

New Testament Survey NTS.2

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

The Gospel of John





Logistics & Learning Objectives:

1. Learning Objectives. Participants will gain an overview of the:
 - a. Gospel of John
 - b. Seven *I am* statements of Jesus
 - c. Message of John chapters 1, 3, 4 and 17
2. For more information please visit www.studioscriptura.com
3. Email questions to walter@studioscriptura.com

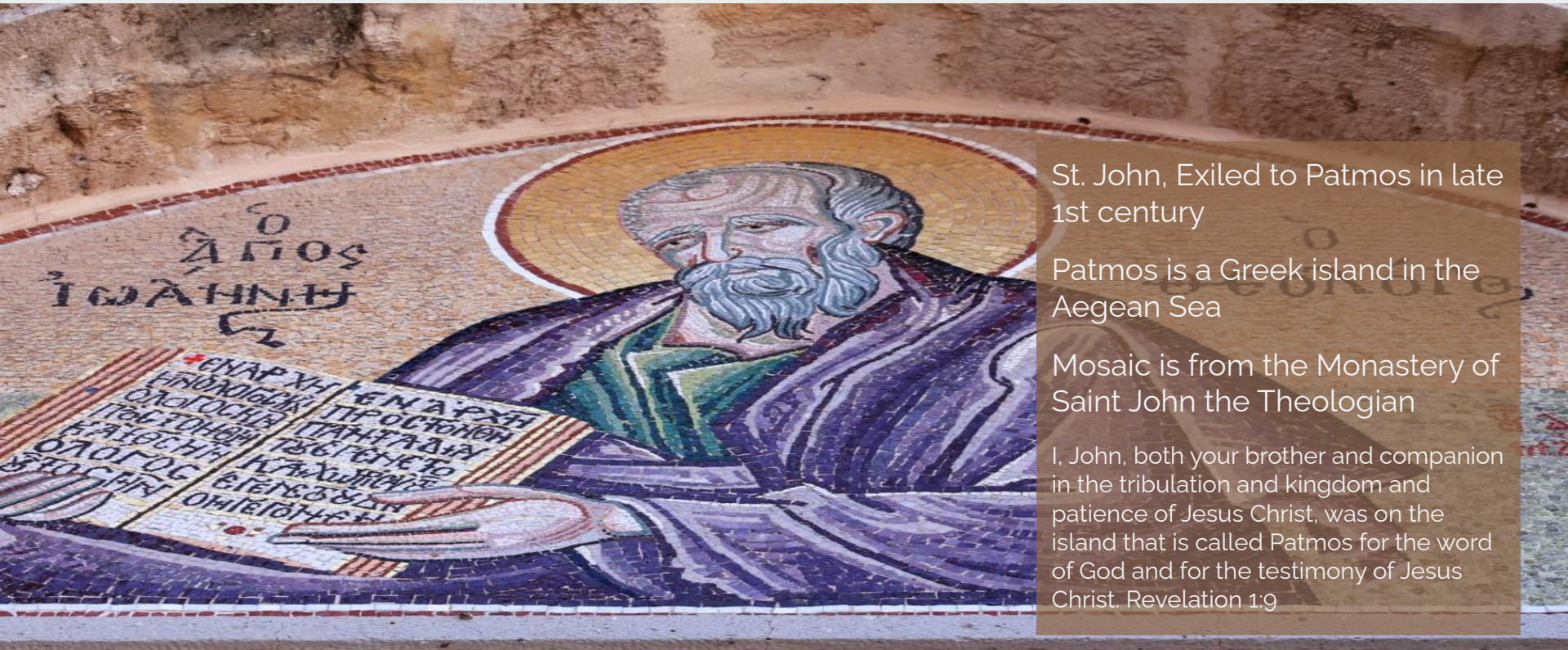
The New Testament Survey

seeks to present an overview of the New Testament for further study as well as Christianity's core tenets and doctrines for all that are interested in learning about Christianity. We seek to provide tools for believers to build a strong foundation and thereby help bolster their faith in Christ. We seek to be purposeful and diligent in teaching the foundations of our beliefs, so we can earnestly contend for our faith.



Key Sources:

1. **New King James Version. 1988. Nashville: Holman Bible Publishers.**



St. John, Exiled to Patmos in late 1st century

Patmos is a Greek island in the Aegean Sea

Mosaic is from the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 1:9

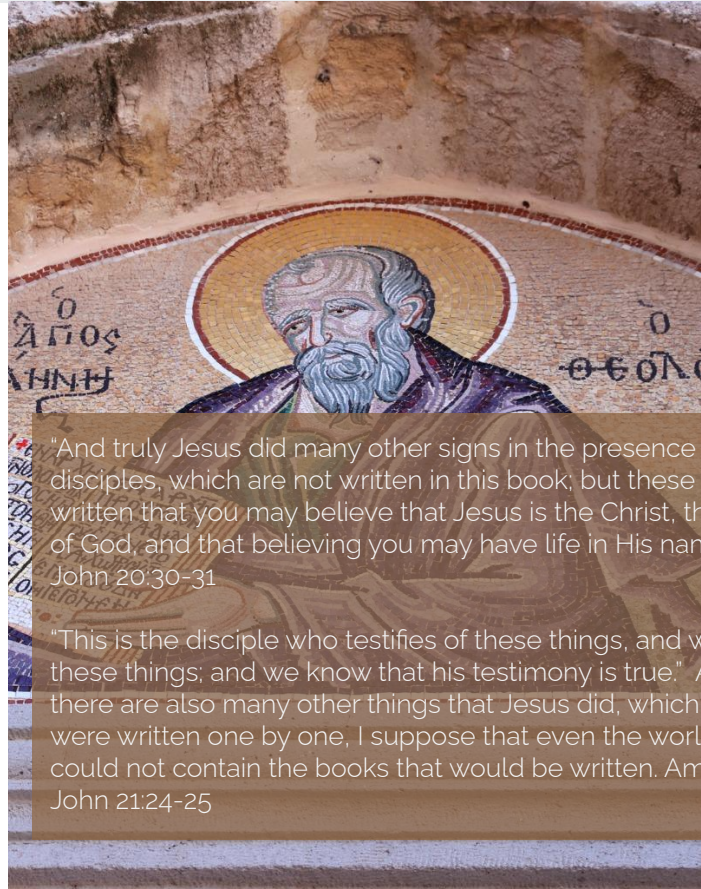


Gospel of John

1. Written 55-95AD. This is a broad swath of dates but it seems Jerusalem had not yet been destroyed by Rome so the more likely dates are 55-70 AD.
2. Probably written from Ephesus and addressed to the breadth of the new and growing Church - a type of catechism for new believers: *How to come to faith and continue in faith.*
3. John writes to assist his reader in getting familiar with the Jesus he knew, and now wants you to know.



Gospel of John *(continued)*



"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

John 20:30-31

"This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true." And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

John 21:24-25

4. Some believe John might have been Jesus' cousin - *if* Salome was Mary's sister
5. Son of Zebedee - it seems his family was relatively well off
6. "beloved" might refer to the youngest, who everyone looked out for
7. One of the first followers of Jesus and His inner circle with Peter and James
8. Author of 4 other books in the New Testament for a total of 5

Gospel of John *(continued)*



9. Not quite as overt as Matthew's Gospel but there are still no shortage of references by John to the Old Testament.
10. Theology of the Trinity is most clearly seen in John's Gospel
11. Some have said the Gospel of John "adds stereo to the life of Christ" for us.
12. John reports far more of Jesus' ministry in the south, in Judea and Samaria, than in Galilee, while the focus of the synoptists is the opposite.

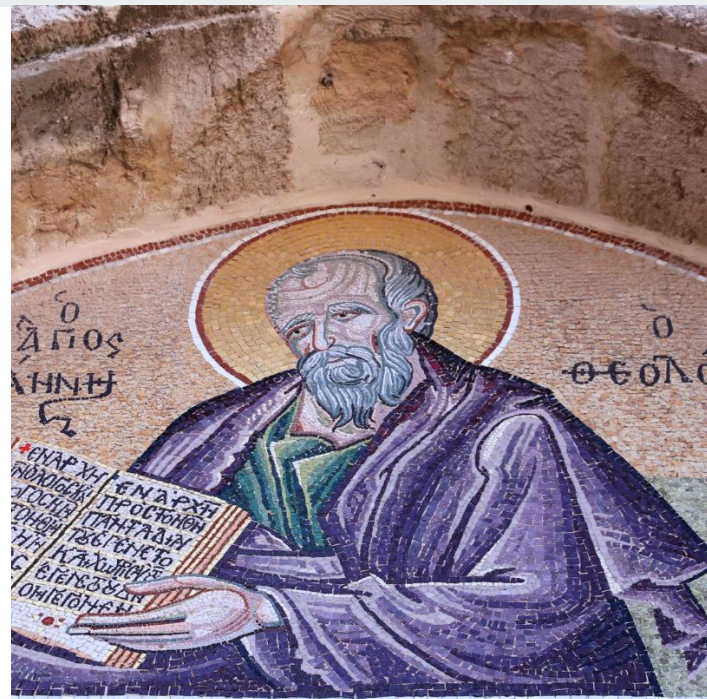
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Gospel of John *(continued)*

13. "John omits many things that are characteristic of the Synoptics: narrative parables, the account of the transfiguration, the record of the institution of the Lord's Supper, and many of Jesus' ... sayings. Themes central to the Synoptics have all but disappeared (especially the theme of the kingdom of God/heaven). Conversely, John includes a fair bit of material of which the synoptists make no mention: virtually all the material in John 1–5, Jesus' frequent visits to Jerusalem and what takes place there, the resurrection of Lazarus, extended dialogues and discourses, and much more."
14. John ... persistently catalogues how much the early disciples did not understand, how much they actively misunderstood.

An Introduction to the New Testament by D. A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo



Gospel of John *(continued)*



The Universal Appeal in John's Gospel

- "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the **world!**" John 1:29
- "For God so loved the **world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16
- "Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the **world.**" John 4:42
- "And *other sheep* I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd." John 10:16



St John's Monastery on the Isle of Patmos

The Word & John Chapter 1

The early Christians were certainly aware that they were expanding outward into a frequently hostile set of worldviews. The evangelist's efforts to communicate the truth of the gospel to men and women far removed from Palestine ensured that, if he was at all thoughtful in his task, he would not simply parrot the received traditions but would try to cast them in ways that would make them most easily understood. *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D. A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo

Since the verb for the Word dwelling among us means to live in a tabernacle, a tent (1:14), this glory of God's grace and truth likewise replaces the divine glory that settled on the tabernacle, or tent-sanctuary when Moses had completed its construction according to the blueprint given him on Mount Sinai. *A Survey of the New Testament: 5th Edition* by Robert Horton Gundry

John 1 takes the reader immediately back to Genesis 1. The reader immediately thinks there is some sort of fulfillment going on, something major - *There is something happening here. What it is ain't exactly clear. There's a man baptizing over there. Telling us that the kingdom is near. I think it's time we stop, children what's that sound? God's hand of grace is coming down.*



The Word & John Chapter 1 *(continued)*



Stoic Philosophy - God is identified with *eternal reason* (logos, Diog. Laert. 44B) or intelligent designing fire or a breath (pneuma)

Aetius, 46A.Stanford Baltzly, Dirk, 'Stoicism', The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Spring 2019 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL - <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2019/entries/stoicism/>.

John tells us in chapter 1 exactly Who that logos is! "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

John, in chapter 1, provides his readers with a timeless tool that can/should be used in introducing the person of the Lord Jesus Christ to those who are seeking, who are "spiritual", but not Christian.

Born Again - John Chapter 3

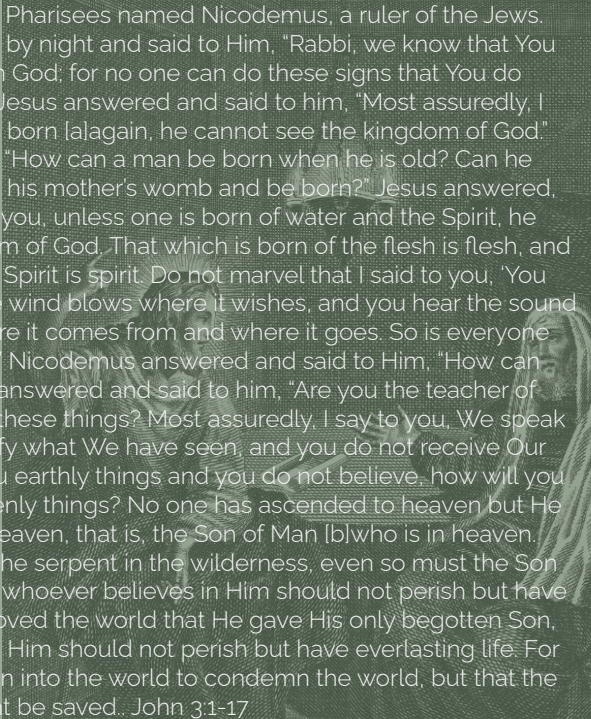
Private Conversations

The story of Jesus and Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, illustrates Jesus' omniscience of the interior state of human beings.

"Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever." 1 Peter 1:23

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:5

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:17 & 21



"There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man [who is in heaven]. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.. John 3:1-17

A woman of Samaria came to draw water



So He came to a city of **Samaria** which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For **Jews have no dealings with Samaritans**. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

John 4:5-10

“Jesus spoke these words”

... “I do not pray for these alone, **but also for those who will believe in Me through their word**; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. **O righteous Father!** The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” John 17:20-26



Holy Spirit

"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" John 3:8-9

"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."
But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
John 7:37-39



Holy Spirit (continued)



"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." John 14:15-18

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." John 14:26

"But when the [c]Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning." John 15:26-27

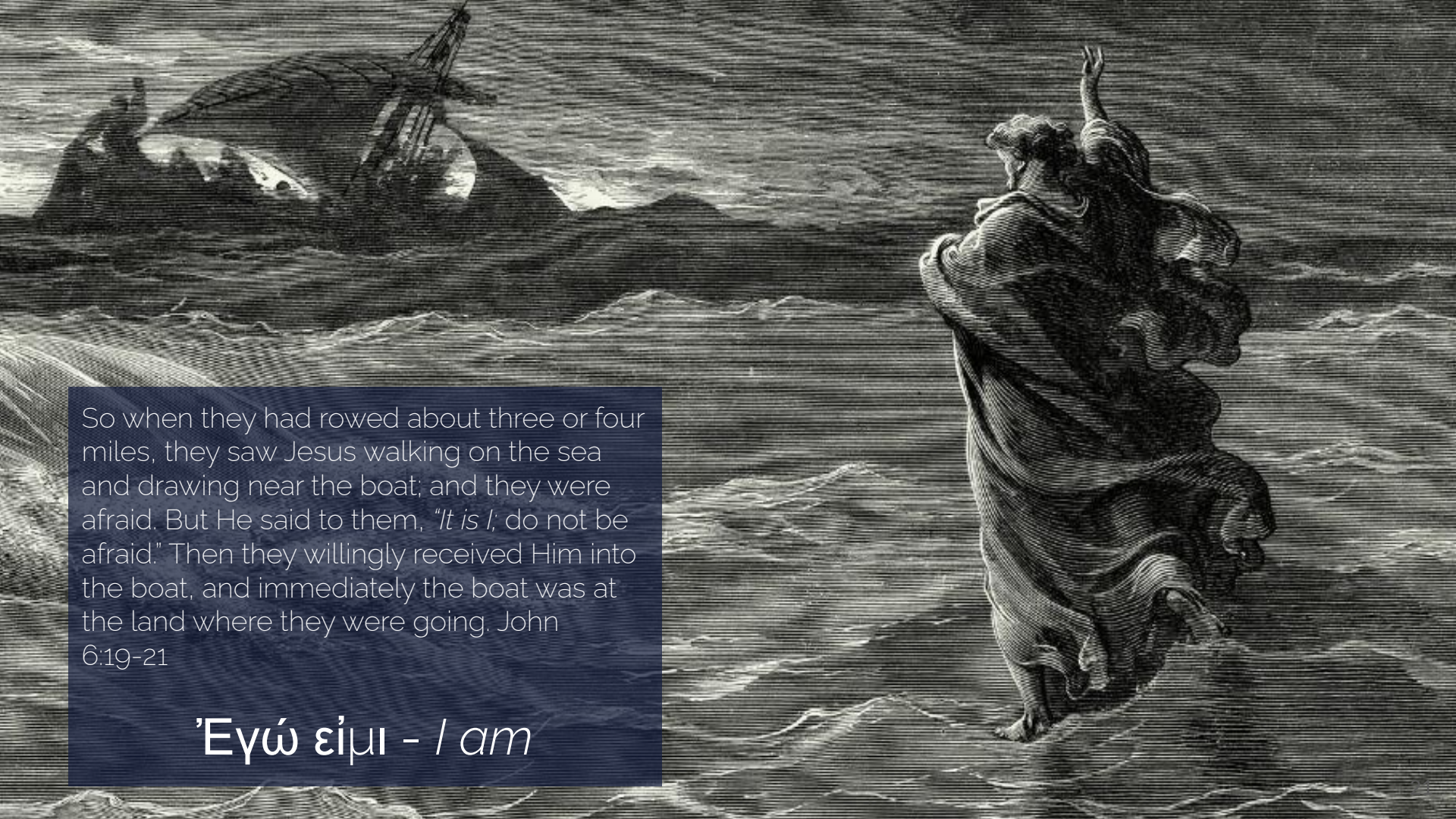
Holy Spirit (continued)

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

John 16:7-15





So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. But He said to them, "*It is I*; do not be afraid." Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going. John 6:19-21

Ἐγώ εἰμι - *I am*



3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."


13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.**" And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, **I AM** has sent me to you."

Exodus 3

And Jesus said to them, "*I am the bread of life.* He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. John 6:35



A bright sun with rays shining in a blue sky with white clouds. The sun is positioned in the upper left quadrant, casting a strong glow across the sky. The clouds are scattered and fluffy, adding texture to the scene.

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "*I am the light of the world.* He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
John 8:12

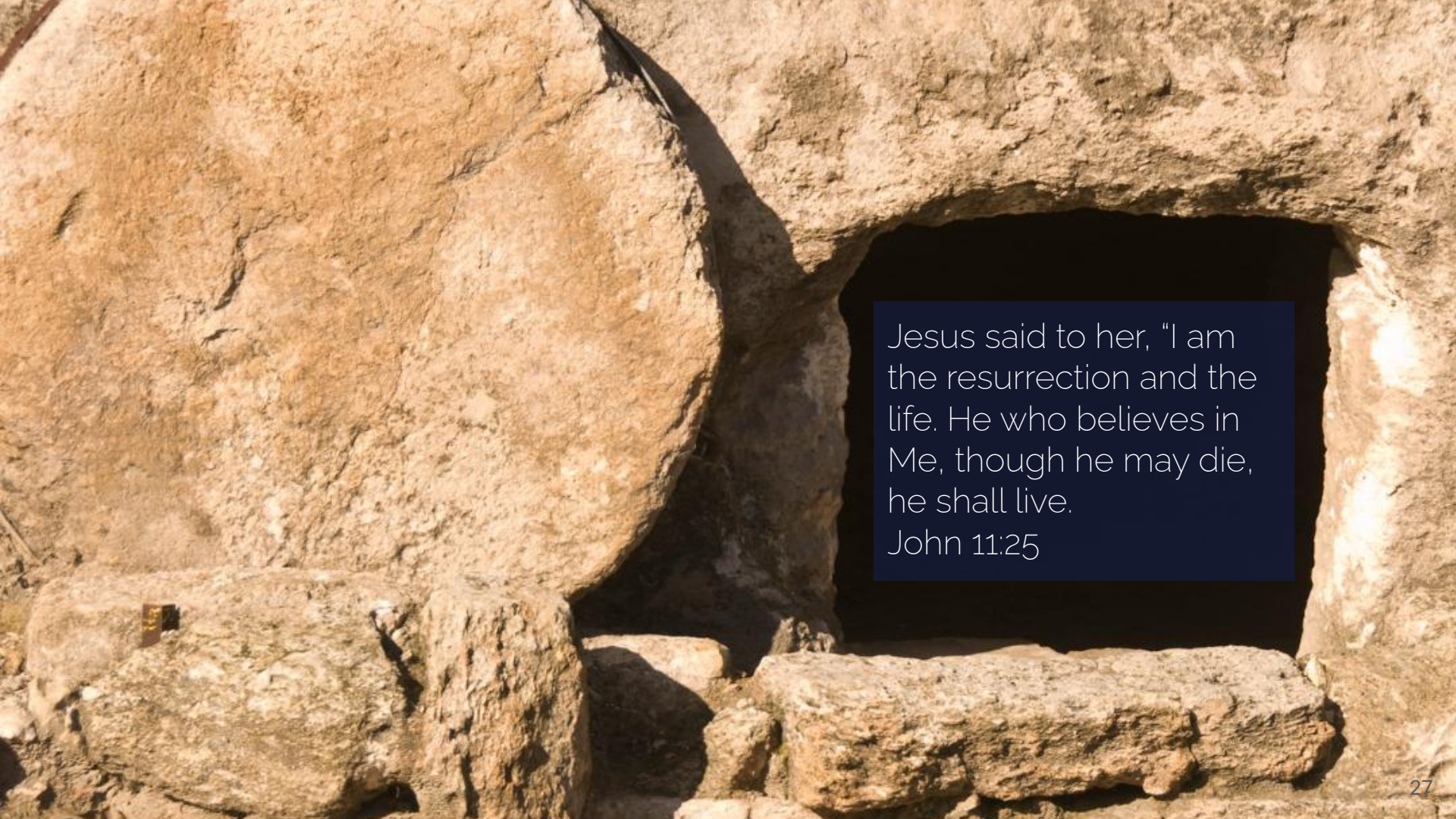


I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10:9




"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd
gives His life for the
sheep.
John 10:11



Jesus said to her, "I am
the resurrection and the
life. He who believes in
Me, though he may die,
he shall live.
John 11:25



Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
John 14:6



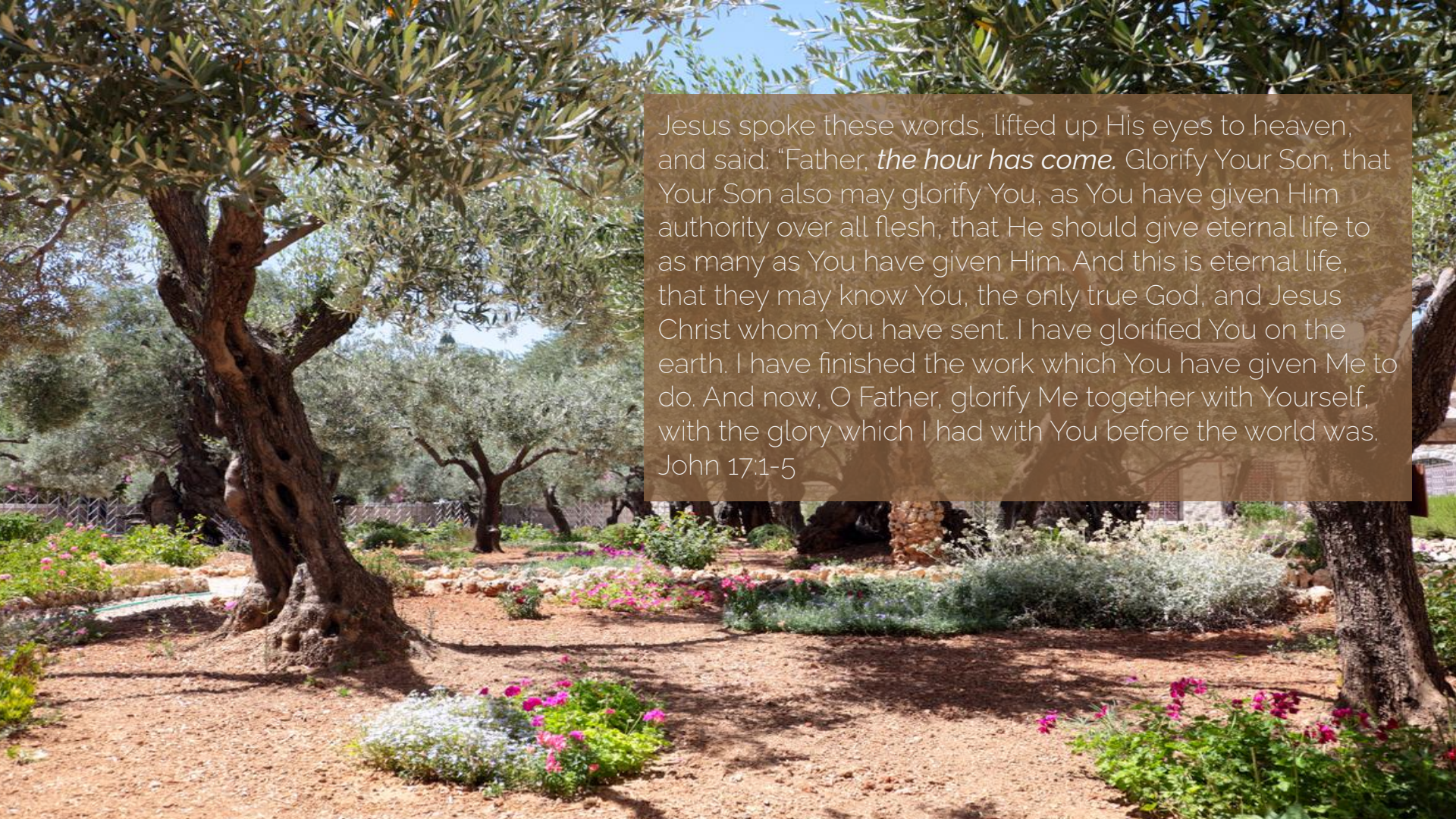
"I am the true vine, and
My Father is the
vinedresser." John 15:1



Passion starts in Chapter 13 and covers almost
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Gospel of John

The Last Supper in John is not an area of focus
in John's gospel - the focus is on washing the
disciples feet and His final teachings.

We read *Jesus' high priestly prayer* in John 17



Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, *the hour has come*. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
John 17:1-5

1. How is John different from the Synoptic gospels?
2. Which of the "I am" statements of Jesus resonated with you? Why?
3. How would you explain the message of John 1 John to someone? John 3?
4. What did you learn about the Holy Spirit from John's Gospel?
5. How should we live due to the universal appeal of John's gospel?

So What &
Now What?

