



**WELCOME TO
GOSPEL PASSAGES...
WITH
PASSAGES**

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

with Becky & John Hart



Jesus showed the truth, Jesus showed the way
There's one more thing I've got to say
They nailed him to the cross,
 then they laid him in the ground
But they should've known you can't keep a good
 man down.

I feel good everyday, 'cause
Jesus is the rock and he rolled my blues away.

THE CROSS: JOHN 19

1. The Cross as

- *Enthronement* (“lifted up”)
- *Glorification (doxa)*
- *Divine Love*

THE CROSS AS ENTHRONEMENT

- John 3 – being lifted up on the stake = being lifted up/magnified/exalted
- John 8:28 – “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that ‘I am’”.
- The cross is both a scandalous death and the act by which Christ assumes his rightful position as king of humanity.

THE CROSS AS GLORIFICATION

John 1:14 – “And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son”

John 12

“²³ The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ...

²⁷ “Now my soul is

troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ...

³¹ “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

THE CROSS AS DIVINE LOVE

John 3:16

John 15:13 – “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

THE RESURRECTION of JESUS: JOHN 20

■ “Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “*They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.*”



THE RESURRECTION

■ ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.”



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MARY MAGDALENE: The First Witness

- Other women?
- Her Past: “...some women (who) had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out...” (Luke 8:2)
- Her Present: “Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.” (John 19: 25)
- First Witness/Legal Angle

THE EMPTY TOMB

- *“Who will roll away the stone for us?” (Mark 16)*
- *Guard “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard. (Mt. 27.65-66)*





WHAT DOES MARY FEAR HAS HAPPENED?

- So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, *“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”*
- *“If you can’t count on the dead staying dead, what can you count on?”* Anna Carter Florence

THEN...

“Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

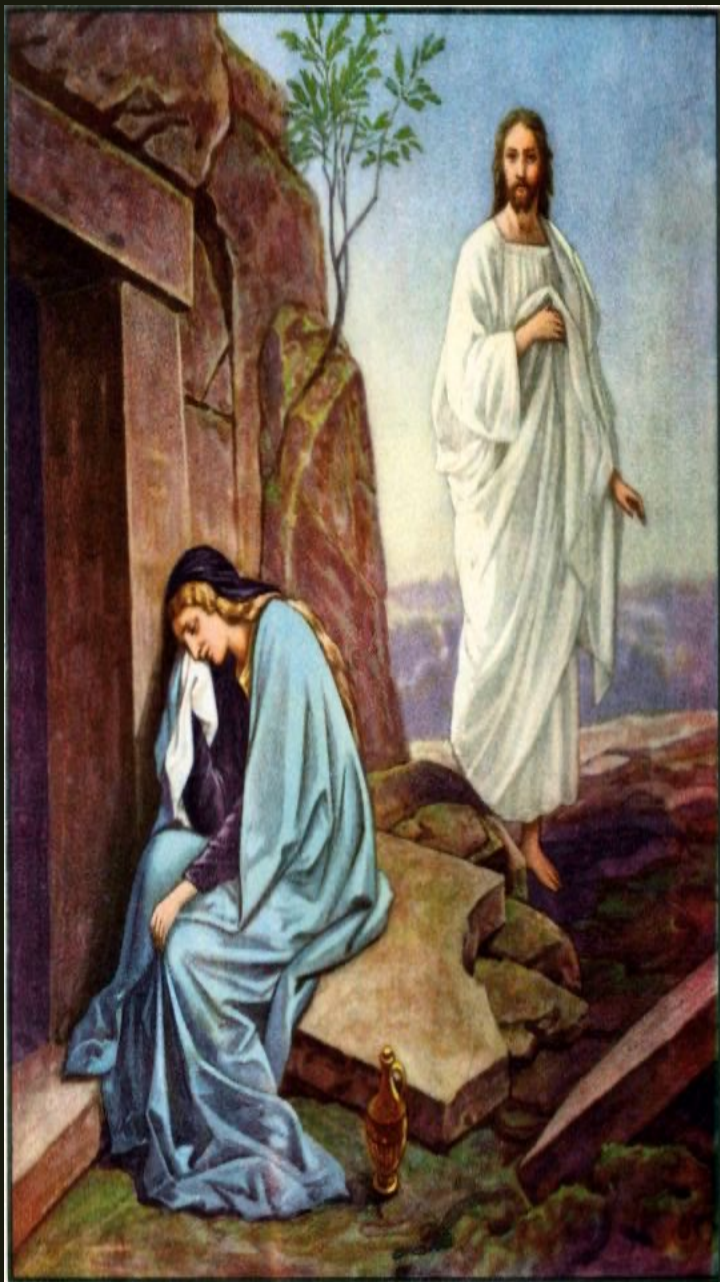
⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.”

SOME SURPRISING DETAILS...

- The Linens lying (folded) there...Head cloth
- Peter “SAW” *thereo*
vs.
- The Disciple whom Jesus loved
“SAW AND BELIEVED”
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BUT MARY STOOD

weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, *“Woman, why are you weeping?”* She said to them, *“They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”* When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.



BY NAME

Jesus said to her, *“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”*

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, *“Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”*

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, *“Mary!”*

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, *“Rabbouni!”* (which means Teacher).

HELLO

My name is

CALLED BY NAME

■ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (John 10:3)

■ “But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. (Is. 43)

CLINGING TO CHRIST

- ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, *“Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”*
- ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, *“I have seen the Lord,”* and she told them that he had said these things to her.”
- **See Luke 24.11:** “But when the disciples hear from Mary and the other women, ‘these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.’”



JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

- ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, *“Peace be with you.”*
(SHALOM)
- After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”* When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*

DOUBTING THOMAS

■ ²⁴ But Thomas (*who was called the Twin*), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “*We have seen the Lord.*”

■ But Thomas said to them, “*Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.*”



THE NEXT WEEK...

- A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”
- Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”
- Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”



THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK: JOHN 20:30-31



- ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



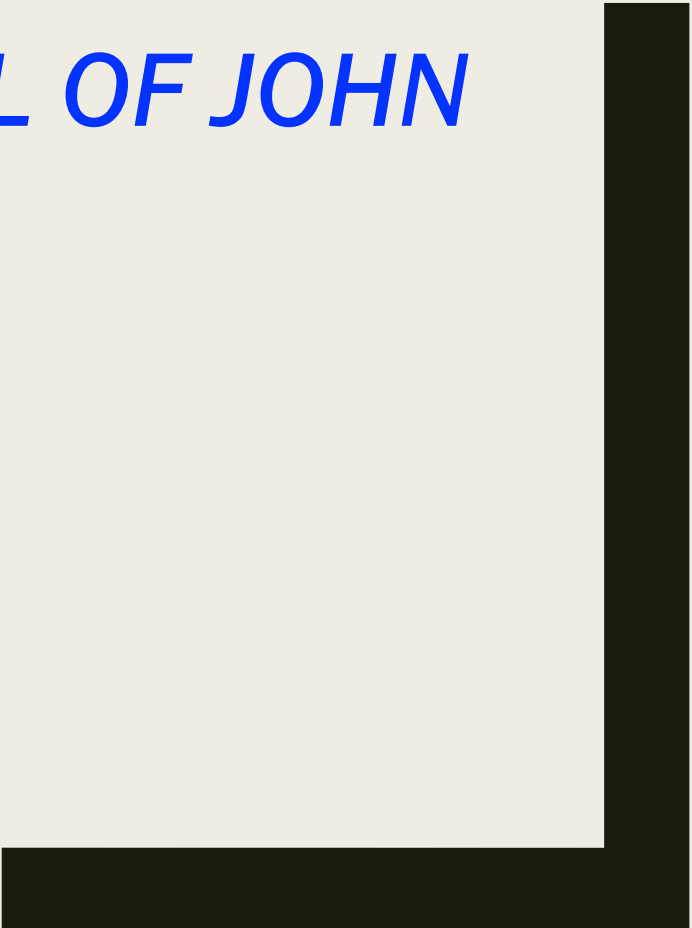
RESURRECTION...

- “We try to reduce it (*the resurrection*) to poetry: the coming of spring with the return of life to the dead earth, the rebirth of hope in the despairing soul. We try to suggest that these are the miracles that the Resurrection is all about, but they are not. In their way they are all miracles, but they are not *this* miracle, this central one to which the whole Christian faith points.”

■ *Frederick Buechner*



SUMMING UP:
KEY THEMES IN *THE GOSPEL OF JOHN*

1. It's all about Jesus
 2. Truth & Life
 3. The Future is Now
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The Gospel of John reflects the church's long, ongoing, deep reflection into the question:

“Who exactly is Jesus?”

For *The Gospel of John*, **Jesus is the “whole shebang”**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

C.K. BARRETT

In the Synoptic Gospels, the primary concern is with the kingdom of God, which began to be realized through the ministry of Jesus -- Jesus *proclaimed* the Gospel of the kingdom. What the *Gospel of John* maintained with far greater clarity than any of its predecessors was that Jesus *is* the Gospel. It was through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that people had been

admitted to the blessings of the messianic kingdom, and the highest blessing of that kingdom was, as Paul had already seen, the life of communion with Christ himself (Philippians 1:21 -- 'for me, to live is Christ'). That is, when the Gospel was offered to people it was Christ *himself* who was offered to them and received by them.

JESUS' "I AM" STATEMENTS

I am the Bread of Life

I am the Light of the World

I am the Gate

I am the Good Shepherd

I am the Resurrection and the Life

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

I am the True Vine

THE APOSTLES CREED

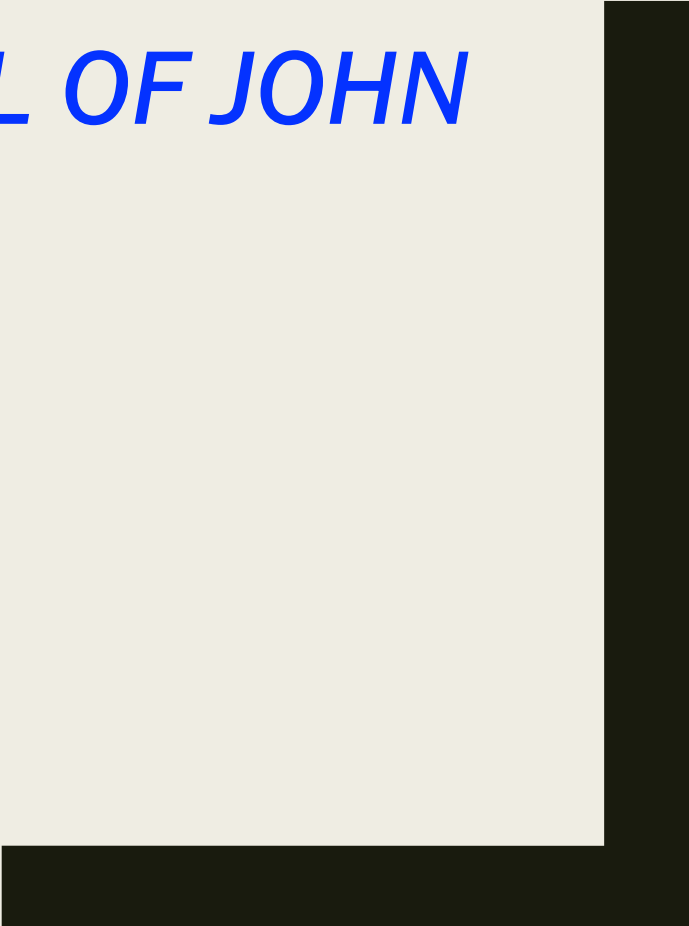
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



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TRUTH

The message of the *Gospel of John* is “the truth of God”.

This truth of God is revealed to humanity through the Revealer, Jesus Christ.

The Revealer is *himself* the revelation.

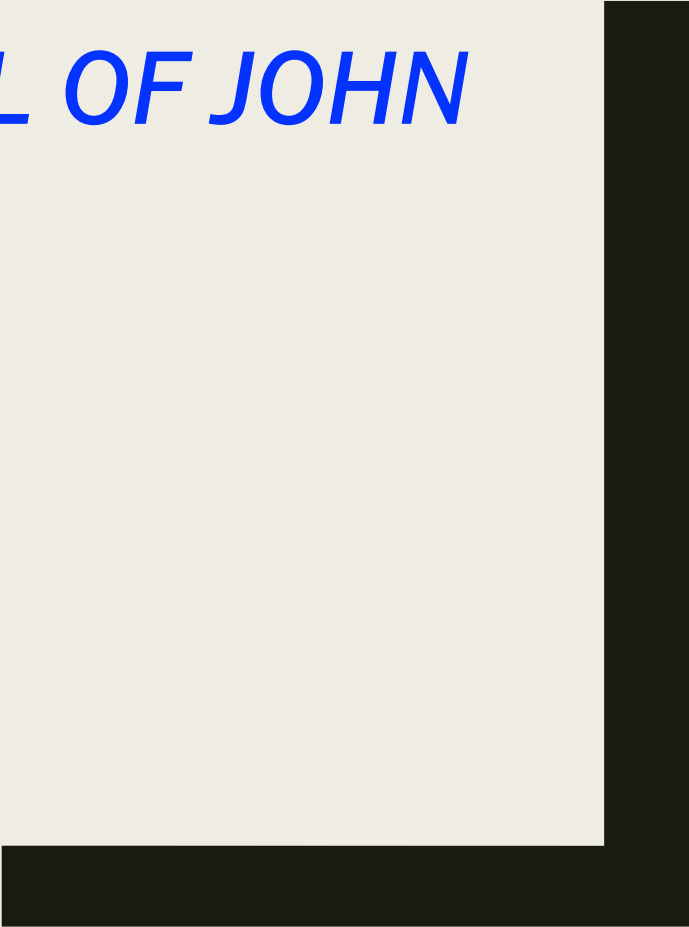
Thus, the message of the *Gospel of John* is “Jesus Christ”.

LIFE

- God's gift to humanity -- extended to and achieved for us through Jesus Christ -- is *life* (eternal life)
 - vs. salvation, forgiveness, justification
- While Jesus' gift of life has a quantitative aspect to it (forever), it mostly refers to the *qualitative* aspect of this gift
 - born again, abiding in Jesus, resurrection life
- **John 10:10** – “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”.



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The “end times” in the New Testament:

tribulation, Jesus’ return, resurrection, judgment, eternal life

While John retains this traditional understanding, at the same time he claims that the ultimate gifts of God, usually associated with the end times in history, are *already accessible* to the believer in Christ.

- Resurrection
- Judgment
- Eternal Life

RESURRECTION

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (11:24-26)

JUDGMENT

“And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light”. (3:19)

ETERNAL LIFE

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.” (5:24)

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.”
(3:36)

THE SPIRIT IS THE FUTURE MADE PRESENT

- Because of the presence of the Spirit, eternal life and resurrection are likewise present.
- The Spirit makes (the ascended) Christ present.

JOHN 20:30

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