



GLORY

JOHN'S GOSPEL

God's Greatness On Public Display

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Study 1 – John 1:1-18

CV, Postcode, And Sermon Notes (1)

Read John 1:1-18

1. How is the Prologue like Jesus' CV and postcode?

2. How does the author link Jesus' CV and postcode to the Old Testament books of Genesis and Exodus? *Fill in the table below.*

Gen 1-2	The Origin of Jesus' CV and Postcode	John 1	Jesus' CV and Postcode
1:1		1:1-2	
1:30, 2:7		1:3-4	
1:2-3		1:5	
1:3-6		1:9	
1:26-27		1:12-13	
3:8-10		1:11	
Ex 40		1:14	
Ex 40		1:14	
Ex 20:1, 21:1		1:17	
Ex 33:18-20		1:18	

3. How should this CV give you confidence?

He's eternal – 1:1-2, different to us. Read Isaiah 40:6

He's creator of all – 1:3

He sustains all things

Life – Read 4:42 – The one who gave life to the world, now gives spiritual life to the Samaritan village.

Eternal – Read 11:43

5. How does Jesus' CV and postcode help you understand why 1:5 makes complete sense?

4. How are these three character traits seen in the life of Jesus?

Words – Read 4:41, 50, 5:25, 11:43

6. How does Jesus' CV give you confidence to live for Christ?

Study 1 – John 1:1-18

CV, Postcode, And Sermon Notes (2)

Read John 1:1-18

1. What is John's role?

Read 1:6-8

2. Throughout the gospel, people witness to Jesus' CV and postcode being true. What do they say about him?

Definition of what the passage means by 'witness': "The term is best understood to carry its primary, legal meaning of testifying or bearing witness to the true state of affairs by one who has full knowledge or superior position." Bultmann



Txt	The Witness	What they say
4:39	The Samaritan Woman	
5:36, 10:25	Jesus' Works	
8:18	The Father	
12:41	Isaiah	
	Moses	
15:26	The Spirit	

3. How should their witness give you confidence in Jesus?

5. When you think of your life and those you meet, do those responses seem to fit with reality?

4. How will the world respond to Jesus?
Look up 1:9-13 and 3:19-20

6. What will mark all of Jesus' relationships and engagement with people, whether they be powerful or poor, strong or weak?

Study 2 – John 1:19-51

The Last Prophet & First Followers

John's Message - Read 1:19-28

1. What titles does he refuse to own?

2. What titles is he happy to own?

3. What titles does he give Jesus?

4. How does all of this lead to 1:27?

7. What does Jesus call the disciples to do?

8. What does it lead to?

The First followers - Read 1:43-51

9. What does Jesus call Philip to do?

10. What is Philip's response?

The First followers - Read 1:35-51

5. What does John call the disciples to believe?

11. What does Philip call Nathaniel to do?

What is Nathaniel's response?

6. What does it lead to?

12. How can we follow Philip's example?

Study 3 – John 2

Old Or New, Water Or Wine

Story 1

Read John 2:1-12

1. What does it feel like when something you have loved is replaced by something new?

Story 2

Read John 2:13-25

1. Compare the different emotions in each story.
2. Do you think the sign Jesus performs in 2:1-12 gives him enough authority to call out people's false and graceless religion, 2:13-18?
3. What brings about change in this story?
4. What is the future sign that Jesus will give that shows his ultimate authority, 2:19? 22?
5. In the Bible, the word 'glory' means God's greatness on public display. *How is Jesus putting God's greatness on public display?*
6. Where do your peers get their worth and value from?
7. How does Jesus model something different, 2:16, 24?
8. How can we learn together to get our worth from what Jesus thinks of us, instead of our own performance?



Study 4 – John 3:1-13

Teacher or Humble Student?

Read John 2:13-25

It's All About Authority

1. What generated such deep hostility towards Jesus, leading to the question: *"who on earth do you think you are?" 2:18.*

3. Who did Nicodemus think Jesus was claiming to be, and why was that such a problem? Read *Dt 18:18, Jn 1:45, 3:2.*

He Comes At Night – Read 3:1-13

2. How much does the temple trashing affect Nicodemus' attitude and agenda?

4. How is Jesus claiming a unique authority as a teacher?

Txt	How you enter the kingdom	Txt	Jesus' CV & Postcode
3:5-8		1:32-34	
3:12		1:1-2, 14, 18	
3:13		1:51	
3:16		1:12-13	

5. Is Jesus' claim to be a divine teacher still offensive to people today?

7. What will that look like in your life? In what kind of issues do you find it difficult to allow Jesus to be your teacher?

Why or why not? Read 3:11-13.

6. Are you ready to move from being a teacher to a humble student?



Study 5 – John 3:14-21

Let Me Teach You How To Look & Live

Nicodemus, Let Me Teach You About My Mission

Read John 3:14-21

Remember the meaning of '**GLORY**' = '*God's greatness on public display*'.

1. Read 3:14-15

What is Jesus teaching Nicodemus about the similarities between Israel and people then and now?

2. Read Numbers 21:4-9, Jn 3:14-15

How does the mission of Jesus link with the snake?

Nicodemus, Let Me Teach You About My Father

Read 3:16-18

Remember the meaning of '**WORLD**' = '*A way of thinking and living that rejects Jesus and the one who sent him*'.

When Jesus teaches Nicodemus about the world,

he's speaking about an attitude people own, more than a place where people live.

4. How do these verses, 1:9-11, reflect what John means by 'world'?

5. How might you see this attitude being played out in school friends, social media, even family?

6. What words are used to describe God's character and actions?

3. How radical, controversial is Jesus' statement. "I am God's unique saviour"?

7. How should God's love be affecting your daily life?

8. How you view yourself, your worth, purpose, future?

9. How you view your friends, their worth, purpose, future?

Nicodemus, Let Me Teach You About Your Greatest Need

Read 3:19-21

Remember the meaning of '**SIN**' = '*Refusing to believe in the one the Father has sent*'.

10. What words are used to describe people's character and actions?

11. How does that make God's love towards you even more amazing?



Study 6 – John 3:22-36

The Humble Student

Read 3:22-26

1. What's your first thought when you hear the word humility?

2. How is the power and influence changing in the story?

3. How might you have felt if you were John?

How does the following C.S. Lewis quote help us to understand how John the Baptist acts?

"In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison – you do not know God at all. As long as you are proud, you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people, and of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you". C.S. Lewis

Read 3:27-30

4. How does John arrive at the reality of living out 3:30?

5. Where does he look?

Read 3:31-36

8. How does the author define the difference between John and Jesus?

9. What decision does the author encourage us to make 3:36?

6. Whose voice does he train himself to listen to?

7. Why do you think looking and listening brings John deep joy?

The table below shows what the meaning of joy is in John's gospel.

Txt	The meaning of joy in John's Gospel
3:29	
15:11	
16:20-24	
17:13	

Study 7 – John 4:7-42

The Saviour Of The World

Read John 4:1-42

1. If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?

2. If Jesus asked you one question, what do you think it would be?

3. The big threat to the Pharisees' power was John the Baptist, but how is that changing?
Look up 4:1-3.

4. What does the author consistently bring our attention to concerning the woman?

5. Why do you think he does that; what point is he trying to make?
Look up 4:7, 9, 22, 39, 40.

6. Where do you see similar division today?

7. What's the link between living water and the question Jesus asks the woman?
Look up 4:7-18.

8. Considering the Samaritan woman's life experience, why is her statement in 4:29, 39 so surprising?

9. How might her words reflect the living water she's just received from Jesus?

10. What does the woman and her community believe that makes them true worshippers?
Look up 4:25-26, 39-42.



Study 8 – John 4:43-54

One Word

The Truth - The Seat Belt Test

- *True belief is to follow the signs that point to Jesus.*
- *True belief is to listen and obey the word of Jesus.*

4. How is the royal official's belief the same as the Samaritans'?

Read 4:49-54.

Read John 4:43-54

1. Think of times or examples of when you have felt a bit used. People wanted what you had and not really you. What did that feel like, how did you respond?

5. What do you think the relationship is between belief and obedience?

2. Think back to the previous story. Why did the Samaritans want Jesus to stay with them? What was it that led them to believe in Jesus?

Read 4:39-42.

6. Can you have one without the other?

3. What's wrong with the people's motivation for following Jesus?

Read 4:44, 48.

7. In what areas of your life are you struggling to believe and obey?

Study 9 – John 5

Sabbath, Son, Saviour

1. Why are the religious leaders upset with Jesus, and how do they respond?

Read 5:1-16

4. How do these truths about Jesus help you share your faith with your friend's?



2. What makes them move from a desire to persecute, to a passion to murder?

Read 5:16-18

5. Who are the witnesses who call us to decide whether we agree that Jesus is equal with the Father?

Read 5:31-47

3. What does Jesus say about himself to prove that he is equal with the Father?

Read 5:19-30

6. What does Jesus say rejection of him points to for those he is speaking to?

Read 5:36-44.

Study 10 - John 6:1-25

The Works Of God (1)

Read John 6:1-15

1. Brainstorm all you can remember of the book of Exodus and the amazing things God did.

5. How do these miracles show that Jesus is greater than Moses?

2. The author wants us to see these two miracles in the light of the Exodus.

6. Do you think that these miracles / signs show that Jesus did the same works as the Father, thus making him equal? Why or why not?

Read 6:1-4.

3. What story in the book of Exodus does the first miracle remind you of?

7. Can you understand why people think he's the promised prophet and King?

Read Dt 18:17-18.

4. What are the similarities?

8. How do you think you might have responded if you had seen these 'works of God'?

Read Ex 16:1-8.



Study 11 - John 6:26-71

The Works Of God (2)

- 1.** What were some of the huge claims Jesus made in *John 5:18*, and how did the miracles in *John 6:1-24* begin to prove that claim?
- 2.** What problem does Jesus highlight in the people's attitude towards him?
- 3. Read John 6:25-27.**
Do you think people have the same attitude today? Why or why not?
- 4. What are the 'works of God' according to Jesus? *Read 6:28-29.***
- 5. What does Jesus call people to believe about him? *Read 6:30-59.***
- 6. How do people respond to what he calls them to believe? *Read 6:36, 41-43, 60-66.***
- 7. Why do you think people find what Jesus says so offensive?**
- 8. Do you think people do today? Why or why not?**
- 9. How are Peter's words the sign of true belief? *Read 6:67-69.***



Study 12 – John 7:1-13

The Nature of Faith

Read John 7:1-13

1. Which words can you think of that have changed their meaning?

5. What does that show about their understanding of Jesus so far?

6. What relationship is there between what his brothers want and how Jesus uses the word 'evil'? *Read 7:6-9*

2. How would you use the word 'evil'?

7. How are people seeking to control Jesus?
Read 7:10-13

3. What kind of opposition is Jesus facing?

8. How is that similar to our day?

4. What do Jesus' brothers want him to do and why? *Read 7:2-5*

9. Why is it impossible for anyone to control Jesus?



Study 13 – John 7:14-53

Divided By The Postcode

1. When you think of someone believing in Jesus, what thoughts come into your mind?
2. **Read 7:14-24**
How does Jesus respond when people marvel at his teaching? *Read 7:16-19*
3. What is so provocative about Jesus' response? *Read 7:19*
4. **Read 7:25-36**
How does Jesus' answer raise the temperature? *Read 7:28-29*
5. How does this quote help in understanding what Jesus is saying?

"But the Christian message insists that people must learn afresh who God is, what the world is, and who we are, by looking at Jesus."

T. Wright
6. **Read 7:37-44**
What are some of the false promises our world makes today?
7. What does Jesus promise? *Read 7:37-39*
- 8.
9. **Read 7:45-52**
What is the faith of the guards and Nicodemus built upon?
10. Think back to question 1: has your answer changed in any way after today's small group?



Study 14 – John 7:53-8:11

Full Of Grace And Truth

1. What do you think is driving the actions of the Pharisees and teachers of the law?
2. For clues as to why Jesus wrote in the sand and what he might have written, look up *Exodus 8:19*, and *Ex 31:8*
3. What is surprising about what Jesus says in *8:7*?
4. Why do you think the people walked away, and the oldest first?
5. What's special about Jesus being the only one left?
6. How is it linked to *8:7*?
7. How does *8:11* reveal the uniqueness of Jesus, and the message he's come to bring?
8. How does this story challenge you?
9. ...Your approach to the vulnerable?
10. ...Your attitude to hypocrisy, in others and yourself?
11. ...Jesus?

Study 15 – John 8:12-30

Public Warning / I am Not Alone

Read John 8:12-30

1. Why is darkness dangerous and light good?
4. According to Jesus, what are some of the consequences if we refuse to acknowledge him as the light of the world. *Look up 8:21-26*



2. The Old Testament law always required two witnesses *Dt 17:6, 19:5*, which is the point the Pharisees make. According to Jesus, who are the two witnesses to prove he is the light of the world?

5. What does Jesus mean by the phrase 'being lifted up'? *Look up John 3:14, 8:28.*

Read John 8:12-30

3. Why is this claim so radical then and now?
6. What will the cross prove to all people? *Look up 8:28-29.*

Study 16 – John 8:31-59

Sin Not Seed

1. When you think of freedom, what thoughts come into your mind?

5. Why are the people so angry with Jesus?

Read John 8:31-32

2. What does Jesus say is the first essential step to believing in him?

Read John 8:39-47

6. According to Jesus, what is the evidence that Abraham is not their Father?

Read John 8:33-38

3. What are the Jews refusing to accept about themselves?

Read John 8:41-47

7. According to Jesus, what did Abraham look forward to?

4. How does Jesus answer them?

8. How do the people respond to what Jesus says?

Study 17 – John 9

Isn't It Blindingly Obvious?

Read 9:1-7

1. *What's the response?*

2. *What's the evidence?*

3. *What do you think?*

Read 9:13-23

4. *What's the response?*

5. *What's the evidence?*

6. *What do you think?*

Read 9:24-34

7. *What's the response?*

8. *What's the evidence?*

9. *What do you think?*

Read 9:35-41

10. *What's the response?*

11. *What's the evidence?*

12. *What do you think?*



Study 18 – John 10:1-21

Jesus And The Selfish Shepherds



Read 10:1-6

1. What claims to titles does Jesus make?
7. What's the mark of a false shepherd?
Look up 10:10-13

2. What's the first response from people?
Look up 10:6

8. Where do you experience people seeking to cancel Jesus today?

3. What is the mark of a follower of Jesus? **10:3-5**

9. Why does the Father love the Son?
Look up 10:14-18

4. What would it look like for you?

10. Why should that give you great security?

Read 10:7-13

5. What's the character of Jesus as the Good Shepherd? **Read 10:9-13**

11. Why should that make you praise God?

6. Can you think of examples in John's gospel where Jesus has revealed this kind of character?

12. What decision does the story leave us with?
Look up 10:19-21

Study 19 – John 10:22-42

The Last Dance

Read 10:22-24

1. Do you think there might be an end to God's patience? Why or why not?
6. What leads to the crowd being divided and wanting to stone Jesus?

2. What kind of attitude do you think the people have when they ask Jesus the question?

Read John 10:25-33

7. *Read quickly Ps 82.* How does this relate to the people Jesus is speaking to?

Read John 10:25-33

3. How is Jesus' answer similar to what the blind beggar said? *Look up 9:27 and 10:25.*

8. How would you sum up Jesus' last words to the Pharisees and Jews?

4. According to Jesus, why don't they believe in him? **10:26**

Look up 10:36-39. How does it link to his postcode and CV?

5. What's the sign someone is a true follower of Jesus? *Look up 10:3, 4, 19*

9. How are the last verses an example of genuine belief? Read John **10:40-42**

Study 20 – John 11

'Let Him Go'

Read 11:1-16

1. How does the first part of the story reveal:
 - a. The relationship between Jesus and Lazarus's family?
 - b. The humanity of Jesus?
 - c. Why is that important?
 - d. How might it help you relate to Jesus?
2. Why does Jesus wait? Look up 11:4-5

Read John 11:39-46

3. Do you think death brings darkness and causes people to stumble? *Look up 11:11-16*
4. Can you understand Mary and Martha's frustration? And are the sisters right?

8. How does Jesus reveal his complete mastery over death? *Look up 11:43-44*
9. How does this story bring comfort? How might it bring us future fear? *Look up 11:25*

Read John 11:17-37

5. What do they say they believe about Jesus? *Look up 11:24, 27*
6. How will Jesus show this to be absolutely true? *Look up 11:25*

Study 21 – John 12:1-19

‘The World’s Gone After Him’

Read 12:1-3

1. Why is Mary's love and devotion towards Jesus so deep and sacrificial?

Think back to John 11 and the other signs, miracles and teaching Jesus has given. She would have seen or at least heard of many of the miracles and listened to much of his teaching. Which of those things would have led to this complete devotion?

2. In what way is Mary preparing Jesus for his burial? How does this quote help you understand that?

“This king’s throne is a cross and his castle is a tomb. And when the coronation is over, it will be not one pound but one hundred pounds of perfume – a hundredfold (19:13) – with which this king will be anointed. Jesus is the Son of Man and the Suffering Servant, the Sovereign Lord and the slain Lamb (Rev 5:6); he is both the King and the corpse.” E.W. Klink

Read 12:12-15

4. These are quotes from the Old Testament about Israel’s King. What are they saying about Jesus’ purpose for coming to Jerusalem?

5. Think back to examples of Jesus’ authority. How might they give reason for us to believe that Jesus will save His people from their enemies and destroy their fear?

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Read 12:4-11

3. How are the responses of Mary, Judas and the Pharisees a reflection of John 3:19-21?

Read 12:17-19

7. What is the Pharisees’ fear?



Study 22 – John 12:20-50

“We Would Like To See Jesus”

Read 12:20-25

1. What question does the world want answering? *Read 12:20-21*

Today's passage is Jesus answering that question. It's his last public speech and interaction with the people of Israel.

4. How does this quote help you understand what it means to 'hate their life'.

"The Christian is the one who knows his or her true value and purpose and lives accordingly by following and serving the son. The fruit (Christian) is so organically joined to the seed (Christ) that its very existence is directed by the interrelationship. Hating life – which means to love it rightly (25) – is to live according to the sequence death-life-obedience." Hoskyns

2. Jesus gives himself the title Son of Man. What qualities does the Son of Man have? *Look up Daniel 7:13-14*

- *What are the practical outworkings?*

3. How does the illustration Jesus gives explain his mission? *Read 12:24*

5. What different ways does Jesus describe his death? *Read 12:27-33*

- *Why is that significant?*

- *How does that fit with the description of the Son of Man?*

6. What warnings and encouragements does Jesus give? *Read 12:34-50*



7. What impact should the warnings and encouragements have upon you personally?

Study 23 – John 13

Serving Like The Son

1. Think of examples from John 1-12 where Jesus has shown divine power.
2. How would most people use that kind of power today?
3. Why does Jesus wash the disciples' feet?
Focus upon 13:12-17
4. How does this quote help you understand why Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet?

"In making this protest Peter was in fact displaying the pride of unredeemed men and women, who are so confident of their ability to save themselves that they instinctively resist the suggestion that they need divine cleansing. They desire to do everything themselves."

R.V.G. Tasker
5. What lessons can you learn from Peter's protest?
6. What do you think it will look like for you to lay down your life for others?
Read John 13:34-35, 37.

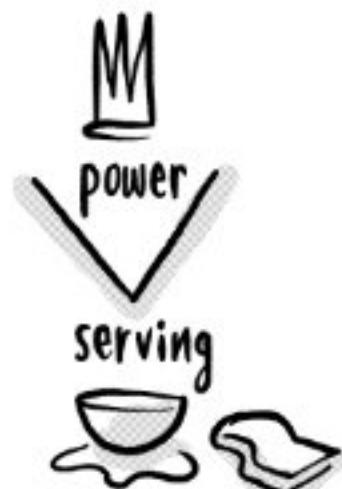
Read 13:1-17

3. Why does Jesus wash the disciples' feet?
Focus upon 13:12-17

7. If GF and Revolution was marked by all of us living like this:

- *How different would it be from school?*

- *Would your friends be attracted to come?*



Study 24 – John 14 (1)

“I Will Not Leave You As Orphans”

Read John 14:1-7

1. Jesus starts his teaching seeking to help the disciples with their fear. What are they so fearful of? *Look up 13:1, 33, 36.*

2. How does Jesus seek to answer their fears about the future? *Look up 14:1-7*

3. How does this quote help you understand John 14:6? Trace these themes through under the three subheadings below (Way, Truth, Life).

“Jesus destroys the wall that divides humanity from God (the way), denies the falsehood that distorts humanity in relation to God (the truth), and defeats the last and greatest enemy of humanity, death (life).” Calvin

The Way – Look up: 1:6-8 and 12:35

The Truth – Look up: 1:14 and 8:31-32, 42

The Life – Look up: 1:3-4 and 5:21

Read John 14:8-14

4. How do these truths about Jesus deal with their fear of him going?

Txt	Truth about Jesus	Difference it should make
14:8-10		
14:10-11		
14:12-13		



Study 24 – John 14 (2)

“I Will Not Leave You As Orphans”

- When the disciple feels like an orphan, alone and in despair. What does the Holy Spirit do?

Look up 14:17 and 26.

- When our culture uses the word love, what are some of the meanings?

- When the Holy Spirit reminds the believer of these truth's what effect should it have?

- What does Jesus always link love with? *Read 14:15, 21, 23.*

Txt	Truth about Jesus	Difference it should make
14:8-10	Jesus speaks the words of God	You learn to take your fears to the promises of Jesus
14:10-11	Jesus does the works of God	You learn to judge reality by the historical acts of Jesus
14:12-13	Jesus' name is all powerful	You learn to pray and trust in the powerful name of Jesus

What is the effect on the follower of Jesus? Look up 14:24-25

- What relational images does Jesus use to describe a disciple's relationship with the Trinity? *Look up 14:21, 23.*

What is your experience of this?

Ask your leader what their experience of this is.

- In what way has Jesus shown that the devil has no hold on him? *Look up 14:30-31.*

Definition of peace = “An unbroken union with the Father, even in a world filled with continuous strife, persecution, humiliation, and even death”. Hoskyns

Study 25 – John 15 (1)

Your Identity!

1. If you were to ask your friends what makes up their identity, what would they say? Which part of their identity would they say was the most important to them? Why?

Read 15:4-10

2. Jesus begins with an illustration. In the Old Testament, Israel was the vine and God the gardener. How does Jesus change things?

6. What's the relationship between understanding God's love and bearing fruit? *Look up 15:9-13*

3. Who's the vine, gardener, branches in *John 15:1-7*

7. How are Jesus' followers to be identified? *13:34-35, 15:12*

4. Why is it significant that Jesus is the vine?

8. What's the difference between a servant and friend?

How faithful were Israel? *Look up Isaiah 5:1-2*

9. Every Christian is a chosen friend of God. How should that identity affect our confidence? *Look up 15:14-16*

How faithful was Jesus? *Look up 5:20, 14:31*

Study 25 – John 15 (2)

Your Identity!

1. How has the world responded to Jesus? *Look up John 3:19-20*
2. What's the relationship between a believer's identification with Jesus' CV and postcode and persecution? *Look up 15:18-25*
3. When a disciple is hated, whose company are you in?
4. In what way does belonging to Jesus mean you don't belong to the world?
5. What might that look like for you at school, sports club etc?
6. Think back to what should be the primary thing that identifies Jesus' followers *Look up 13:34-35, 15:12.*
7. What comfort should the last verses of the chapter bring to you? *Look up 15:26-27*

How should that be a comfort and give you confidence?

Study 26 - John 16 (1)

The Spirit And The Cross

1. What two truths is Jesus calling the disciples to hold in tension?

Their identity - Look up 15:9, 15-16

Their place in the world - Look up 15:18-21

2. What's the purpose of Jesus' teaching from John 13-17? *Look up 16:1-4*

3. What's Jesus' first warning and how does that link with his CV? *Look up 1:11 and 16:1-4*

4. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and coach helping us remain faithful to Jesus.

What truths will help us remain faithful? *Look up 16:7-11; the definition of the important words below may help you*

Sin = rejection of the one the Father has sent

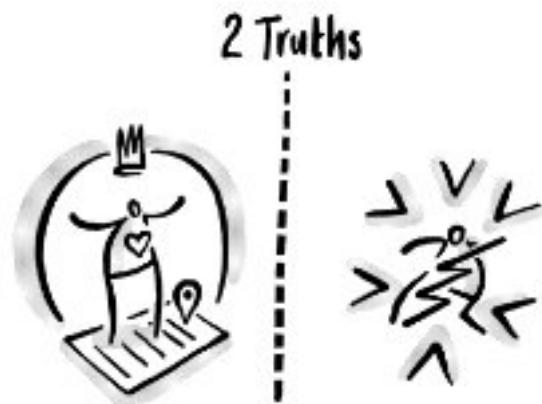
Righteousness = rejection of the righteous life of Jesus or his followers

Judgment = those who remain with the prince of this world, stand condemned

5. How is the Holy Spirit's work the same as Jesus'? *Compare 8:28 with 16:13-15*

6. Below are the truths the Spirit wants to remind all believers off — what are they? *You may want to pair up and split the verses up.*

How might people experience that today?



Txt	Truth About The Son
1:14	
1:17	
3:21	
4:23-24	
8:32	
8:40, 44-46	
14:6	
17:17	
18:37-38	

Study 26 – John 16 (2)

The Spirit And The Cross

Jesus states four vital truths about the cross

1. What emotions does the cross invoke in followers and enemies of Jesus?

Why do you think that is? Look up 16:19-20

5. In a world full of turmoil, how does the cross bring peace? *Look up 16:29-33*

This definition of what Jesus means by peace may help:

*Peace = "An unbroken union with the Father, even in a world filled with continuous strife, persecution, humiliation, and even death".
Hoskyns*

2. Look how many times joy is mentioned in 16:20-24. *What creates joy in the disciple?*

Txt	Joy and the disciple
16:20	
16:21	
16:22	
16:24	



3. How does the illustration of birth help us understand the cross further? *Look up 16:21-22*

6. How should a Biblical view of the cross shape your worldview?

How will it make you different to your friends?

4. How does the cross radically change our relationship to the Father? *Look up 16:23-28*

The way you view the world?

Study 27 – John 17(1)

Praying For Glory

Read John 17:1-6

1. What is the link between Jesus' prayer and his CV and postcode?

John 1	Jesus' CV and postcode	John 17	Jesus' prayer
1:14	The reason Jesus has come is to display God's glory	17:1	
1:14	Jesus glorifies the Father who sent him	17:2	
1:12-13	The Son enters the world to create children of God, giving them eternal life	17:2	
1:14, 18	He is sent by the Father to display truth and grace	17:3	
1:9, 14, 17	The Son is sent to make known God's truth, grace and glory	17:4-6	

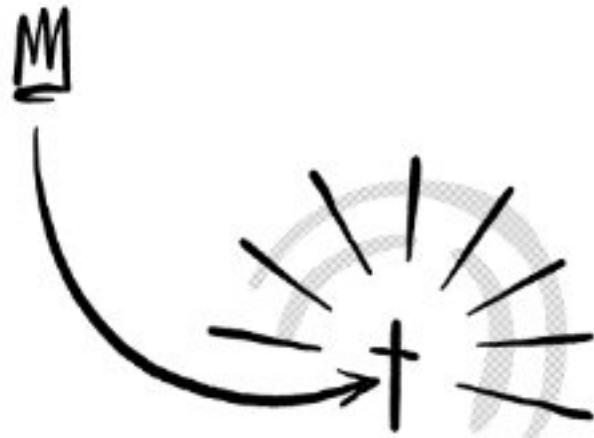
2. Why is Jesus praying for his own glory not ego-centric?

5. What does Jesus want all people to know and receive?

3. What is the work Jesus has completed?

6. How does that link to His 'glory'?

4. How does Jesus' prayer complement the work of God the Holy Spirit? *Look up 16:20, 21, 22, 24.*



Study 27 – John 17(2)

Praying For Glory

Read John 17:6-19

1. What is the link between Jesus' prayer and his CV and postcode?

John 1	Jesus' CV and postcode	John 17	Jesus' prayer
1:1-2	The reason Jesus has come is to display God's glory	17:6-7	
1:18	Jesus glorifies the Father who sent him	17:8	
1:12-13	The Son enters the world to create children of God, giving them eternal life	17:9	
1:16	He is sent by the Father to display truth and grace	17:10	
1:5, 9-13	The Son is sent to make known God's truth, grace and glory	17:11-12	
1:1-2	The unity of the trinity is seen from the beginning of time	17:11	
1:12-13	The Son enters the world to create children of God, by giving them eternal life	17:13	
1:11	His own people reject him	17:17	
1:5, 9-13	No one can defeat Jesus who is the light of God	17:15	
1:9, 14, 17-18	The Son is sent to make known God's truth, grace and glory	17:17-19	

2. What is the repeated request of Jesus to his Father about the twelve disciples?

Look up 17: 11, 12, 15.

5. Why is this protection essential?

Look up 17:13-16

3. Why does he pray this?

6. What is the evidence that Jesus' prayer was and is being answered?

4. What is their unique role?

Look up 14:25-26, 15:26-27



Study 27 – John 17(3)

Praying For Glory

Read John 17:20-26

1. What is the link between Jesus' prayer and his CV and postcode?

John 1	Jesus' CV and postcode	John 17	Jesus' prayer
1:1-2, 12-13	Jesus is God's message	17:20	
1:1-2	The unity of the trinity is seen from the beginning of time	17:21-23	
1:5, 13-14, 18	The plan of salvation is a Trinitarian plan	17:21-23	
1:9, 14, 17	The Son is sent to make known God's truth, grace and glory	17:24	
1:12-13, 14, 18	The Son is sent to make known God's truth, grace, glory and love to those the Father's given to him	17:25-26	

2. What's the first thing Jesus prays for us?

Look up 17:20

5. What is Jesus' longing to share with us?

Look up 17:24-26

3. How might the twelve disciples' unique mission help you share the gospel with a Muslim friend?

6. Have you ever imagined that the reason God made you, was for you to enjoy him?

4. Who is the focus of unity? *Look up 17:21-23*

What effect should that unity have on us, and what impact should it have on our friends when they come to church or our youth group?



Study 28 – John 18 (1)

Easter Meets Eden



Introduction

In this chapter, we are meant to compare the first garden in the Bible (Eden) with the gardens in this chapter.

Jesus is *arrested* in a garden – 18:1

Jesus is *crucified* in a garden – 19:41

Jesus *rises* in a garden – 20:15

The Arrest - 18:1-14

1. What are the similarities and differences between the Gardens of Eden and Gethsemane?

Compare:

Gen 3:8 with Jn 18:1-2

Gen 1:3 with Jn 18:4-6

3. Who is acting more like the High Priest at the trial? *Look up 18:19-24*

The Roman Gang

As we read the Roman trial, the author wants us to focus upon the questions:

4. What is the major irony/ absurdity in this trial?

What are the Jewish leaders worried about? – 18:28

How does this marry up with their actions towards Jesus?

Without realising it, how are the Jewish leaders fulfilling God's salvation plan? Look up 1:29.

The Jewish Gang - 18:15-27

2. How is the Jewish trial and Peter's denials a fulfilment of Jesus' CV – *Look up Jn 1:11, 18:15-26*

5. Pilate's questions focus upon Jesus' identity. How does Jesus answer him? *Look up 18:32-40*

In the Old Testament, the High Priest fulfilled three main roles:

- Teach the word of God
- Represent the people of God
- Approach God through the sacrifice of a lamb

6. How should Jesus' answers give you comfort and confidence?

Study 28 - John 18 (2)

Easter Meets Eden

Application Questions

1. Have you ever thought of history reflecting one story?

- *Have you ever thought of the Bible as that one story?*

- *How might that affect how you read your world, your social media feed, all that wars etc?*

2. How can looks be deceiving?

- Jesus versus 200-600 hundred soldiers - *but Gen 1:3, Jn 18:4-6*

- Jesus bound by a single piece of rope 18:11-12 - *but Jn 18:4-6*

3. What circumstances in your life appear one way, but with the reality of Jesus' CV and Postcode, could be viewed differently?

4. How can you learn to read your life circumstance in the light of Jesus' CV and postcode?

- 5. Why is Jesus happy for the discussion to be focused upon his teaching? *Look up 18:19-24*

- 6. How can Peter's unfaithfulness be an encouragement to you?

- 7. How has their religion completely blinded them to their own dark hearts? *Look up 18:28*

Could you ever see Christianity doing that to someone; why or why not?

- 8. How should the Kingdom Jesus is creating be an encouragement to you? *Look up 18:37*

- 9. What might it cost you to believe and live by Jesus' words? *Look up 18:37*

Txt	Jesus CV
1:1	He's God
1:2	He's Eternal
1:3	He's Creator
1:13	Power to save
1:14	God made flesh
1:14	Sent from the Father

Study 29 – John 19 (1)

'Here Is The Man'

1. Why are Pilate's words 'here is the man' so significant? *Look up John 1:14, 19:5, 19:31 and Gen 1:26-27*

4. How do the Jews justify their hatred against Jesus? *Look up 19:7*

2. How is 19:1-7 a fulfilment of 2:18-19 and 3:19-20

5. With the differing responses to Jesus, what question do you think John wants us to ask ourselves?



3. How is Pilate's opinion of Jesus different to the Jews? *Look up 18:38, 19:4, 6.*

Study 29 – John 19 (2)

‘Here Is The Man’



1. How is the cross both the promised hour and the time when Jesus will be glorified?

Think of Jesus' CV – 1:12-13, 17-18

Txt	What's Said About The Hour and The Glory?
2:11, 18	His cross is his hour of glory. He will be destroyed but will rise to glory
7:39	Not yet glorified, is an arrow to the cross
12:16	‘Only after he was glorified’ is pointing to the cross
12:23	The ‘hour’ in which he will be glorified is the cross
12:28	The Father’s true glory will be seen at the cross
13:31-32	As Jesus leaves the last supper to be arrested and crucified, God will be glorified
17:1	The ‘hour’ is his cross, where Father, Son and Holy Spirit will be glorified

2. Why is Jesus being thirsty so significant? *Look up Ps 69:21, John 19:28-30, 4:14-14, 7:37-38*

Think of God's love and wrath 3:16, 36

4. What is the challenge the author presents us with? *Look up 19:35-37*

5. Read the quote below to help you understand why Joseph and Nicodemus believe Jesus to be their King?

“A hundred pounds of spices (in our weight system, about eighty pounds): a hundred times the amount Mary had poured over Jesus in Bethany (12:3), and that had caused people to grumble at the extravagance. It was the kind of quantity (and quality, for that matter) that you might use for a king. That was probably the point. Joseph and Nicodemus agreed with Pilate’s notice, though for very different reasons. If Israel ever had a king, surely this was the man.” T. Wright

3. Why are the words ‘it is finished’ so important?

6. What is the link between God resting in Eden and Jesus being laid in a tomb? *Look up Gen 2:2.*

Study 30 – John 20 (1)

The Eighth Day

1. What was the primary purpose of the Day of Atonement? *Look up Lev 16:23-34*

4. Why do you think the author uses the word 'saw' continually? *Look up 20:1, 6, 8.*

2. What is mentioned three times in these verses *20:1-7*, and how does that link back to *Lev 16*?

5. How is Mary both right and wrong about Jesus' identity? *Look up 20:14*

3. Staying with the Old Testament Temple, what is the link between the Ark of the Covenant and the angels at the tomb? *Look up Exodus 25:17-22 and John 20:11-12, 17.*



Study 30 – John 20 (2)

The Eighth Day

1. How has Jesus previously referred to his disciples? *Look up 15:15*

What's significant about how he refers to them now? Look up 20:17

3. What are the two responses of his brothers when he shows them his wounds?

Why is that significant? Look up 20:20, 27



2. What are the first words Jesus speaks to his brothers? *20:9, 27*.

Why is that important?

4. How does Jesus' sending of his disciples reflect the whole of his life? *Look up John 20:21-23, 3:16*

How would it have revolutionised the life of Thomas? Look up 20:26-27

5. Why did John write his gospel?
Look up 20:30-31

6. How have you responded?

Study 31 – John 21

Grace And Truth

1. What is the link between Jesus' teaching in *John 15:1-5* and the story of the fish?

Look up 21:1-6

2. Pick five of the verses in this table to see how central the power of Jesus' words are to his CV.

Txt	When Jesus Speaks, what happens?
1:43	
2:8	
2:22	
3:34	
4:42	
4:41, 50	
5:8	
5:25	
6:68	
7:17	
9:7	
10:3, 5, 16, 27	
11:43	
14:21	
15:7	
18:5	
18:9	

3. What do you think it looks like for you to be devoted and dependent upon Jesus' words?

4. What's the link between the breakfast Jesus prepares and John 6:35?

Study 31 – John 21 (cont'd)

Grace And Truth

5. The CV of Jesus describes him as being 'full of grace and truth'. How are those character traits being displayed by Jesus in his conversation with Peter? *Look up 21:15-23*

6. What is the link between John 13:34 and the mission Jesus gives Peter to feed God's sheep?



7. What's significant about the first words and last words of Jesus? *Look up 1:43, 21:22*

8. Why should the last two verses give you confidence? *Look up 21:24-25*

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