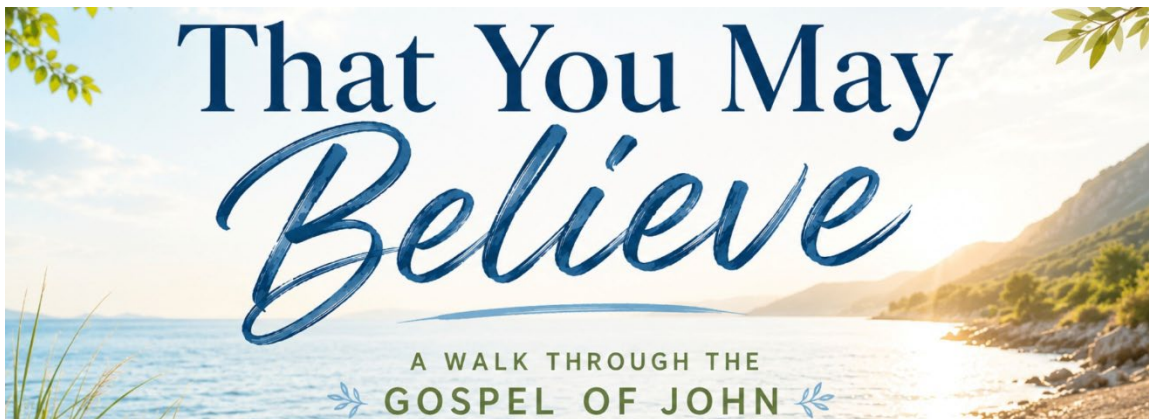




That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 20

(John 12:20-50)

Sunday, October 11, 2026

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Day 1: The Hour Has Come

Reading: John 12:20-23

Devotional: There is a moment in every life when God says, "Now is the time." For Jesus, that moment came when the world began seeking him. He did not shrink from it. He stepped into it. God's timing is not accidental. Every season of preparation leads to a season of purpose. You may feel as though you are still waiting for your moment of clarity, your calling, your next step. Trust that God is not withholding it from you. He is cultivating you for it. When his hour arrives for your life, step forward with the same resolve Jesus demonstrated.

Personal Reflection: Are you resisting a step God is calling you toward because the timing feels uncertain?

Practical Application: Identify one area of your life where you have been delaying obedience. Write it down and commit it to God in prayer today.

Day 2: Death That Produces Life

Reading: John 12:24-26

Devotional: A kernel of wheat buried in the ground looks like loss. It looks like the end. But the soil is not a grave. It is a greenhouse. Jesus used this image deliberately. He knew that what appeared to be his defeat would become the world's greatest victory. The same principle applies to our lives. The dreams surrendered, the pride laid down, the comfort sacrificed, these are not losses. They are seeds. God takes

what we bury in faith and multiplies it beyond what we could have produced on our own. What you release into his hands, he will not waste.

Personal Reflection: What has God been asking you to surrender that you have been holding tightly?

Practical Application: Choose one thing today, a habit, a plan, a worry, and deliberately place it before God. Ask him to use it for something greater than you could accomplish alone.

Day 3: Light in the Darkness

Reading: John 12:44-46

Devotional: Jesus declared that he came as light into a dark world so that no one who trusts in him would remain in darkness. Darkness is not merely the absence of light. It is the condition of a life navigating without direction, without truth, and without hope. When we place our trust in Jesus, we are not simply adopting a belief system. We are stepping out of a condition and into a relationship. That relationship reorients everything. It changes how we see ourselves, how we see others, and how we see our circumstances. The light of Christ does not flicker. It does not fade. Walk in it daily.

Personal Reflection: In what areas of your life are you still walking in darkness rather than bringing them before the light of Christ?

Practical Application: Spend ten minutes in quiet prayer today, asking God to illuminate any area of your heart that has remained hidden from his light. Be honest with him and listen for his response.

Day 4: The Weight of Unbelief

Reading: John 12:47-50; 1 John 2:2

Devotional: Jesus was clear. He did not come to judge the world. He came to save it. The judgment that falls on those who reject him is not an act of divine cruelty. It is the inevitable consequence of refusing the only remedy available. The sacrifice of Christ is sufficient for every human being who has ever drawn breath. There is no sin too deep, no history too broken, no heart too far gone. But sufficiency must be received. A cure left on the shelf heals no one. The grace of God is extended to you fully and freely. The only question is whether you will receive it.

Personal Reflection: Have you fully received the grace that Christ has made available to you, or are you still carrying burdens he has already paid for?

Practical Application: Write out a brief confession of any sin or shame you have been carrying. Then write the words "Paid in full" over it, as a declaration of what Christ's sacrifice has already accomplished on your behalf.

Day 5: Carrying the Light Forward

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16; John 20:21

Devotional: The message of Christ does not end with your salvation. It begins there. Jesus told his disciples that as the Father had sent him, so he was sending them. The same light that rescued you from darkness is meant to shine through you into the darkness of others. You are not simply a recipient of the gospel. You are a carrier of it. The people in your neighborhood, your workplace, your family, they are not obstacles to your comfortable life. They are the very reason Christ left his light in you. Do not hide it. Do not hoard it. Let it shine with intention and with love.

Personal Reflection: Who in your life is still walking in darkness, and what has been stopping you from pointing them toward the light?

Practical Application: Choose one person in your life who does not know Christ. Commit to praying for them by name every day this week. Then look for one natural opportunity to share with them what God has done in your life.