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## STUDY GUIDE WEEK 33

August 13

JOHN 5-6

1. How does Jesus justify his work on the Sabbath in John 5?

2. What miracle does Jesus perform in John 6:1-15, and what is the crowd's response?

3. What does Jesus declare about Himself in John 6:35?

4. What reaction do many of Jesus' disciples have to His teaching in John 6:60-66?

*Discussion Question: Reflect on Jesus' claim of divine authority, His miraculous feeding of the 5,000, His self-revelation as the bread of life, and the varied responses to His teaching.*



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# August 14

JOHN 7-8

1. In John 7, why did the Jewish leaders want to seize Jesus?

2. In John 8, how does Jesus respond to the woman caught in adultery?

3. What does Jesus claim about himself in John 8:12?

4. In John 8:58, what does Jesus declare about Himself, and what is the reaction of the Jews?

*Discussion Question: Discuss the controversies Jesus stirred among the Jewish leaders, His merciful handling of the adulterous woman, His self-identification as the light of the world, and the implications of His claim in John 8:58.*

# August 15

JOHN 9-10

1. What miracle does Jesus perform in John 9, and what is its significance?

2. How does the Pharisees' response to the healed man reflect their understanding of Jesus?

3. In John 10, how does Jesus describe Himself in relation to His followers?

4. What does Jesus claim about His relationship with God the Father in John 10:30?

*Discussion Question: Reflect on the miracle in John 9 as a symbol of spiritual sight, the Pharisees' continued opposition, Jesus' self-portrayal as the good shepherd, and His unity with the Father.*

# August 16

JOHN 11-12

1. In John 11, what significant miracle does Jesus perform and why?

2. How do the religious leaders respond to the miracle of Lazarus' resurrection?

3. What does Mary do in John 12:1-8, and how does Jesus defend her actions?

4. What prophecy does Jesus fulfill in John 12:12-15?

*Discussion Question: Discuss the significance of Lazarus' resurrection, the religious leader's reaction, Mary's act of devotion, and Jesus' fulfillment of prophecy.*

# August 17

JOHN 13-14

1. What act of service does Jesus perform in John 13, and what lesson does He teach His disciples through it?

2. In John 13:34-35, what new commandment does Jesus give His disciples?

3. In John 14, how does Jesus comfort His troubled disciples?

4. According to John 14:26, who is the Helper and what is His role?

*Discussion Question: Reflect on Jesus' act of service and His commandment of love, His comforting words, and the promised role of the Holy Spirit.*

# August 18

JOHN 15-16

1. What metaphor does Jesus use in John 15 to describe His relationship with His followers?

2. In John 15:13, what does Jesus say is the greatest love?

3. How does Jesus describe the work of the Holy Spirit in John 16?

4. What promise does Jesus give His disciples in John 16:33?

*Discussion Question: Discuss the implications of the vine and branches metaphor, the meaning of Jesus' declaration about love, the role of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus' promise of peace.*

# August 19

JOHN 17-18

1. What are some key requests Jesus makes in His prayer in John 17?

2. In John 18, how does Jesus respond when He is arrested?

3. What is Peter's reaction to Jesus' arrest, and how does this fulfill Jesus' earlier prediction?

4. How does Pilate respond to the accusations against Jesus?

*Discussion Question: Reflect on Jesus' High Priestly prayer, His arrest and Peter's denial, and Pilate's decision.*



# The Answers

## AUGUST 13

1. Jesus explains that His Father is always at His work and so is He, thus claiming divine authority.
2. Jesus feeds 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, The crowd, seeing this sign, declare him the Prophet who is to come into the world.
3. Jesus declares that He is the bread of life, and whoever comes to Him will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Him will never be thirsty.
4. Many of Jesus' disciples find His teaching hard and choose to no longer follow Him.

## AUGUST 14

1. They wanted to seize Him because He claimed His authority came from God and He publicly criticized their understanding and application of the Law.
2. Jesus responds by saying, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her," leading her accusers to leave. He then tells her that He does not condemn her, but instructs her to go and sin no more.
3. Jesus claims that He is the light of the world, and whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
4. Jesus declares, "Before Abraham was born, I am," a claim to deity that incenses the Jews to the point of attempting to stone Him.

## AUGUST 15

1. Jesus heals a man born blind, demonstrating His power over physical conditions and symbolizing spiritual enlightenment.
2. The Pharisees refuse to accept the miracle and Jesus' authority, revealing their spiritual blindness.
3. Jesus describes Himself as the good shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep, and His followers as sheep who know His voice.
4. Jesus states, "I and the Father are one," claiming unity in essence and purpose with God the Father.

## AUGUST 16

1. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, demonstrating His power over death and affirming His claim to be the resurrection and the life.
2. They plan to kill Jesus because His miracles are causing many to believe in Him, threatening their religious authority.
3. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. Jesus defends her, stating she has done this in preparation for His burial.
4. Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 by riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, as the crowds hail Him as King.

# The Answers

## AUGUST 17

1. Jesus washes His disciples' feet, demonstrating the humility and servant-heartedness they should embody.
2. Jesus commands His disciples to love one another as He has loved them. By this, all people will know they are His disciples.
3. Jesus comforts His disciples by promising the Holy Spirit and the hope of heaven, and by declaring Himself to be the way, the truth, and the life.
4. The Helper is the Holy Spirit, who will teach them all things and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus has said.

## AUGUST 18

1. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches, where He is the vine and His followers are the branches. The branches must remain in the vine to bear fruit.
2. Jesus says the greatest love is to lay down one's life for one's friends.
3. The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgement. He will also guide the disciples into all the truth.
4. Jesus promises that though they will have tribulation in the world, they can have peace in Him because He has overcome the world.

## AUGUST 19

1. Jesus prays for His glorification, for His disciples to be sanctified in truth, and for all believers to be one as He and the Father are one.
2. Jesus surrenders willingly, acknowledging that His hour has come, and He ensures the safety of His disciples.
3. Peter denies Jesus three times, fulfilling Jesus' prediction.
4. Pilate finds no fault in Jesus but, under pressure from the crowd, agrees to crucify Him.

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