

A User's Guide to JOHN, Pt 4

Sunday Evening, May 25, 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 mercy to an adulteress → (8:12-38) Jesus debates the Jewish leaders, who "can't handle the truth!" → (8:39-59) Speaking of fathers → (9:1-41) Jesus heals a man born blind and teaches about spiritual "blindness!" → (10:1-42) Jesus as the Good Shepherd

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

(11:1-44) Jesus raises a friend, Lazarus → (11:45-57) The Sanhedrin (Council) plans to kill Jesus → (12:1-8) Jesus anointed by Mary 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 Entry → [(12:20-36) From service to _____ → (12:37-43) The unbelieving and the _____ → (12:44-50) Salvation now, _____ later → (Chs. 13-14) THE NIGHT BEFORE – IN THE UPPER ROOM: (13:1-20 – Jesus washes their feet; 13:21-30 – Jesus' betrayer; 13:31-35 – Jesus' departure & "_____ commandment;" 13:36-38 – Peter's denial; 14:1-14 – Jesus plan to go away, and to come _____; 14:15-31 – Jesus' plan to go away, and to come _____!) → (Chs. 15-17) THE NIGHT BEFORE – ON THE WAY TO THE GARDEN: (15:1-17 – The Vine & the Branches; 15:18-16:15 – A warning about H_____ & a promise about The H_____; 16:16-33 – Joy and peace in Christ; 17:1-26 – Jesus' priestly _____)]

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

“JEWELS” TO COLLECT, KEEP, PRAY ON, ACT ON, SHARE!

- 💎 Be the light! (John 12:36)
- 💎 Jesus new “love” command! (John 13:34-35)
- 💎 The remedy for a troubled heart! (John 14:1)
- 💎 His way or no way! (John 14:6)
- 💎 How to love Jesus! (John 14:15)
- 💎 Real peace! (John 14:27; 16:33)

EVENING DEVOTION: Living in the Meantime! (Selections from **John 13-16**)

On that eventful “night before,” Jesus had three stunning, life-changing announcements:

- 1) *“I am _____!” (John 13:31-33,36)*
- 2) *“I am _____!” (John 14:1-3)*
- 3) *In the _____, “I am coming _____!” John 14:15-23,28.*

Two questions about #3:

i. First, what is Jesus doing “in the meantime?”

- 1) _____ing a place for us (John 14:2-3)
- 2) _____ing in us, for us and through us (John 14:12-14; 15:5; Phil 4:13)
- 3) _____ing in us through the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-23)

ii. Second, what should we be doing “in the meantime?”

- 1) _____ing as Jesus served! (John 13:14-15)
- 2) _____ing as Jesus loved! (John 13:34-35; 15:12-14)
- 3) _____ing and not being afraid! (John 14:1,27; 16:33)
- 4) _____ing in His name (John 14:12-14; 15:7,16; 16:23-24,26)
- 5) _____ing in His name – _____ing His commandments! (John 14:12-15,21,23; 15:7-8,12-16)
- 6) _____ing connected and _____ing fruit! (John 15:5-10,16)

WRAP UP: *So while we wonder, “When will Jesus come back?”, the better question is, WHO WILL _____ FOR _____ “IN THE MEANTIME?”*