



That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 1

"In the Beginning"

(John 1:1-2:11)

Sunday, May 24, 2026

5-Day Devotional: That You May Believe

Day 1: The Word That Was in the Beginning

Reading: John 1:1-5

Devotional:

Before time began, before creation took its first breath, Jesus existed. He was not created but has always been. The Word was with God and was God, actively participating in every moment of creation. When darkness covered the earth, He spoke light into existence. Today, that same creative power speaks into your life. Whatever darkness you face—whether sin, despair, or confusion—cannot withstand the light of Christ. His light exposes what needs to change and illuminates the path forward. The darkness in your life cannot extinguish His light. He is undeniable and unnatural, beyond our full comprehension yet intimately present. Reflect on this: the God who created galaxies knows your name and wants to shine His light into every corner of your heart.

Day 2: Becoming Children of God

Reading: John 1:9-13

Devotional:

Jesus came into the world He created, yet many did not recognize Him. Even His own people rejected Him. But here is the beautiful promise: to all who receive Him and believe in His name, He gives the right

to become children of God. This is not a physical birth but a spiritual rebirth that comes from God alone. You are not a child of God because of your heritage, your efforts, or your plans. You are His child because of His grace. Today, consider what it means to be adopted into God's family. You have access to the Father. You are loved with an unfailing love. You are an heir to His kingdom. Let this truth reshape how you see yourself and how you approach each day with confidence as a beloved son or daughter.

Day 3: The Word Became Flesh

Reading: John 1:14-18

Devotional:

The most profound mystery of our faith is this: the Word became flesh and made His home among us. God did not remain distant or detached. He entered into our world, into our suffering, into our humanity. Jesus was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. He came not with condemnation but with grace upon grace. The law came through Moses, revealing our need, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ, meeting that need completely. No one has ever seen God, but Jesus has revealed Him to us. When you look at Jesus, you see the heart of the Father. When you hear His words, you hear God speaking. When you experience His love, you experience divine love. Let this reality draw you closer today. God is not far off—He has come near in Jesus.

Day 4: Preparing the Way

Reading: John 1:19-28

Devotional:

John the Baptist understood his assignment: he was a voice crying in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Lord. He had followers, influence, and a platform, yet he never confused his role with the Messiah's. When asked who he was, John pointed away from himself and toward Jesus. This is the calling of every believer—to be a herald of Christ in our sphere of influence. You may not have John's following, but you have your workplace, your neighborhood, your family, your friendships. In these spaces, you can be a voice that prepares hearts for Jesus. Are you boldly pointing people to Him? Or are you building your own kingdom? Today, ask God to help you decrease so that Christ may increase. Make your life a signpost that directs others to the Savior.

Day 5: The Lamb of God

Reading: John 1:29-34

Devotional:

When John saw Jesus approaching, he declared, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." This was not just a title but a declaration of Jesus' purpose. He came to be sacrificed for our sins, to bear what we could never bear, to pay a debt we could never pay. The Spirit descended on Him like a dove, confirming His identity as the Chosen One. Jesus did not come merely as a teacher or prophet—He came as the Lamb, the final sacrifice that would end all sacrifices. Because of Him, your sin is taken away. Not covered temporarily, but removed completely. Today, receive this truth afresh. Whatever guilt you carry, whatever shame haunts you, bring it to the Lamb of God. He has already taken it away. Walk in the freedom and forgiveness that His sacrifice secured for you.

Weekly Memory Verse:

Matthew 5:3

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.