

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE — WEEK 5

The Gospel of John

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Jesus Is the Light

John 7:1–8:30

7:1–10 - Jesus is in charge. *When Jesus doesn't do the expected.*

7:11–24 - Jesus is examined. *Looking beyond what we think.*

7:25–36 - Jesus is questioned. *Who is Jesus?*

7:37–44 - Jesus satisfies. *Come to me and drink.*

7:45–8:11 - Jesus gives grace. *Grace and truth.*

8:12–30 - Jesus reveals Himself. *I am the Light of the World.*

As we continue our journey through The Gospel of John, take time with the Scriptures, think through the questions, process **UP (our worship) → IN (our community) → OUT (our neighbors) →**, and ask where God may be giving you an **Invitation (Repent/turn to Him)** and a **Challenge (Believe/live for Him)**.

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SUNDAY — John 7:1–10

WHEN JESUS DOESN'T DO WHAT WE EXPECT

Jesus follows the Father's timing rather than human expectations. His brothers want Him to make Himself known publicly, but Jesus refuses to operate according to their agenda.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus' brothers expect Him to go to Judea and make Himself known (7:3–5).** What expectations do we sometimes place on Jesus based on what we think He should do?
2. **Jesus says, "My time has not yet come" (7:6).** What does His response reveal about His relationship with the Father and the way He approaches His mission?
3. **Where are you most tempted** to become frustrated when Jesus doesn't act according to your timing or expectations?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' commitment to following the Father's timing reveal about Who He Is?

IN: How can we help one another trust God when His timing is unclear?

OUT: Who around you may need encouragement to trust God even when His timing doesn't make sense?

INVITATION

What is God saying to you about His timing, and what is He inviting you to trust Him with?

CHALLENGE

Where will you choose trust over your own timing today?

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MONDAY — John 7:11–24

LOOK BEYOND APPEARANCES

The crowd is divided over Jesus, but Jesus challenges them to move beyond appearances and judge rightly according to what is true.

DISCUSS

1. **The crowd has different opinions about Jesus (7:12–13).** Why can it be difficult to follow Jesus when everyone around us has a different opinion about Him?
2. **Jesus says, “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment” (7:24).** What does this teach us about how we should evaluate Jesus and His claims?
3. **What assumptions about Jesus, faith, or Christianity** might you need to examine more carefully?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus’ authority and wisdom reveal about Who He Is?

IN: How can Christian community help us examine assumptions rather than reinforce them?

OUT: Who might need an invitation to look beyond assumptions about Jesus?

INVITATION

What is God saying about an assumption you have made, and what is He inviting you to reconsider?

CHALLENGE

What is one assumption about Jesus you will allow Scripture to challenge today?

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TUESDAY — John 7:25–36

WHO IS JESUS?

People wrestle with Jesus' identity because they think they know where He comes from. Jesus makes clear that His true origin and authority come from the Father.

DISCUSS

1. **The crowd thinks they know Jesus' earthly origins (7:27).** How can familiarity with Jesus or Christianity keep us from seeing who He really is?
2. **Jesus says, "I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me" (7:29).** What does this reveal about Jesus' unique relationship with the Father?
3. **What questions about Jesus** do you still find yourself wrestling with?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' relationship with the Father reveal about Who He Is?

IN: How can we create space for honest questions while pointing one another toward Jesus?

OUT: Who might be open to honestly exploring who Jesus is?

INVITATION

What is God saying about Jesus' identity, and what is He inviting you to believe more deeply?

CHALLENGE

What honest question about Jesus will you pursue through Scripture and prayer?

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WEDNESDAY — John 7:37–44

COME TO ME AND DRINK

Jesus invites those who are spiritually thirsty to come to Him and believe. He offers the living water that ultimately satisfies.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus says, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink” (7:37).** What kinds of spiritual thirst do you recognize in your own life?
2. **Jesus connects coming to Him with believing (7:37–38).** Why is Jesus Himself—not simply what He gives—the answer to our deepest need?
3. **Where are you most tempted** to look for satisfaction apart from Jesus?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus offer that nothing else can ultimately provide?

IN: How can we be honest with one another about spiritual thirst and our need for Jesus?

OUT: Who may be searching for satisfaction in places that cannot give life?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your deepest thirst, and what is He inviting you to bring to Jesus?

CHALLENGE

Where will you turn toward Jesus instead of another source of satisfaction today?

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THURSDAY — John 7:45–8:11

GRACE AND TRUTH

Jesus responds to sin with both grace and truth. He neither joins in condemnation nor ignores sin, revealing the character of the One who came to save.

DISCUSS

1. **The religious leaders approach with a desire to condemn the woman (8:3–6).** What does this reveal about the danger of truth without grace?
2. **Jesus says, “Let him who is without sin...” (8:7).** What does this reveal about our own need for mercy?
3. **Jesus says, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more” (8:11).** Why do we need both grace and a call to repentance?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus’ response reveal about His character and how He holds grace and truth together?

IN: How can Christian community be a place where people experience grace and a genuine call to holiness?

OUT: How can we show our neighbors grace without compromising the truth about sin?

INVITATION

What is God saying about grace, truth, or repentance, and what is He inviting you to receive or surrender?

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CHALLENGE

How will you respond to sin today with both the grace and truth you have received from Jesus?

FRIDAY — John 8:12–30

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Jesus declares Himself to be the Light of the World. To follow Him is to leave darkness behind and walk in the light of life.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus says, “I am the light of the world” (8:12).** What does the image of light reveal about what Jesus does for those who follow Him?
2. **Jesus says, “Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness” (8:12).** What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually following Him?
3. **What area of your life** most needs Jesus’ light?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus being the Light of the World reveal about Who He Is?

IN: How can Christian community help us walk honestly in the light rather than hide in darkness?

OUT: Who may need to see the hope and light of Jesus?

INVITATION

What is God saying about where you are walking in darkness, and what is He inviting you to bring into His light?

CHALLENGE

What concrete step will you take today to follow Jesus into the light?

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