

**The Gospel of John**

---

**The Gospel of John**

**Lesson #18**

**The Journey**

Jim Hoffman

1

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**The Gospel of John**

---

John 2:18 So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. 2

2

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**The Gospel of John**

---

- It is all through the gospels that "the Jews" wanted a sign from Jesus which is odd because he was doing signs and wonders almost everyday and everywhere he was.
- But because the "powers that be" didn't want to lose their power and prosperity no sign he did was ever good enough for them.
- For if things like opening the eyes of the blind, feeding thousands, and raising the dead were "good enough" then their charade was over. 3

3

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

Matt 16:1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him **they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.** 2 He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' 3 And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. 4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.

4

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- The sign of the prophet Jonah? The Ninevites did not see Jonah swallowed nor did they see him spit out on the beach.
- But they did hear about it and believed it – so in Jonah’s day his time in the fish was not a “sign”; instead, the very presence of a living Jonah was the sign!
- The sign this evil and adulterous generation would receive was a resurrected Jesus – Jesus’ words serve as a testimony to his foreknowledge of his resurrection.

5

5

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- So, he will finally give them an irrefutable sign – he will resurrect himself from the dead.
- Jesus answered them, “**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**”
- He promised he would raise a destroyed temple three days after its destruction – the Jews, as was the case on many occasions with Jesus, had no idea what he was talking about.

6

6

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The Gospel of John

Who raised Jesus from the dead?

7

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The Gospel of John

- Romans 8:11 But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, God will give life to your mortal bodies and through him the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will dwell in you.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christians believed that Jesus was raised from the dead by God.
- And Jesus said, "I will raise you up on the third day, and you will be with me in Paradise." (John 14:19)
- "all things were created by him".)

**Trinitarian Thoughts**

8

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The Gospel of John

- When Jesus says, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**" he wasn't inviting them to kill him.
- He was prophesying they would kill him and that three days later he would raise himself.
- This is what one might call an early indicator – so far as I know Jesus had not even hinted at knowing the future as of yet, but here he does. (and like all true prophecies it would be proven to be just as he said)

9

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**The Gospel of John**

**Without God there would be no prophecies, only lies and guesses.**

10

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**The Gospel of John**

- At this point the Jews have no intentions of killing Jesus – they were shaken by him and felt threatened by him, but there is no evidence they wanted him dead .... Not yet.
- So Jesus not only knows the end result of his interactions with the Jews, but he also knows their future thoughts and plans to kill him.
- He would have known the very person who would first want to kill him, all the people who would join in the planning, and all who would be in favor of his murder.

11

11

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**The Gospel of John**

- They are at the temple, so they immediately assumed he was talking about Herod’s temple and begin to mock him.
- **“It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”**
- They were right about the 46 years – Herod wasn’t satisfied with Zerubbabel’s temple, so he was renovating it and at the time of Jesus ministry 46 years had passed. (incidentally, the work would continue for another 34 years before being complete in roughly A.D. 62)

12

12

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- The sign the Jews had been seeking would have its ultimate fulfillment in the resurrection.
- There would be no way for his adversaries to claim he didn't die because when Pilate cleared the crosses for the Passover, he saw no need to break Jesus' legs because he was already dead.
- The blood and water that gushed from his side from the soldier's spear proved Jesus died on the cross. (hypovolemic shock)

13

13

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- There is evidence from Scripture that Jesus experienced hypovolemic shock as a result of being flogged. Prior to death, the sustained rapid heartbeat caused by hypovolemic shock also causes fluid to gather in the sack around the heart and around the lungs. This gathering of fluid in the membrane around the heart is called pericardial effusion, and the fluid gathering around the lungs is called pleural effusion. This explains why, after Jesus died and a Roman soldier thrust a spear through Jesus' side, piercing both the lungs and the heart, blood and water came from His side just as John recorded in his Gospel. (gotquestions.org)

14

14

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- Jesus' disciples are watching his interactions with the Jews and they may have thought Jesus promised more than he could deliver with that "raise it up in 3 days" talk.
- But the day comes, after witnessing his resurrection, when it all becomes clear for them.
- **John 2:22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.**

15

15

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

• John 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

• The feast of Passover lasts for 7 days – and we find in the above text that Jesus was doing miracles during the feast and probably lots of them.

16

16

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

• This is where we see, perhaps for the first time in scripture there is “believing” and then there is “believing”.

• “believed” in verse #23 and “entrust” in verse #24 both are the same Greek word, “pisteuw” which means “to have faith in, and be persuaded by”. (but have faith in what?)

• “But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people” – so what kind of “believing” were they doing?

17

17

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

They believed in him, but he didn't believe in them!

18

18

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- Jesus knew the difference between those who were impressed by his miracles versus those who trusted in him.
- There is a difference between – “**interest in** versus **commitment to**”, and at this time the crowds were sure of his miracles, but not necessarily sure of him.
- That’s why we read, “**But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people**”. <sup>19</sup>

19

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- **Matt 13:5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.**
- When the belief produced by the seed of signs starts out it is difficult to separate saving faith in Jesus from superficial faith in his miracles.
- We would probably not be able to tell the difference either, but Jesus could because, “**he knew all people**”. <sup>20</sup>

20

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- Before we leave John 2, let us stop to ponder, “**because he knew all people**”. The scriptures offer magnification of God throughout the pages of the bible.
- Jesus knew Peter’s character before he called him, he knew Nathanael had no guile, and he knew how many husbands the woman at the well had.
- Matt 12:25 **Jesus knew their thoughts** and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.” <sup>21</sup>

21

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- He knew Adam’s thoughts and intentions, he knew the fears of Moses, he knew of David’s lust before he did, and he knew that Herod would try to murder him as a baby.
- Think about today and the 7 billion people alive – he knows all our thoughts, what diseases are as yet undetected in our bodies, and the date of our deaths.
- He knows all the decisions of all men and the outcomes of all our decisions – he even knows the counter outcomes had we chosen “B” and not “A”. He is omniscient!

22

22

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

- Researchers at Cornell University estimate we make 226.7 decisions each day on food alone. And as your level of responsibility increases, so does the multitude of choices you have to make. It’s estimated that the average adult makes about 35,000 remotely conscious decisions each day. Each decision, of course, can carry certain consequences with it that are both good and bad.
- $7,000,000,000 \times 35,000 = 245,000,000,000,000$  decisions each day that God knows about and the consequences of each one.

23

23

---

---

---

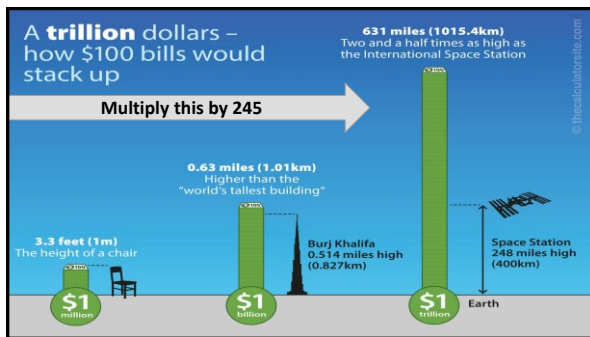
---

---

---

---

---



24

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



The Gospel of John

**“God is bigger than we think, and better than we know. No sparrow falls to the ground, and not a single hair falls from our heads that He does not know about.”**

25

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The Gospel of John

“That God is omniscient is not only taught in the Scriptures, it must be inferred also from all else that is taught concerning Him. God perfectly knows Himself and, being the source and author of all things, it follows that He knows all that can be known. And this He knows instantly and with a fullness of perfection that includes every possible item of knowledge concerning everything that exists or could have existed anywhere in the universe at any time in the past or that may exist in the centuries or ages yet unborn.

26

26

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The Gospel of John

God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell.

27

27

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Gospel of John

Because God knows all things perfectly, He knows no thing better than the other thing, but all things equally well. He never discovers anything. He is never surprised, never amazed. He never wonders about anything, nor does He seek information or ask questions (except when drawing men out for their own good). God is self-existent and self-contained and knows what no creature can ever know— Himself, perfectly. 'The things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.' Only the Infinite can know the infinite." A.W. Tozer

28

28

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Questions?

29

29

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---