

WEEKLY BIBLE READING GUIDE FOR 2018

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“Jesus in the Gospel of John”

Third Week

Monday, March 5: John 6:25-71 ... Jesus, the bread of life

Earlier, Jesus performed a miracle of feeding five thousand people. But, now, he says to them, “Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” And then, he reveals to them that he is the bread of life. He will satisfy their hunger.

In what ways do you spiritually nourish yourself on Jesus?

Tuesday, March 6: John 7:1-24 ... Jesus in the temple

People did not understand Jesus, and even his own brothers did not believe in him. Some people wanted to kill him because of what he said about himself. But, in the midst of the growing controversy, Jesus stayed the course, teaching people what he believed from God and confronting their evil intention to harm him. *Do you honestly confront critical issues in life or avoid them? How can you remain calm in the midst of controversy?*

Wednesday, March 7: John 7:25-53 ... Is Jesus the Christ?

The controversy surrounding Jesus kept growing while Jesus was in the temple. Jesus’ enemies were frustrated because temple guards would not arrest him. Nicodemus pointed out to them that the law does not judge anyone without fair hearing. But, instead of hearing, we will find later, the Pharisees and chief priests set a trap for Jesus. *Jesus’ teaching can be difficult to understand as it was to the people of his time.*

How do you seek to better hear and understand Jesus and his teaching?

Thursday, March 18: John 8:1-30 ... Jesus, the light of the world

Jesus’ enemies brought to Jesus a woman who was caught in adultery. It was a trap they set for him. But, Jesus disarmed them and gave their victim a new start. *How does the way Jesus treated the woman help you face some of the sins you struggle with? Which is harder for you to seek forgiveness or to forgive? Why?*

Friday, March 9: John 8:31-59 ... Truth will set you free

Jesus’ enemies were bound, not only politically but also spiritually. But, they were in denial of their state. Jesus told them, “The truth will set you free.” *How does Jesus’ words speak to you? Is there any part of your life that needs to be freed through the light and truth of Jesus Christ?*

Saturday, March 10: John 9:1-41 ... Healing of the man born blind

While the man Jesus healed was physically blind, the religious leaders were blind spiritually. Instead of admitting their own blindness and celebrating Jesus’ miracle, they denied the fact that the man who was born blind can now see because of Jesus. *How important is obedience in this miracle? Have you ever missed out on a miracle because of your lack of obedience to the words of Jesus?*