

The Word made Flesh

City Life Church

John tells us, towards the end of his magnificent gospel, that the reason for his writing is “that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31 NIV) Interestingly, the word for “believing” can be translated in two different ways, as the NIV footnote shows. It can mean “coming to believe” for the first time or it can mean “keep on believing” for those who already believe.

Many think that both are true. John wants to confront all who read his gospel with the truth about Jesus Christ. He knows that the truth will divide people into those who believe and are saved, and those who remain in unbelief and are lost. At the same time, he speaks to those who already believe, reminding them of what is true, and with Spirit inspired words,

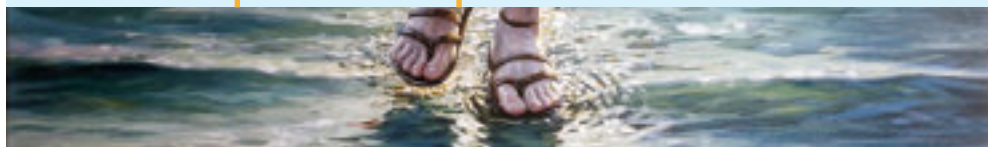
he speaks with a depth that means there is always something fresh to discover. As the well known theologian Leon Morris has said, that after many years of studying John's gospel, there is still a feeling that you have never mastered it, it remains somehow “strange, restless and unfamiliar”. Despite the liberating beauty of what we have already discovered in its pages, there is always the sense that it has more to give, more to reveal, if only we could see into its depths. If we would know Christ more deeply, we need to go deeper in the gospel of John.

So as we read John's gospel together, let's pray that we encounter Jesus afresh and see new things in its pages. And like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, may our hearts burn within us, as the Spirit of Christ unfolds the truth about Jesus in our hearts.

A photograph of a nativity scene. On the left is a wooden manger filled with straw and a white cloth. To the right is a scroll of parchment tied with a string, resting on a wooden surface. The background is a rustic wooden wall. Overlaid on the bottom right is a graphic of three concentric arcs in blue, yellow, and orange.

READING JOHN'S GOSPEL

Day 1	John 1:1-18	The Word made Flesh
Day 2	John 1:19-28	The Evidence of John
Day 3	John 1:29-34	The Lamb and the Spirit
Day 4	John 1:35-42	The First Disciples
Day 5	John 1:43-51	Philip and Nathanael
Day 6	John 2:1-12	Water into Wine
Day 7	John 2:13-25	Jesus in the Temple
Day 8	John 3:1-13	Jesus and Nicodemus
Day 9	John 3:14-21	The Snake and the Love of God
Day 10	John 3:22-36	The Bridegroom and His Friend
Day 11	John 4:1-15	The Woman of Samaria
Day 12	John 4:16-26	Jesus and the Woman
Day 13	John 4:27-42	Sower and Reaper Rejoice Together
Day 14	John 4:43-54	The Official's Son
Day 15	John 5:1-9a	The Healing of the Cripple
Day 16	John 5:9b-18	God's Son Breaks the Sabbath
Day 17	John 5:19-30	The Coming Judgment
Day 18	John 5:31-38	The Evidence in Support of Jesus
Day 19	John 5:39-47	Jesus and Moses
Day 20	John 6:1-15	Feeding the Five Thousand
Day 21	John 6:16-25	Jesus Walking on the Water
Day 22	John 6:26-35	Bread from Heaven
Day 23	John 6:36-46	The Father's Will
Day 24	John 6:47-59	Eating and Drinking the Son of Man
Day 25	John 6:60-71	Division Among Jesus' Followers
Day 26	John 7:1-9	Jesus and His Brothers
Day 27	John 7:10-18	Disputes about Jesus
Day 28	John 7:19-30	Moses and the Messiah



Day 29	John 7:31-39	Rivers of Living Water
Day 30	John 7:40-52	Where Does the Messiah Come From?
Day 31	John 7:53-8:11	Adultery and Hypocrisy
Day 32	John 8:12-20	The Light of the World
Day 33	John 8:21-29	From Below or From Above
Day 34	John 8:30-36	The Truth Will Make You Free
Day 35	John 8:37-47	Children of Abraham—or of the Devil
Day 36	John 8:48-59	Before Abraham, “I am”
Day 37	John 9:1-12	The Man Born Blind
Day 38	John 9:13-23	The Blind Man’s Parents
Day 39	John 9:24-34	Is Jesus From God?
Day 40	John 9:35-41	Seeing and Not Seeing
Day 41	John 10:1-10	The Good Shepherd
Day 42	John 10:11-18	The Shepherd and the Sheep
Day 43	John 10:19-30	The Messiah and the Father
Day 44	John 10:31-42	Blasphemy!
Day 45	John 11:1-16	The Death of Lazarus
Day 46	John 11:17-27	The Resurrection and the Life
Day 47	John 11:28-37	Jesus goes to the Tomb
Day 48	John 11:38-46	The Raising of Lazarus
Day 49	John 11:47-57	The Plan of Caiaphas
Day 50	John 12:1-8	Mary and her Ointment
Day 51	John 12:9-19	Jesus Enters Jerusalem
Day 52	John 12:20-26	The Seed Must Die
Day 53	John 12:27-36	The Hour Has Come
Day 54	John 12:37-43	Glory and Blindness
Day 55	John 12:44-50	The Final Challenge
Day 56	John 13:1-11	Washing the Disciples’ Feet
Day 57	John 13:12-20	Like Master, like Servant
Day 58	John 13:21-30	Judas Goes Out
Day 59	John 13:31-38	Love One Another

Day 60	John 14:1-11	The Way, The Truth, The Life
Day 61	John 14:12-21	Another Helper
Day 62	John 14:22-31	My Peace I Give to You
Day 63	John 15:1-8	The True Vine
Day 64	John 15:9-17	Obedying and Loving
Day 65	John 15:18-27	If the World Hates You
Day 66	John 16:1-11	The Spirit and The World
Day 67	John 16:12-22	Your Hearts Will Rejoice
Day 68	John 16:23-33	Ask, and You Will Receive
Day 69	John 17:1-8	Glorify The Son
Day 70	John 17:9-19	Jesus Prays for His People
Day 71	John 17:20-26	That They May Be One
Day 72	John 18:1-27	The Arrest of Jesus
Day 73	John 18:28-40	Jesus Before Pilate
Day 74	John 19:1-37	Jesus Condemned Good Friday
Day 75	John 19:38-42	The Burial of Jesus
Day 76	John 20:1-23	The Empty Tomb Easter Sunday
Day 77	John 20:24-31	Jesus and Thomas
Day 78	John 21:1-8	Jesus on the Beach
Day 79	John 21:9-14	Breakfast by the Shore
Day 80	John 21:15-19	Jesus and Peter
Day 81	John 21:20-25	The Beloved Disciple

