

John 16:1-21:25**Thursday, May 27 – John 16:1-33**

1. Read verse 7 and respond to the following: “I thought the disciples already had the Holy Spirit dwelling in them, what is Jesus speaking about here?”
2. As you read verse 20 and think about the events of Good Friday, how were Jesus’ words fulfilled? When does the world rejoice today as the believer mourns?

Friday, May 28 – John 17:1-26

This prayer has been called Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer because as he prayed, Jesus functioned as our High Priest. (One of the responsibilities of Israel’s high priest was to pray for the people.) Here Jesus prayed that God would be with him (verses 1-5), with his disciples (verses 6-19), and with all believers (verses 20-26).

3. Describe the joy Jesus felt as he began his prayer.
4. In verse 10, Jesus says that his disciples had brought him glory. What did he mean by that? Do you and I bring glory to Jesus, and if so, how?
5. What dilemma would the disciples now face? For what did Jesus pray?
6. Do verses 20 and 21 support today’s ecumenical movement?

Saturday, May 29 - John 18:1-24

7. Evaluate this statement: The night Jesus was arrested it would have taken only one soldier to arrest Jesus.
8. Read verse 11 carefully. Compare Jesus’ statement here with his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.
9. In many ways there were two trials going on at the same time. Jesus was on trial as was Peter. Who was Jesus intent on saving? Who did Peter want to save?

Sunday, May 30 – John 18:25-19:22

10. Christians in the United States feel they have a right to protection under the country’s legal system. Do we have that right? Can we always expect that blessing?

Monday, May 31 – John 19:23-42

11. When you look at the events that follow Jesus' death (removal from the cross and burial), how had Nicodemus grown in faith? (Compare John 3, 7:50, and 19:39.)

Tuesday, June 1 – John 20:1-31

12. Mary's grief was intense, so intense that she seems to not have seen the angels for who they were and to have mistaken Jesus for a gardener. She kept repeating one question (see verses 2,13,15). Does our grief or the serious nature of some problems keep us from seeing obvious answers?

13. What convinced Peter and John (who often does not refer to himself by name) that Jesus had risen?

Wednesday, June 2 – John 21:1-25

14. Peter had said that even if the other disciples fell away from Jesus, he would not. His love was greater than that of his fellow disciples. How did Jesus use this statement of Peter's as he spoke with him? How did Jesus use the fact that Peter had denied him three times?

15. Some Christians have life easier than others. Some suffer for the gospel more than others. Use Jesus' words to Peter to help you deal with these facts.