



21 Days Through the Gospel of John

A guided reading plan to walk through the life, teachings, and heart of Jesus.

Read the cited passage in your Bible alongside this original resource.

Twenty-one unhurried encounters

Each day names a passage in John, gives one observation to guide your reading, and leaves a question for prayer or journaling. Read one chapter each day; divide a longer chapter across sittings if you need to. The aim is attention, not speed.

Open your own Bible beside this guide. Read the whole assigned passage before the prompt. Write one sentence of observation and one honest question. Return to the text before consulting a commentary or AI assistant.

The Word comes near

Notice the prologue, the witness of John, and the first invitations to follow Jesus.

Reflect

What does it mean to receive Jesus rather than merely know about him?

One thing I notice

Signs and worship

Read the wedding sign beside the temple scene. Notice what each reveals about Jesus.

Reflect

What assumptions about Jesus are being challenged?

One thing I notice

Birth, Spirit, and light

Trace the conversation with Nicodemus and the later witness of John the Baptist.

Reflect

Which honest question would you bring into the light?

One thing I notice

Living water

Follow the woman at the well, her town, and the official who trusts Jesus.

Reflect

How does hearing become trust in this chapter?

One thing I notice

Life and testimony

Read the healing and the extended speech together. List the witnesses Jesus names.

Reflect

Am I reading to hear the passage or to defend an assumption?

One thing I notice

Bread and difficult words

Follow the feeding, the crossing, and the bread-of-life dialogue through the divided responses.

Reflect

What do I seek from Jesus when his teaching is difficult?

One thing I notice

A festival and a promise

Notice the festival setting, differing opinions, and the promise of living water.

Reflect

How do competing voices affect my listening?

One thing I notice

Light and freedom

Read the claims about light, truth, freedom, and identity in their full conversation. Some Bibles mark 7:53-8:11 as a passage with a distinct manuscript history; attend to your edition's note.

Reflect

What claim deserves a slower rereading?

One thing I notice

Eyes opened

Trace the healed man's testimony as others question him repeatedly.

Reflect

What does this chapter reveal about seeing and refusing to see?

One thing I notice

A shepherd's voice

Notice the images of gate, shepherd, sheep, and the divided response to Jesus.

Reflect

Which voices shape my trust?

One thing I notice

Life amid grief

Stay with the grief of Mary and Martha before the story reaches Lazarus' tomb.

Reflect

How does Jesus meet sorrow in this chapter?

One thing I notice

The approaching hour

Read the anointing, the entry into Jerusalem, and Jesus' words about a grain of wheat.

Reflect

How does this chapter redefine glory?

One thing I notice

Love kneels down

Watch the foot washing and the words about betrayal and love.

Reflect

What form could humble service take today?

One thing I notice

A troubled heart

Notice how questions from the disciples lead to teaching about the Father and the promised Helper.

Reflect

What reassurance does the passage offer without removing every uncertainty?

One thing I notice

Remain in love

Read the vine image with the surrounding teaching about love, friendship, and opposition.

Reflect

What would remaining in Christ look like as a daily practice?

One thing I notice

Sorrow and joy

Follow Jesus' teaching about the Spirit and the movement from sorrow toward joy.

Reflect

Which tension in the passage resembles a question I carry?

One thing I notice

Jesus prays

Notice for whom Jesus prays and the repeated themes of glory, truth, unity, and love.

Reflect

How might this prayer shape the way I regard other believers?

One thing I notice

Arrest and trial

Read the arrest, Peter's denials, and the questioning before Pilate as one unfolding narrative.

Reflect

Where do fear, power, and truth appear in the scene?

One thing I notice

At the cross

Read slowly through the sentencing, crucifixion, and burial. Notice the narrator's Scripture references.

Reflect

What detail asks me to pause rather than hurry onward?

One thing I notice

Resurrection and belief

Follow Mary, the disciples, and Thomas. Notice the author's stated purpose in verses 30-31.

Reflect

How does the chapter speak to seeing, believing, and life?

One thing I notice

Breakfast and a calling

Notice the meal by the sea, Jesus' conversation with Peter, and the final witness.

Reflect

What would faithful following look like after failure or uncertainty?

One thing I notice

Read the text for yourself

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Primary reading: The Gospel of John, chapters 1-21

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