

A User's Guide to JOHN, Pt 5

Sunday Evening, June 1, 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 sacrifice → (12:37-43) The unbelieving and the cowardly → (12:44-50) Salvation now, judgment 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 & "new commandment;" 13:36-38 – Peter's denial; 14:1-14 – Jesus' plan to go away, and to come back; 14:15-31 – Jesus' plan to go away, and to come "in!") → (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 hatred & a promise about The Holy Spirit; 16:16-33 – Joy and peace in Christ; 17:1-26 – Jesus' priestly prayer)

[(18:1-12) Jesus arrested at the garden → (18:13-27) Jesus taken to _____, then to High Priest, Caiaphas/Peter's _____-denial → (18:28-40) Jesus before Governor Pilate → (19:1-16) Pilate has Jesus flogged, tries to release Him, but finally _____! → (19:17-27) Jesus crucified at _____/speaks to _____ and John → (19:28-37) Jesus' death and _____ → (19:38-42) Joseph and Nicodemus give Jesus a proper burial → (20:1-10) Peter & John _____ Mary's report of the empty tomb → (20:11-18) Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene → (20:19-23) Jesus appears to the disciples, _____ Thomas (1st Sunday eve.) → (20:24-29) Jesus appears to the disciples, _____ Thomas (2nd Sunday eve.) → (20:30-31) Author's purpose statement (continues ...)]

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

(21:1-14) Another fishing miracle and _____ with Jesus! → **(21:15-22)** Jesus' _____ of Simon Peter → **(21:23-25)** Author's clarification and final remarks]

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

- 💎 Not from this world! (John 18:36)
- 💎 Mission accomplished! (John 19:30)
- 💎 The more blessed belief! (John 20:29; see 1 Pet 1:8)
- 💎 Purpose statement! (John 20:30-31)

EVENING DEVOTION: Time for a Re-call! (John 21)

At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus "called" twelve men to be His trainees, His disciples. Now, at the end of His earthly life and ministry, He "re-calls" them, especially Simon Peter. As we revisit that scene at the Sea of Galilee, it might be a good time for us to remember and refresh our own "call" to Christ (our initial conversion and commitment).

1. **John 21:1-3** – On two consecutive Sunday evenings, Jesus appeared to His disciples in that upper room. They believed He was alive, and were glad, but they just weren't sure what to do next. One day, Peter and six others retreated to what was ...
 - _____ and _____.
2. **John 21:4-8** – Jesus' disciples then and now – we're all in the same boat!
 - Without Him, _____ and disappointed.
 - With Him, blessed and _____!
3. **John 21:9-14** – Not only did Jesus appear to them, fill their nets and make them a nice breakfast, He also ...
 - _____ them of their "call" and their "calling!" (Luke 5:1-11; Mat 4:18-20)
4. **John 21:15-17** – A one-on-one "_____ check":
 - ☐ "Do you love me _____ anything or anyone?" (Mat 10:37-38; Luke 14:26-33)
 - ☐ "Do you love me enough to _____ my people?"
5. **John 21:18-22** – A one-on-one "_____ check":
 - ☐ "Will you follow me no matter what the _____?"
 - ☐ "Will you follow me no matter what _____ may/may not _____?"