

A User's Guide to JOHN, Pt 3

Sunday Evening, May 18, 2025 – WOCC – Rich Howell

FRAMEWORK OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN [The Life of Jesus, the Son of God]

A. PROLOGUE: "THE WORD BECAME FLESH" (1:1-18)

(1:1-3) The Eternal Word, CREATOR in Heaven → (1:4-18) The Eternal Word, SAVIOR on earth

B. JESUS' PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (1:19-3:36) *Mat 3-4; Mk 1a; Lk 3-4*

(1:19-34) John's ministry and testimony about Jesus → (1:35-51) Jesus' first followers → (2:1-11) Jesus' wedding miracle in Cana → (2:13-22) Jesus cleanses the Temple → (2:23-25) Not all who believed could be trusted → (3:1-21) Nicodemus, a Pharisee, visits Jesus at night → (3:22-36) John's ministry gives way (merges into) to Jesus' ministry

C. JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY (4:1-5:47) *Mat 4-9; Mk 1-6; Lk 4-7*

(4:1-42) Jesus and the Samaritan woman → (4:43-45) Jesus welcomed back in Galilee → (4:46-54) Jesus heals an official's son of a fever in Cana → (5:1-17) Jesus heals an invalid on the Sabbath → (5:18-29) Divine life-giver and Judge → (5:30-47) Three witnesses for Jesus

D. JESUS' MIDDLE MINISTRY (6:1-10:42) *Mat 10-17a; Mk 6b-9a; Lk 8-9*

(6:1-15) Miraculous meal! → (6:16-21) Miraculous crossing! → (6:22-59) Jesus' teaching about "the Bread of Life" → (6:60-71) Many disciples leave Jesus → (7:1-52) Jesus attends the Feast of Booths amid questions and controversies → [(8:1-11) Jesus extends _____ to an adulteress → (8:12-38) Jesus debates the Jewish leaders, who "can't _____ the truth!" → (8:39-59) Speaking of _____ → (9:1-41) Jesus heals a man born blind and teaches about spiritual "blindness!" → (10:1-42) Jesus as the _____ Shepherd

E. JESUS' LATE MINISTRY (11:1-12:11) *Mat 17b-21a; Mk 9b-11a; Lk 9b-19*

(11:1-44) Jesus raises a _____, Lazarus → (11:45-57) The Sanhedrin (Council) plans to kill Jesus → (12:1-8) Jesus anointed by _____ in Bethany → (12:9-11) The plot to kill Lazarus

F. JESUS FULFILLS HIS MINISTRY (12:12-20:31) *Mat 21b-28; Mk 11-16; Lk 19-24*

(12:12-19) Jesus' Triumphal _____]

G. EPILOGUE: FROM FISHING TO SHEPHERDING! (21:1-25)

"JEWELS" TO COLLECT, KEEP, PRAY ON, ACT ON, SHARE!

- 💎 "The Light of the world!" (John 8:12)
- 💎 The truth about true disciples! (John 8:31-32)
- 💎 The truth about sin! (John 8:34)
- 💎 The Good Shepherd! (John 10:11)
- 💎 "The Resurrection and the Life!" (John 11:25)

EVENING DEVOTION: Identifying As Jesus' True Sheep (John 10:1-30) *Last Sunday evening we considered Jesus as "the Bread of life." Tonight, another metaphor: Jesus as the "Good Shepherd," the "One Shepherd," and His followers as the "sheep" of His "One Flock."*

OPEN UP: There are two kinds of people in the world: Sheep without a shepherd and sheep with the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11,14-15; Mat 9:36; Isaiah 53:6; 1 Pet 2:25; Psalm 23)

i. Trademarks of Jesus' true sheep:

- A. They _____ and _____ the Good Shepherd! (10:26,14)
- B. They are saved by entering His One _____ through the One _____!
(10:7-9,16; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Eph 4:5; 1 Cor 12:13; Col 1:12-14)
- C. They _____ the voice of the Good Shepherd, and _____ His voice!
(10:3-5,16,27; Mat 17:5; Heb 1:1-2)
- D. They _____ the Good Shepherd, by _____ His voice!
(10:3-4,27; John 8:31-32; Mat 28:20)

ii. Rewards of being Jesus' true sheep:

- A. You have a Shepherd who _____ to save you (10:11), who _____ you (10:3-4), and who is _____ with you! (10:12; Mat 28:20b; Heb 13:5b-6)
- B. You have _____ life NOW! (10:10)
- C. You will have _____ life LATER! (10:28a; Rom 6:23)
- D. You will _____! (10:28b-29; Rom 8:35-39; Jude 20-25)

WRAP UP: Have you chosen Jesus as your Good Shepherd? Are you closely following Him?