 11:40-50 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #19

| *** This lesson is taken from John 11:40-50 *** |
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| Then, they took away the stone from where the dead was laid. There Jesus lifted up His eyes and said what? |
| Stop and look at Jesus' prayer; He thanked the Father for hearing Him. He knew that the Father heard Him always, bu because of the people that were there, He said this prayer that the people may believe that God the Father sent Jesus to earth and that Jesus is the Son of God. We should have the same confidence that God hears us just as He heard Jesus We are God's children, and He is our Father (Romans 8:16). |
| When Jesus had prayed, they took the stone away. Then, what did Jesus cry out with a loud voice? |
| And he that was dead came forth. Jesus told them to do what to him? |
| Many of the Jews that were with Mary saw this thing which Jesus did, and they did what? |
| Look back at verses 3-4. Can you now see why Jesus waited to go back to Lazarus? Many people believe that if Jesus would have gone back when they called Him, these people would not have seen this miracle and would not have believed and gotten saved (Romans 8:28). |
| Some of the Jews went and told what Jesus did to what group of people? |
| Then, the chief priest and the Pharisees gathered and said what? |
| Can you believe that after Jesus raised this man from the dead, the chief priest and Pharisees still did not believe in Him These people had the Old Testament that told them about Jesus' coming. Even today, so-called church people still do not believe that Jesus is real. But the Bible tells us differently, and Jesus is coming back again to take His children home. Will you be ready? |
| One of the Pharisees, named Cajaphas, being a High Priest, came up with a plan to do away with Jesus. What was his plan? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm, Chapter 73.

JOHN 11:50-57 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #20

| *** This lesson is taken from John 11:50-57 *** |
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| From that day forth, they took counsel together and plotted to do what to Jesus? |
| Jesus therefore no longer walked in what way? |
| The Jews' Passover was at hand. The chief priest and the Pharisees had given a commandment. What was the commandment? |
| REVIEW OF JOHN, CHAPTER 11 |
| What did you learn from this chapter that you never knew before? |
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| Do you believe that Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave? (Explain your answer) |
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| Can you use anything from this chapter to help you know God better? Can you apply it to your life today? (Explain your |
| answer): |
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| For whom did the sisters send when Lazarus was sick? |
| How long did Jesus then wait to go help Lazarus? |
| Who wept at Jesus' feet? |
| How long had Lazarus been dead? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 74.

JOHN 12:1-10 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #21

*** This lesson is taken from John 12:1-10 ***

Six days before the Passover, Jesus once more visited Bethany where Lazarus lived with his two sisters. The gratitude of the sisters who had received their brother back from the dead cannot be measured. Mary tried to express her appreciation by anointing Jesus' feet with costly ointment, used for the burial of the dead.

On the next day, Jesus rode into Jerusalem. In that age, war-like kings and chieftains rode on horses, but Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey, for He is the KING OF PEACE. Read Zechariah 9:9 where this story was foretold. Lining the streets of the city, the multitude hailed Jesus as king. Little did they realize that His kingdom would not then be set up, nor did they know how soon they would forsake him.

| Why do you think that people today are trying to take Jesus out of anything in public places and take the Bible and prayer out of schools? |
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| Why did the chief priest take counsel that they might put Lazarus to death? |
| Today, lots of people go to church and meetings to see miracles that some man might do; they go not to see Christ, but a man. Think about it. Has any man brought a person back from the dead today? Most of them talk about the people getting healed and do not show or tell them about how to get saved and meet Jesus. |
| Many of the Jews knew that Jesus was there, but they came not for Jesus' sake. Why did they come? |
| One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot, complained that the ointment could have been sold, and that the money could be used for the poor. What was Jesus' reply? |
| What was the difference between the services that Martha and Mary did for Jesus? |
| Mary took a pound of ointment, and she did what with it? |
| Jesus came back to the house of Lazarus and did eat supper with them. Who served the supper? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 75.

JOHN 12:10-24 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #22

you might follow Jesus fully?

| *** This lesson is taken from John 12:10-24 |
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| The next day, a great multitude heard that Jesus was coming. They took branches of palm trees and went to meet Him crying what? |
| Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat thereon: as it is written. Fear not daughter of Zion. Behold, thy King cometh sitting on a donkey's colt. (Zechariah 9:9) |
| As you can see, the people had the Old Testament which told them of Jesus' coming and how He would come; it is the same today. The Bible tells us that Jesus is coming back again, but people are not concerned about it. They live for themselves and the world, but not for the Lord. |
| Even Jesus' disciples, at first, did not understand; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this was written in the Old Testament. Who were the people who bore witness of this record? |
| What were the Pharisees thinking when they saw this? |
| There were certain Greeks among them. What was their desire? |
| This should be our desire today — that we might see Jesus. |
| In verse 23, Jesus said, "The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified." What did Jesus mean by this statement? |
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| Jesus said, Verily, verily, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it does what? |
| This is a very important verse. First, Jesus is telling them that He must die and that He will be alone; He must do this to bring forth fruit (save souls). Second, Jesus is telling us to be like the grain of wheat. We must die to ourselves and the world. In order to get people saved, we must think more of others and Jesus than ourselves. If you have ever seen a grain of corn when it goes into the ground, you will know that it dies and then breaks open; only then can it bring forth new |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 76.

life. We, too, must be broken so that we can have new life. Have you died to the world, sin, religion, and all else so that

JOHN 12:24-32 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #23

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| *** This lesson is taken from John 12:24-32 *** |
| He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall what? |
| What does this verse mean? You must break it down. First, he that loveth his life shall lose it. Look back at verse 24. Unless you die to self and put God first—when you die, you will lose your life in Hell forever. Now, if you hate the things that you have been doing just for self and the things of the world, and you put surrender to God, putting Him first in your life, then you will have life eternal with Jesus in Heaven where you will never die. In verse 26, Jesus gives you this promise if you die to self and put Him first. |
| If we serve Jesus, what will God our Father do? |
| Jesus said, Now is my soul troubled, and I shall say what to the Father? |
| In verse 27, what event is Jesus talking about? |
| Jesus said, "Father glorify thy name." What happened next? |
| What did the people say when they heard the voice from Heaven? |
| Jesus said, "This voice came not because of me, but for your sake." How was the voice from Heaven for the people's sake? |
| In verse 27, Jesus asked His Father to do something. The voice from heaven was from His Father. He had answered His Son. The people should "now" understand that Jesus was from God, and He was the Son of God. They were witnesses because they heard the voice from Heaven answering Jesus. |
| Jesus said, "Now is the time for this world to be judged and the prince of the world (Satan) be overthrown, and I, if I be lifted up (crucified)," then what would happen? |
| Jesus is doing this today; He is drawing people to Him through the Holy Spirit, but they turn Him away. Jesus even put things into their lives so they will look to Him. How did Jesus draw you to himself? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 77.

JOHN 12:33-42 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #24

| *** This lesson is taken from John 12:33-42 *** |
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| Jesus told the people that He should die, but the people answered Him that they heard (read) out of the law (Old Testament) that Christ abideth for ever; what two questions did the people then ask Jesus? |
| Even with Jesus being there, the people still did not know who Jesus was. |
| Jesus told them they had what with them? |
| Jesus told the people to walk while they had light. If you do not have the light, you will walk in what? |
| Jesus said, while you have the light, you should do what? |
| Verses 35-36 explain that Jesus is the light of the world. Light means truth. If a person is lost, that person is living it darkness and is going through life not knowing the truth about Jesus and Heaven; he will go to Hell unless someon tells him how to be saved. He is walking in darkness. The light means the truth. We now have the light (Bible) to show people the light. Who will tell people? Jesus gave us the commandment to be the light of the world (Matthew 28:19). |
| Jesus had done many miracles before them, yet did they believe? |
| It is the same today. Look at the miracles God does each day. Yet, people do not believe on Him. List some of the miracles God does each day: |
| This is the saying of Esaias the prophet to be fulfilled (Isaiah 53:1). What was the saying of Esaias? |
| Therefore, they could not believe. Esaias said what again in Isaiah 6:9-10? |
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| "These things said Esaias when he saw His glory, and spoke of Him." Whose glory did Esaias see? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 78.

JOHN 12:42-48 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #25

*** This lesson is taken from John 12:42-48 ***

In verses 44-50, Jesus made His last appeal to the general public to believe on Him. Most of the religious leaders had turned their backs on even the evidence of the resurrected Lazarus, who had been dead four days, and they were plotting to kill Jesus.

Nevertheless, among the chief rulers, many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees, they did not confess Him

The very book that you are now reading has recorded words that Jesus spoke. You are learning from His word what things to do and what things not to do. As the laws of the land, these are God's laws that we must obey. Take time to read Matthew 24:35, 1 Peter 1:23, and Revelation 22:19.

JOHN 12:48-50 The Gospel of John Booklet #5

Lesson #26

| *** This lesson is taken from John 12:48-50 *** |
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| In verse 48, what did Jesus mean when he said, "in the last day"? |
| Jesus said that He did not speak of Himself. Of whom did He speak? |
| Jesus said that the Father's commandment is what? |
| I know that if we obey these words (Bible), Jesus has promised us everlasting life. Now that you know these words, what will you do with them? |
| REVIEW OF JOHN CHAPTER 12 |
| Why did Judas object to Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet? |
| Why did the chief priests plan to put Lazarus to death? |
| When Jesus rode into the city, what did the crowd call Him? |
| What must happen to a kernel of wheat if it is to produce fruits? |
| If anyone who believes in Christ wants to SERVE HIM, what must they do? |
| To what did Jesus refer when He said that He would be lifted up from the earth? |
| What prophet had foretold that the people's hearts would be hardened against the Jews? |
| Many of the rulers believed on Jesus, but would not admit it. Why? |
| On the last day. Who will judge those who have rejected Christ? |

Today's Bible reading is Psalm chapter 80.

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| Today's Date:/ |
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| My Full Name: |
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| Jesus obeyed God, even though his own brothers did not believe in Him. Do you trust in Jesus and will you follow Him fully—even if your own family members or friends might laugh at you or reject you |
| Jesus stated (John 7:16) that what He taught is from God. Do you put God's word above the teaching o men? That is, if what the Bible says is different from what some people might say, which would you accept as true? |
| Even the religious leaders often did not understand that Jesus was the Messiah (John 7:45-53), while some of the common people simply rejected religious ways and followed and trusted in the person—Jesus. In what or whom is your trust? Do you follow religion or Jesus? Do you do good because you are told that you are supposed to, or do you do good in order to glorify God and because you love and follow Jesus? |
| Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery, but He told her to go and sin no more. Are we following Jesus if we sin, apologize, but continue willingly in that sin? Jesus commands us to repent and turn from sin. If we are sinning against God and/or others, we should stop at once. Have you repented and turned from sin in order to follow Jesus? Are you struggling with sin or do not know what to do? |
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| Jesus said that He is the Light of the world (John 8:12), and we should reflect His light. Do others see Jesus in you? Do you point others to Him by your words, life, and actions? |
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| Many are in spiritual slavery. Many are dead in religion and self. Jesus said that the truth will set you free (John 8:32). What is this truth that will set us free? Are you free in Christ Jesus? |
| The parents of the blind man healed by Jesus (John 9) were afraid to be kicked out of the synagogue is they believed in Jesus. What are some reasons today that cause people to be afraid to boldly follow Jesus? Do you know people that still are afraid to follow Jesus because they might lose their church status? |
| Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 9). Jesus said that we can only enter God's kingdom through Him, and that every other way is wrong. Only by entering through Jesus can we be saved and find the abundant life of which Jesus spoke. Do you experience this abundant life in Jesus? Are you trusting only in Him? Explain. |
| Jesus taught us that we are either alive in Him or dead in our sins. He taught that we either abide in the Light or dwell in darkness. He taught that we either believe and follow Him or we reject Him. There is no middle ground. A follower of Jesus may still sin at times and will not be perfect, but is your heart His? Do you really love Him? Are you following Him and trusting in Him, or are you following and trusting in anyone or anything else? |
| Do you have any comments or questions about what you have studied in this lesson or anything else? Is there any way that we can pray for you? |
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