

John 4:43-7:29**Thursday, May 6 – John 4:43-54**

1. The royal official was persistent in his plea for Jesus' help. He was different than the people of Galilee. To the people of Galilee Jesus makes a general statement, one similar to the way people operate today – "Seeing is believing." But the royal official was different. In verse 50b, Jesus promises "you may go, your son will live." The man took Jesus at his words. What faith! List 5 promises Jesus makes to you in the Bible and tell if it is easy or hard to take Jesus at his Word and why?

Friday, May 7 – John 5:1-23

2. A note on verse three:
The NIV note at the end of verse 3 tells us that some manuscripts include verse 4 while most do not. In a few places in the Bible there are genuine questions about whether or not a phrase or verse was in the original text or was added by a copyist. None of these instances change the doctrines of the Bible. In this case it appears that a copyist inserted verse 4 to explain why the crippled man wanted to get into the pool so badly and why the others that got into the pool before him kept him from entering.
3. In verse 14, why did Jesus offer such a stern warning to the man he had just healed?

Saturday, May 8 - John 5:24-47

4. In verse 22 we read that the Father entrusted judgment to the Son. In John 3:17 we read that Jesus didn't come to judge. Explain the apparent contradiction.

Sunday, May 9 – John 6:1-21

5. Looking at vv.1-15 consider this question. Philip showed that his faith was weak, because he looked only to human solutions to solve the problem. Was it wrong for Philip to first look for a nonmiraculous way to supply the need? Is it wrong for us to do that?
6. God often deals with us by creating contrasts in our lives—a time of difficulty followed by a time of relief. How does that serve to strengthen our faith?

Monday, May 10 – John 6:22-42

7. In verse 27 Jesus warned the people about working for food that spoils. How do people “work for food that spoils” today?

Tuesday, May 11 – John 6:43-71

8. This portion of John’s Gospel has caused difficulty for many people. Why? Jesus speaks statements like, *“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood.”* How is that to be understood? On the surface this might seem to refer to the Lord’s Supper, but the context makes it clear that Jesus is referring to faith. Eating equals believing. Also, by making these words refer to the Lord’s Supper, Jesus would have excluded from the kingdom anyone who did not partake of it.

9. In verse 63 contrast “flesh” vs “spirit.”

Wednesday, May 12 – John 7:1-29

10. The Feast of Tabernacles was a harvest festival celebrated between mid-September and mid-October. It commemorated God’s guidance of the Israelites in the wilderness. During the festival, the Jews lived in temporary booths (tabernacles) to reenact the conditions during their years of wandering in the wilderness. This feast brought thousands of Jews to Jerusalem.
11. How does Jesus point out the hypocrisy and ignorance of the Jewish leaders? (See John 5:16 for the account of the miracle Jesus is referring to.)
12. The Jewish religious leaders had incredible power over the people. No one spoke publicly about Jesus because they were afraid of the Jews. What situations in our communities, in our country, or the world mirror that during Jesus’ time where fear cripples people from sharing Jesus?