



Week 7
July 20–26

Quick Facts about John

- John refers to himself in the book as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.”
- John was the only disciple who did not die a martyr’s death
- He wrote The Gospel of John at the end of life. It is the last of the four gospels to be written and more than likely he had read Matthew, Mark, and Luke.
- John’s Gospel is the most theological of the four and he uses imagery a lot like calling Jesus the light of world, the bread of life, the door, the vine, etc. There are also the seven “I AM” statements from Jesus.
- John takes six chapters to cover the scene between Jesus and His disciples the night before His crucifixion as they celebrated Passover, which we now celebrate as Communion.

Quick Facts about Hebrews

- Authorship of the book is unknown, but it is written with a distinctly “Pauline” flavor.
- The ultimate purpose of Hebrews was to encourage and restore the faith of the once faithful.
- In its form Hebrews is a unique book. It is generally designated a letter, and is situated among a number of similar New Testament books, and yet it stands out from those around it like a necktie at a “contemporary” worship service. It is stately and polished in the midst of nitty-gritty letters full of busy instructions.

The Passion of Christ (Luke 22-24)

1. The model for our modern-day Lord's Supper is given in Luke 22:15-20. What does it say about how we should approach the Communion table?
2. We have all been faced with difficult situations. Have you ever prayed so earnestly as Jesus did in Luke 22:41-44? God did not spare Jesus even though he prayed so fervently. What was the outcome of your prayer? How did you accept God's answer?
3. After Jesus was resurrected, to whom did he appear? Why do you think he chose to appear to them? (Luke 24:13-49)
4. What was the significance of the last words Jesus spoke to them before ascending to heaven?
5. How would you have reacted if Jesus had appeared to you after the resurrection?

Jesus as "The Word" (John 1:1-18)

1. List 4 things you know about the apostle John.
2. Who is "the Word" (v14), and what does verse 1 tell us about Him?
3. Suppose a friend asks whether Jesus was eternal or was a created being. How could you use John 1 to answer the question?

The New Birth (John 3)

1. Who was Nicodemus and how did he know Jesus?
2. Who is meant to experience this new birth and how do they do it? (v 3:16)

What Jesus Is

1. What is Jesus called in Chapter 1? Chapter 4? Chapter 6?

Titus

1. What does Paul tell Titus about the leaders of the church?
2. What does he say about the *older and younger*? Where do you fit in to one of these categories?

Quick Facts about Philemon

1. Paul is in prison when he writes this letter to Philemon, a leader in the Colossian church. It is the most important writing dealing with forgiveness.
2. Paul pleads with Philemon to take back a runaway slave, Onesimus.

Hebrews 1-13

1. List four of the things that the writer gives to show that Christ is greater than the prophets and angels.
2. What are some of the reasons why Jesus *partook of flesh and blood*? (Chapter 2)
3. How is the power of the word of God described in 4:12-13?
4. List two things Paul teaches about the death of Christ in chapter 9.
5. What does Paul say about those who sin willfully? Does verse 10:26 mean that it is impossible to receive forgiveness for any willful sin?
6. How does Paul sum up in Hebrews 13? How do you think this list of exhortations affects us today?

