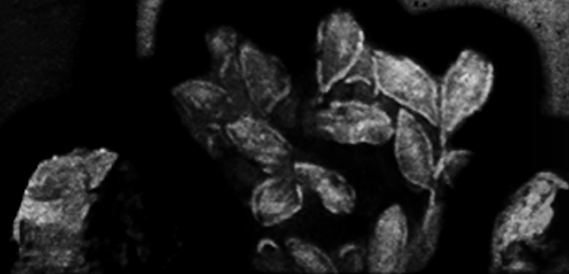


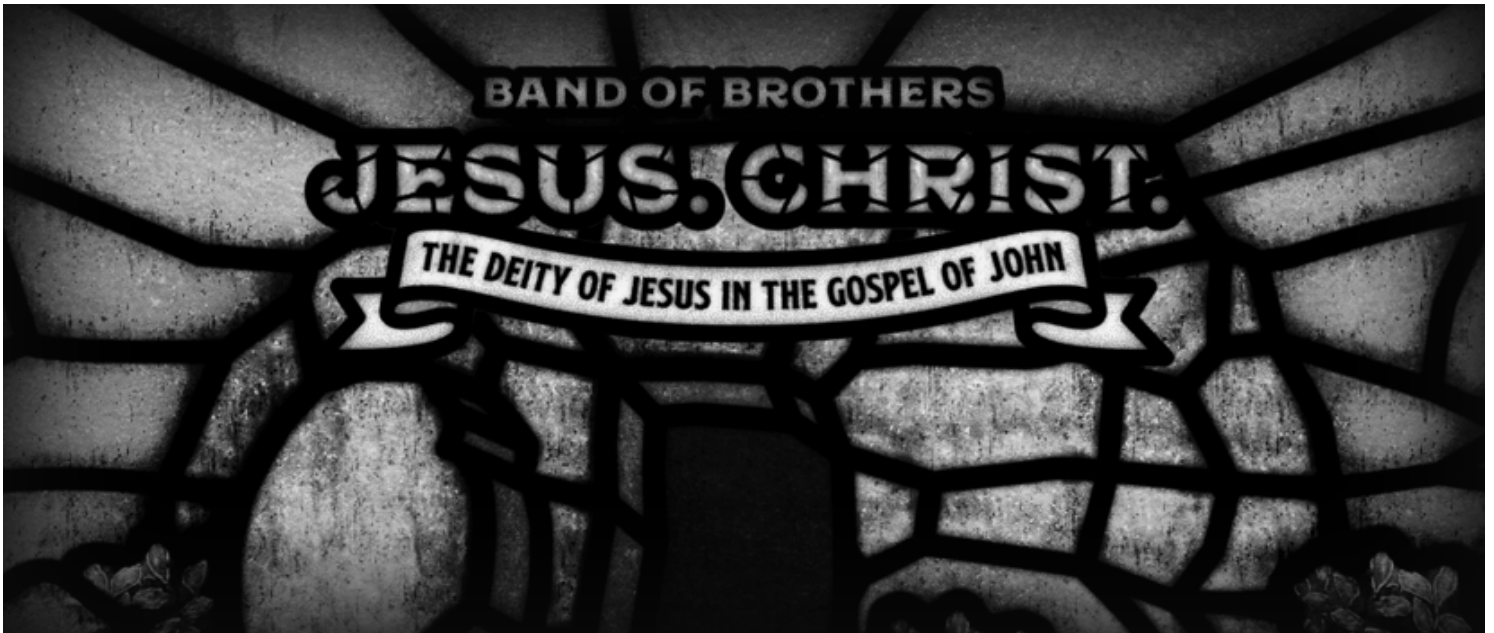
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# **JESUS. CHRIST.**

**THE DEITY OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**







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Dear brother in Christ,

You hold in your hands the second half of our study in the Gospel of John. Last semester we covered chapters 1-10 in a series called *LOVE. DIVINE.: The Deity of Jesus in the Gospel of John*. This semester we are picking up where we left off and will complete our in-depth dive into this marvelous book and the one-of-a-kind character it portrays: Our incomparable Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you weren't able to join us for the first half of our study, don't worry. We'll be doing a brief re-cap in week one, and you can always go to our CCBC web page and watch every one of the 11 episodes from last semester. Either way, I think you're going to find Part 2 well worth the time and effort.

Chapter 11 of John's gospel picks up the story in the last year of Jesus' earthly ministry. It opens with His raising of Lazarus from the dead and then moves quickly to the triumphal entry and the final week of His life. The last 11 chapters of this book contain some of the most important events surrounding His God-ordained mission and will take us right up to Easter, when we'll commemorate His death and burial, and celebrate His glorious resurrection.

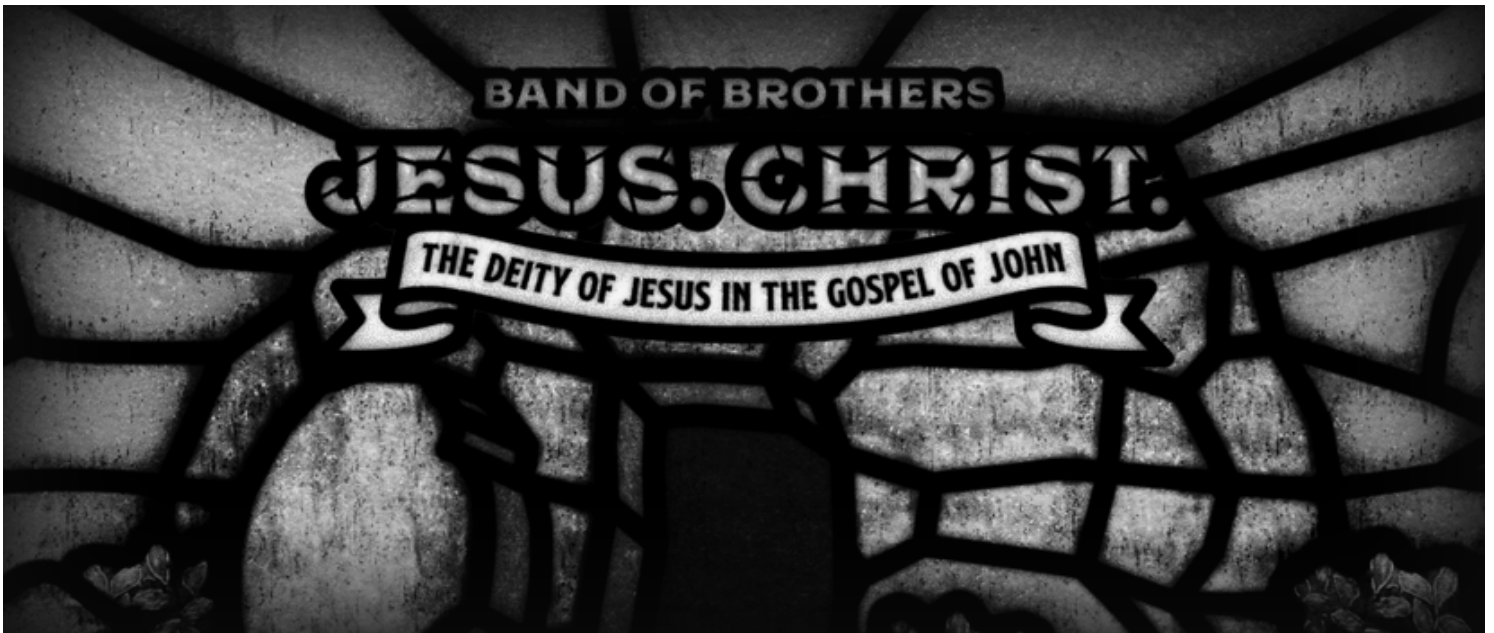
Inside, you'll find homework assignments that will help you engage with the passage and prepare you for each week's lesson. I have also included a copy of *Devotionary™*, a daily devotional that I wrote on the Gospel of John that provides greater detail on each chapter we will be covering.

I am excited you've chosen to join us on this exciting journey through the Gospel of John. I pray that you will grow in your knowledge of and appreciation for Jesus, the Son of God and our incomparable Savior.

In Him,

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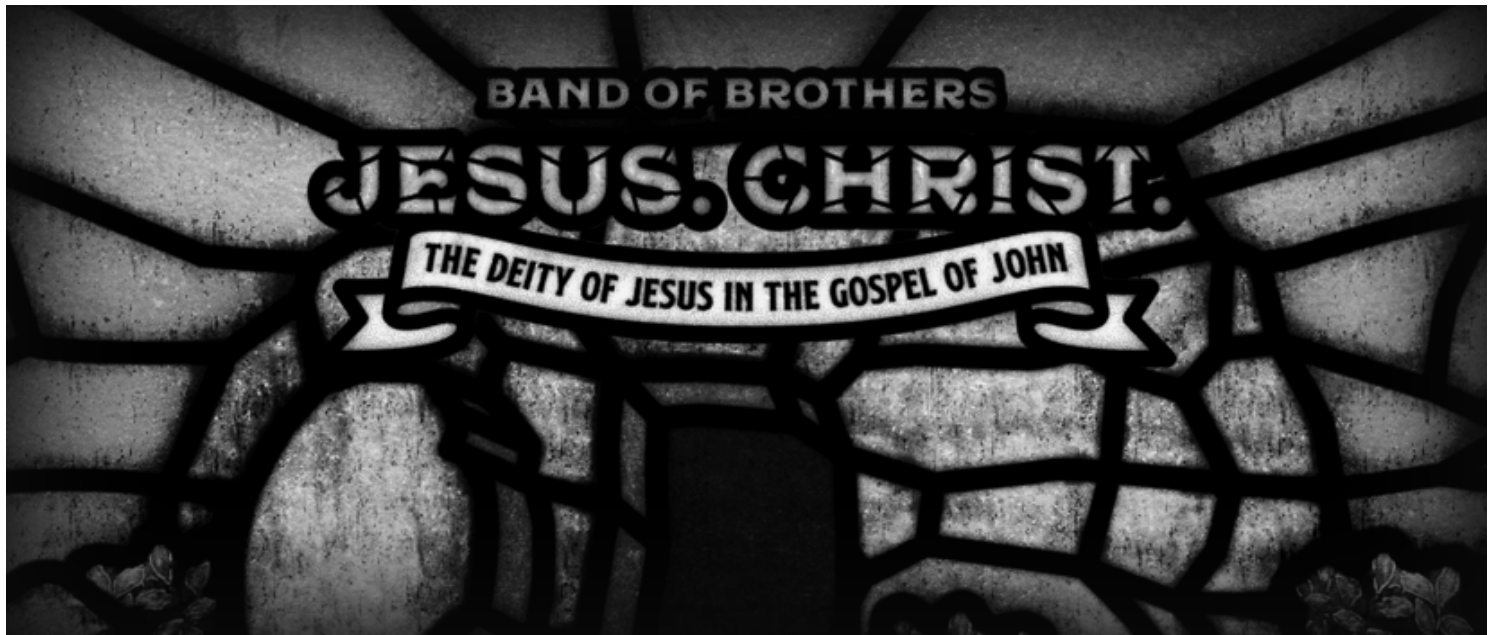
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HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 1 – The Son's Authority Over Death

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Key Verse: *"I am the resurrection and the life."* – John 11:25 ESV

- Read pages 5-16 in Ken's **Devotionary™** on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 11:1-44. As you read, circle any words or phrases that have to do with life and death. Write them down below.
- Take some time to consider the following statement of Jesus recorded in vs 4:  
*"This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."*

Lazarus *did* die, so what did Jesus mean when He said "this illness does not lead to death?"

In what ways did Jesus receive glory for what He did for Lazarus?

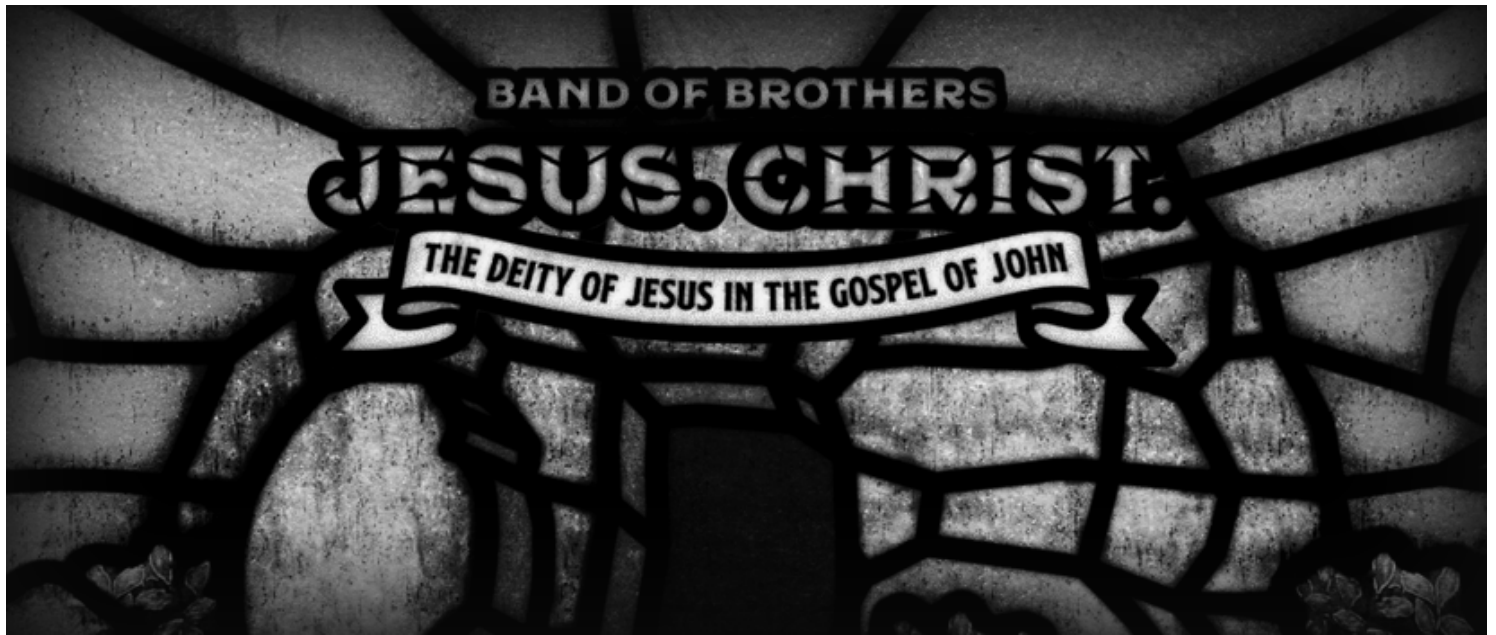
Why do you think Jesus delayed His departure for two days?

- Look closely at verses 21 and 32. What do the responses of these two sisters reveal about their faith in Jesus?

Do they give any indication that they thought Jesus could bring their dead brother back to life? If not, explain why you think they had given up hope.

- Read verses 23-24. From Martha's response, what do you think she believed about Jesus? When she and Jesus discussed resurrection, did they have the same thing in mind? Read Isaiah 26:19 and Daniel 12:2 to get an idea of the Hebrew concept of the resurrection.
- Look closely at verses 25-26. What do you understand Jesus to be saying? And why is this so important?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Why did Paul consider the resurrection so important to our faith? What is it about the resurrection that brings you hope and comfort?





## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 2 – The Son's Death Draws Near

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Key Verse: *"But for this purpose I have come to this hour."* – John 12:27 ESV

- Read pages 17-36 in Ken's **Devotionary**™ on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 11:45-54. Describe the various reactions to Jesus' raising of Lazarus from the dead.

Why were the religious leaders so worried about Jesus? What was it about Him that threatened their way of life, and what was their ultimate strategy for dealing with Jesus?

Look closely at verses 59-52. What was so significant about the statement made by Caiaphas?

- Read John 11:55-57. This was not Jesus' first trip to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Read the following passage and briefly describe what happened on the previous Passover.

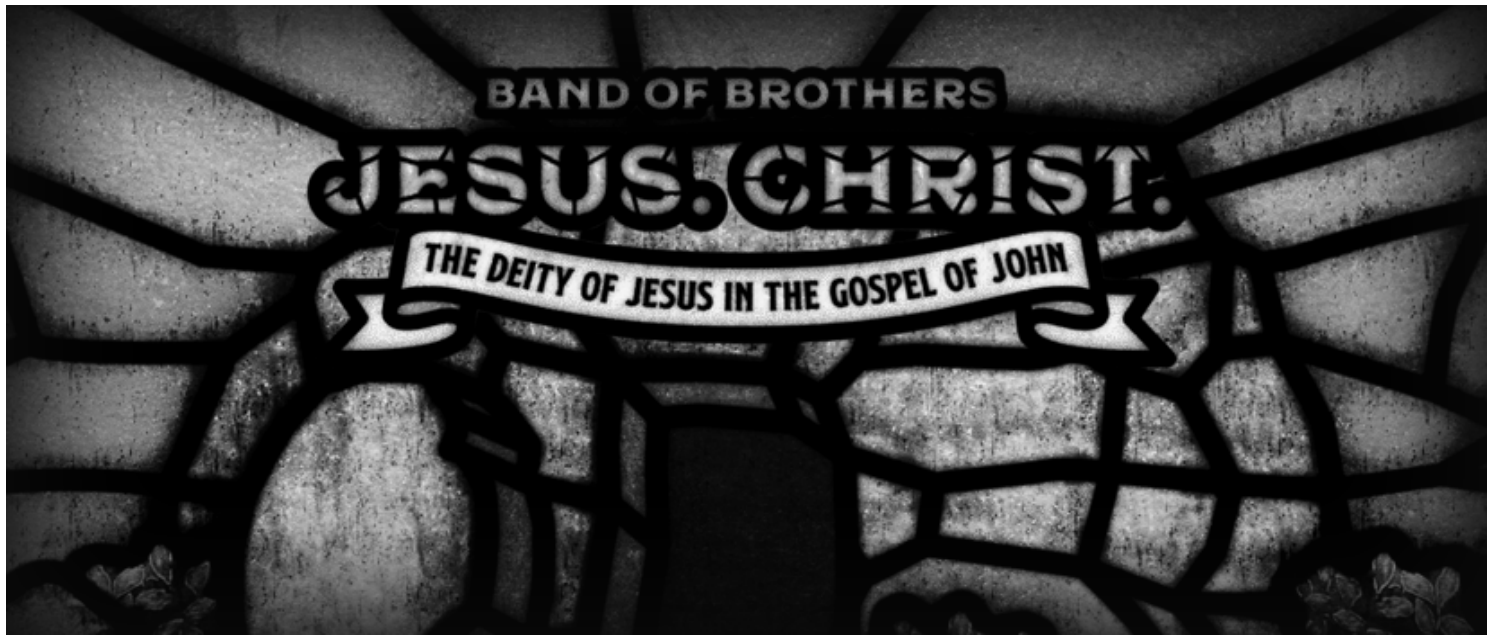
John 2:13-23

It is a year later, and the religious leaders are now looking to arrest Jesus. What had He done the previous year that led them to hate Him so much?

- Read John 12:1-11. This chapter brings us to the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry. It is just six days until the Passover and the time of His death is drawing closer. With that in mind, what is so significant about what takes place in verses 1-8?
- According to verses 9-11, Lazarus had become somewhat of a celebrity since his miraculous death-to-life experience. He had become a rock star to the people, but how did the religious react to him?
- Read John 12:12-19. Since the crowd that accompanied Jesus to Jerusalem was the same people who had been at the feast in Bethany, how does this explain their actions? What was it that Jesus had done that made them say the things they did? (look at verse 18).
- Read John 12:20-26. Concentrate your attention on verses 23-24. Why do you think Jesus referred to His pending death as a form of glorification? What was His death going to accomplish that would bring Him glory? (Read Philippians 2:5-11 for help).
- Read John 12:27-36. At this point, the only one in the crowd who knows what Jesus is talking about is Himself. According to Jesus, for what purpose has He come this hour?

What will be some of the results of Jesus being "lifted up" or crucified?

Try to put into your own words what you think Jesus is saying in verses 35-36.



### HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 3 – The Son's Role as Servant/Shepherd

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Key Verse: *"I did not come to judge the world but to save the world."* – John 12:79 ESV

- Read pages 37-52 in Ken's **Devotionary**™ on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 12:36-43. Despite all that Jesus has done, including raise a dead man back to life, many still refuse to believe in Him. John quotes from the prophet Isaiah to show that the rejection of Jesus by the people of Israel was inevitable. It was part of the will of God. To understand the context, go back and read Isaiah 52:13-15, then Isaiah 53:1-3. What do these verses predict about the coming Messiah?

John also quotes from Isaiah 6:8-10. Go back and read those verses and describe why you think John chose to include them at this point in his gospel.

Read the following quote from this week's **Devotionary**™ reading:

"Their disbelief, pre-ordained by God, was essential to His redemptive plan. It was essential that Jesus be rejected and, ultimately, crucified. His death was absolutely necessary if mankind was to have any hope of escaping future judgment."

Why was the rejection of Jesus so important?

Read Romans 10:1-4. What does Paul have to say about the rejection of Jesus by His own people?

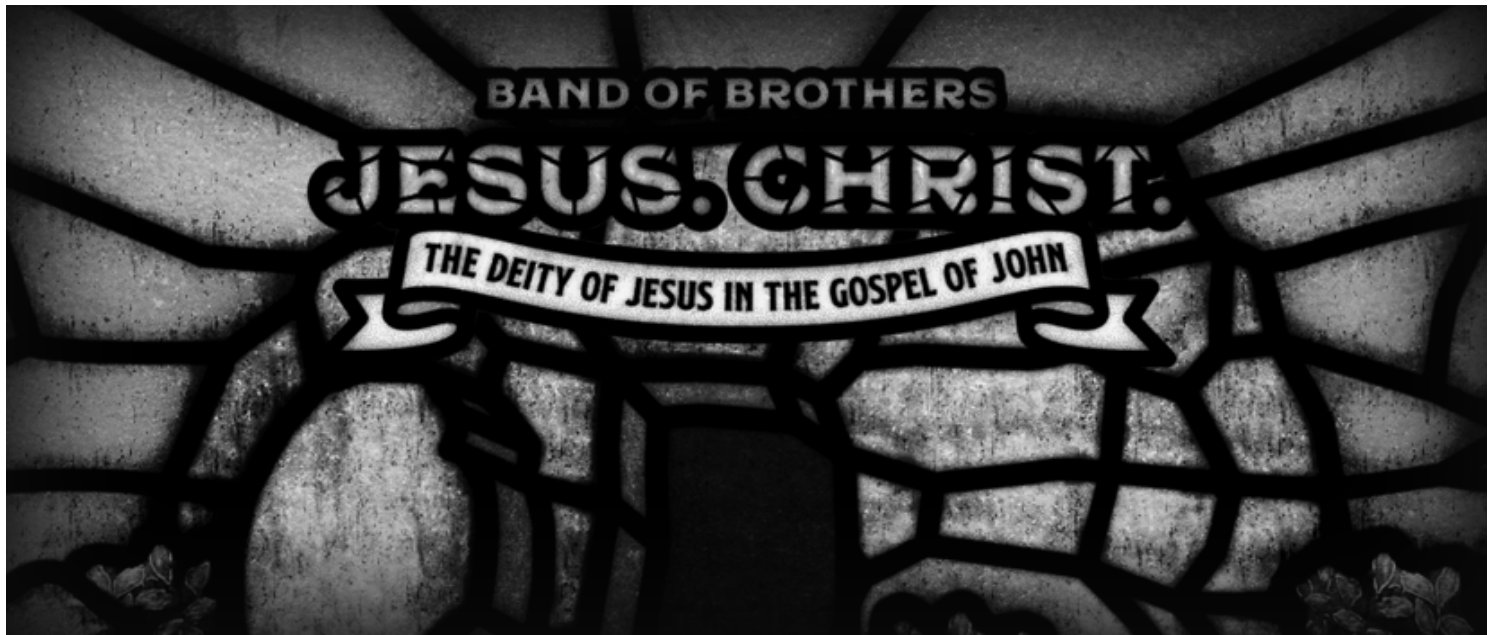
According to verses 42-43, what was preventing some of the religious leaders from declaring their belief in Jesus? How is that same thing true for many today?

- Read John 12:44-50. Compare the statements made by Jesus in these verses to those He made to Nicodemus in John 3:16-19.
- Read John 13:1-20. Why do you think Jesus bothered to wash the feet of His disciples? What was the point He was trying to make?

Look closely at verses 14-15. Do you think Jesus was telling His disciples to establish foot-washing as an ongoing practice for the church? If not, what did He mean when He said, “I have given you an example, that you should also do just as I have done to you”?

What would following Jesus’ example look like in everyday life?

Compare Jesus’ statement in verses 16-17 with His statement in John 15:12-13. How does this help explain what Jesus was asking His disciples (and us) to do?



## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 4 – The Son Glorifies the Father

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Key Verses: *“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.”* – John 13:31 ESV

- Read pages 53-68 in Ken’s **Devotionary™** on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 13:21-30. Before going any further, consider the fact that Jesus had just washed the feet of Judas, knowing full well that this man was going to betray Him. Why would this be significant?

Read John 6:70-71. If Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray Him, why did He do nothing to expose him for his treachery? Why does the fact that Jesus did not try to prevent Judas from betraying Him reveal that it was all part of God’s plan?

Compare what happens to Judas in verses 26-27 with what happened with Peter in Matthew 16:21-23. Jesus told Judas to go and do what he had planned to do: Betray Him. But when Peter begged that God would forbid Jesus from having to die, Jesus called him, “Satan.” One man was doing the will of God while the other was trying to thwart the will of God. Why is this so significant?

- Read John 13:31-36. Back in John 8:21-24, Jesus told the religious leaders they would not be able to go where He was going. Instead, they would die in their sins. Now, Jesus repeats the first part to His disciples, but leaves out the second part. Why is this important?

After His death and resurrection, Jesus would be returning to His Father's side in heaven. But His disciples would be staying behind. So, what are the instructions He gave them?

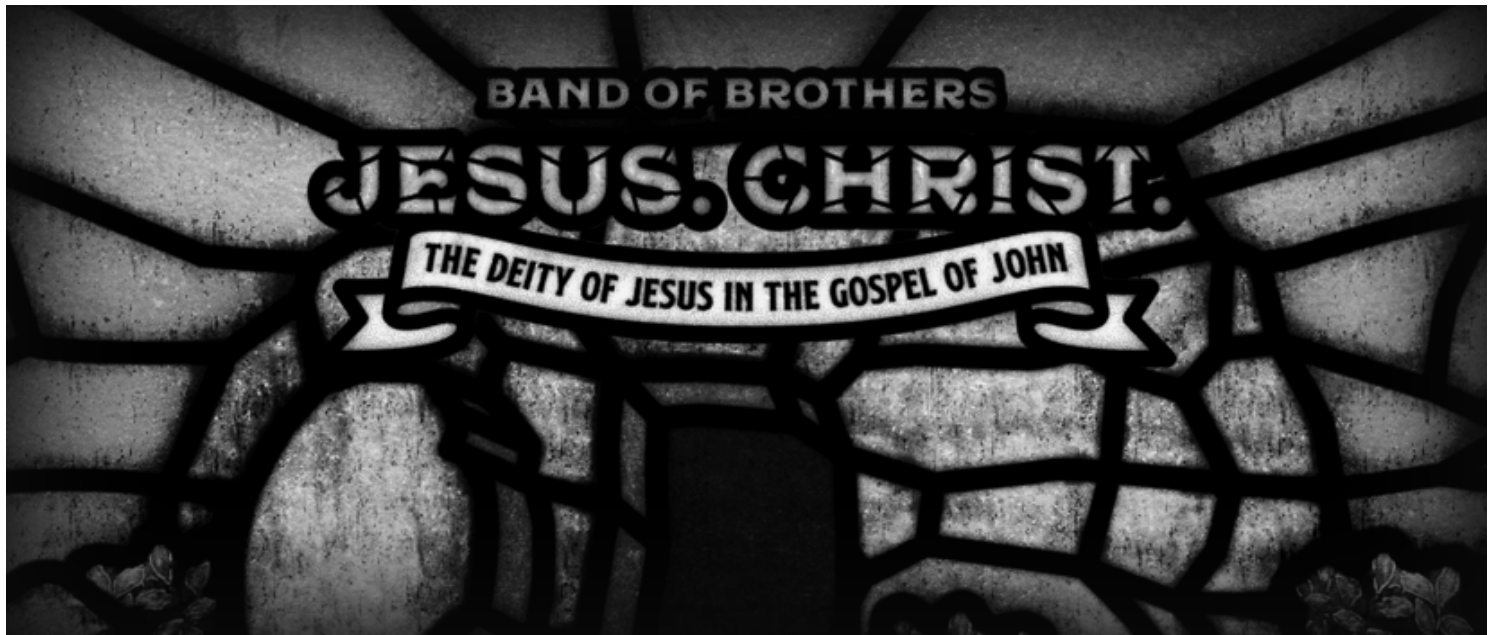
Why is it so important that we understand these instructions apply to us as well? Why do we find it so hard to follow them?

Read 1 John 4:13-21. John tells us that we are to love as we have been loved by God. What would that look like in everyday life?

How could our failure to love our brothers and sisters in Christ in the same way that we have been loved by God discredit our testimony?

How would our selfless, sacrificial love for our fellow believers be an expression of our love for God?

- Read verses 36-38. How would you have received this message from Jesus if He had said it to you?
- Read John 14:1-14. While the disciples didn't fully understand what Jesus was saying, how were His words meant to be a comfort to them?



## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 5 – The Son’s Promise of the Spirit

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Key Verse: *“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”* – John 15:5 ESV

- Read pages 69-92 in Ken’s **Devotionary™** on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 14:15-25. The disciples don’t realize it yet, but everything is about to change in a significant way. Jesus is headed to the cross and, eventually, back to His Father’s side in heaven. List some of the changes that Jesus predicts are headed their way and what significance they will have for the disciples.

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According to verses 22-23, how will Jesus “manifest” himself to the disciples after He has gone?

- Read John 14:26-31. What are some of the benefits that will accompany the arrival of the Holy Spirit?

According to verse 28, the disciples should have been glad that Jesus was going away. Why?

- Read John 15:1-17. While a familiar passage to many of us, we sometimes have difficulty understanding what Jesus is describing. As best as you can, write what you think Jesus means by “abiding.” What would this look like in everyday life for you?

What do you think Jesus means when He talks about bearing “much fruit?” Read Galatians 5:16-24 for insight.

What would it look like to not “abide?”

What does loving one another have to do with abiding in Christ?

- Read John 15:18-27. What are some of the “promises” that Jesus makes in these verses?

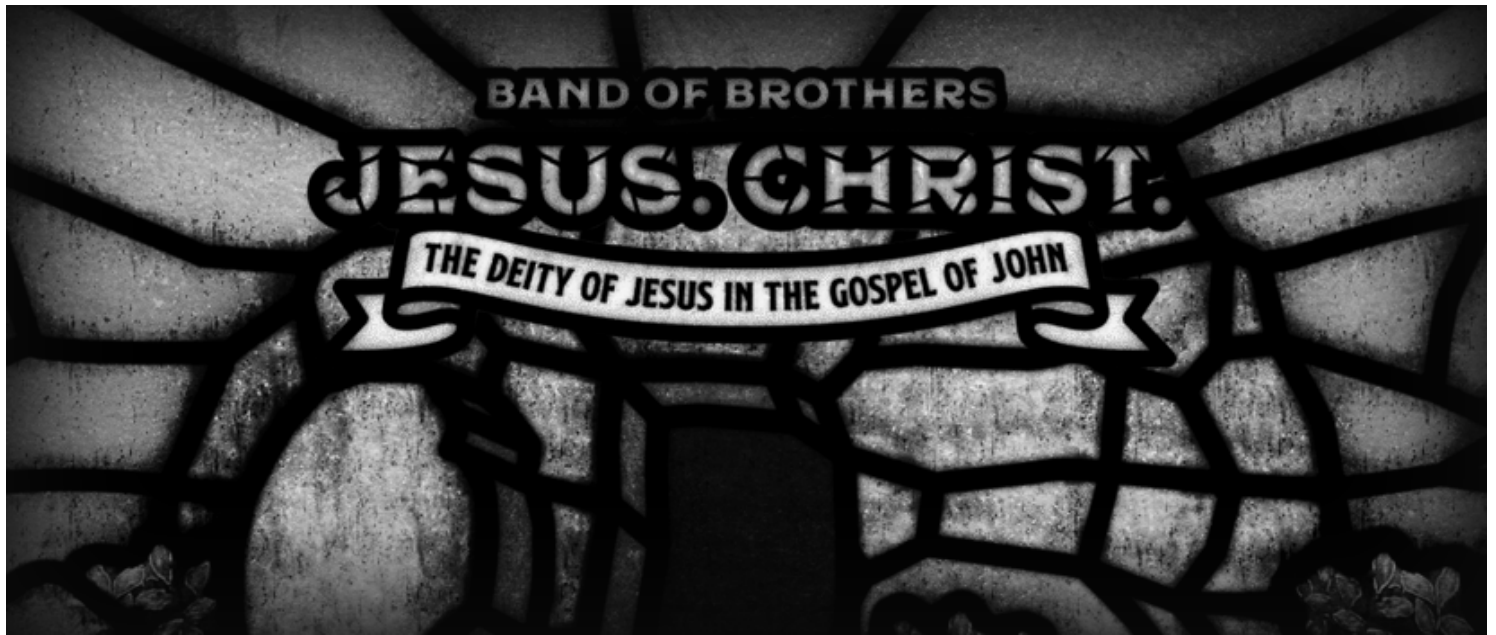
In verse 19, Jesus says that He has chosen His followers “out of the world.” What do you think that means and what should it look like?

How are we to live *in* the world, but refrain from being *of* the world? Read 1 John 2:15-17 for additional insight.

In what ways do Christians experience the hatred of the world today?

Describe a time when you had to suffer on account of Jesus’ name.





## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 6 – The Son Prays for His Own

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Key Verse: *“...that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” – John 17:21 ESV*

- Read pages 93-120 in Ken’s **Devotionary**™ on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 16:1-15. Again, Jesus tells His disciples that it is to their advantage that He go away. Why?

What does Jesus describe as the advantages of the coming of the Holy Spirit?

- Read John 16:16-24. Try to put into your own words what you think Jesus is trying to tell His disciples.
- Read John 16:25-33. These verses seem to portray the disciples as getting a bit cocky. They come across like they are finally understanding what Jesus is saying. But what does He say that reveals they are still in the dark?

- Read John 17:1-26. Take a few minutes to meditate on this powerful prayer, then write down any statements Jesus makes that resonate with you personally.

Take a look at verse 3. How does Jesus describe “eternal life?” In what ways is His definition different than the one you grew up with?

What does knowing God and Jesus Christ have to do with eternal life?

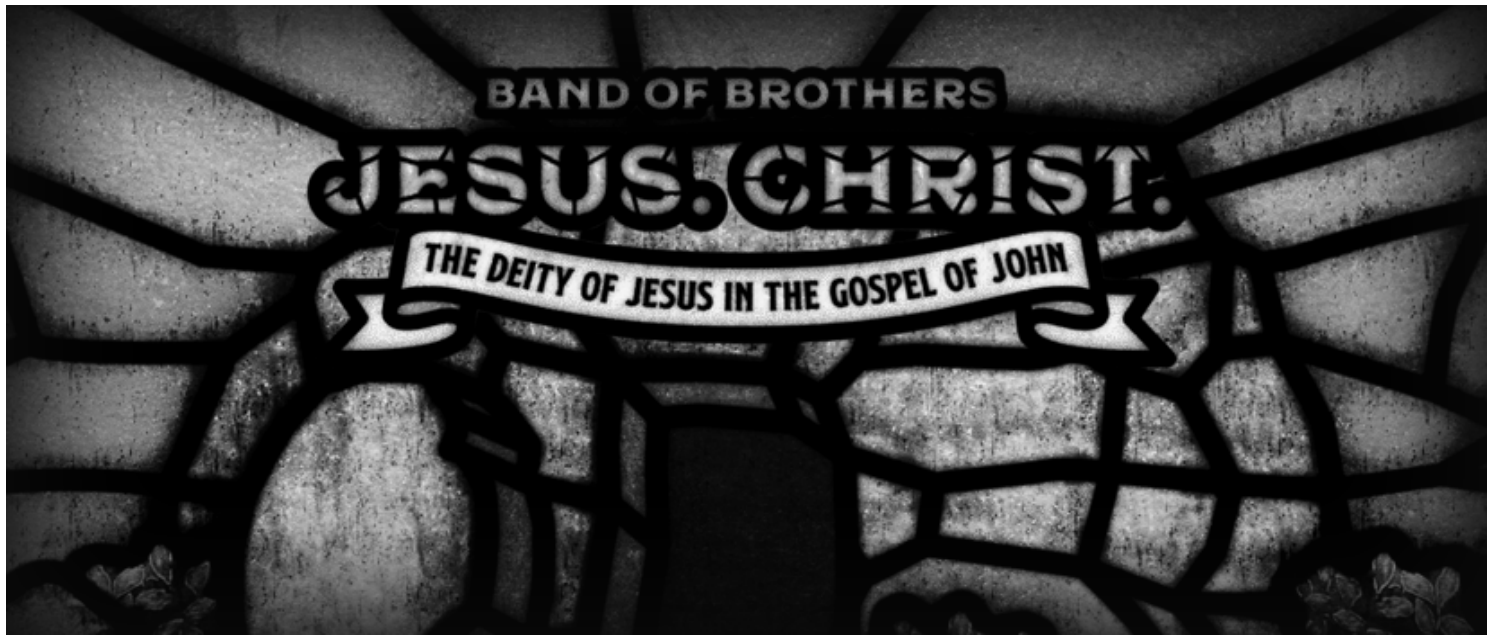
In verses 14-16, Jesus restates the truth that the world will hate us. What does this prompt Him to request of His Heavenly Father on our behalf?

Look closely at verses 17-19. Jesus asked the Father to sanctify us in the truth of His Word. What do you think this means? Keep in mind that the word “sanctify” means “to set apart.”

According to Jesus, how important is God’s Word to our ongoing holiness?

In verses 20-24, Jesus prays for the unity among His followers. Why do you think that was so important to Him and what should that kind of unity look like in the church today?

Finally, look at verse 26. How did Jesus make known the name of God in His lifetime? How does He continue to do so today, even though He is now in heaven?



HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 7 – The Son Betrayed

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Key Verse: *"...shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"* – John 18:11 ESV

- Read pages 121-126 in Ken's **Devotionary™** on the Gospel of John.
- While the reading for this week is much shorter, the passage we'll be looking at is one of the deepest and most profound sections in the entire Bible. In it, we find the betrayal of the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

In preparation for this week's study, read the following sections of the Synoptic Gospels. Write down any key differences you find in these three descriptions of the evening's events.  
Matthew 26:36-56

Mark 14:32-50

Luke 22:39-53

Write down your thoughts about the following quote from this week's **Devotionary™**.

"The scenes of betrayal, humiliation, suffering, and death that mark the end of Jesus' life are not meant to call into question His identity, but to confirm it. While they appear to the human eye as evidence of defeat and failure, they are actually powerful proofs of God's divine strategy for bringing about Satan's fall and Christ's victory over sin and death."

According to verses 4-6, who did the soldiers come to arrest and what does this reveal about their ideas concerning Jesus?

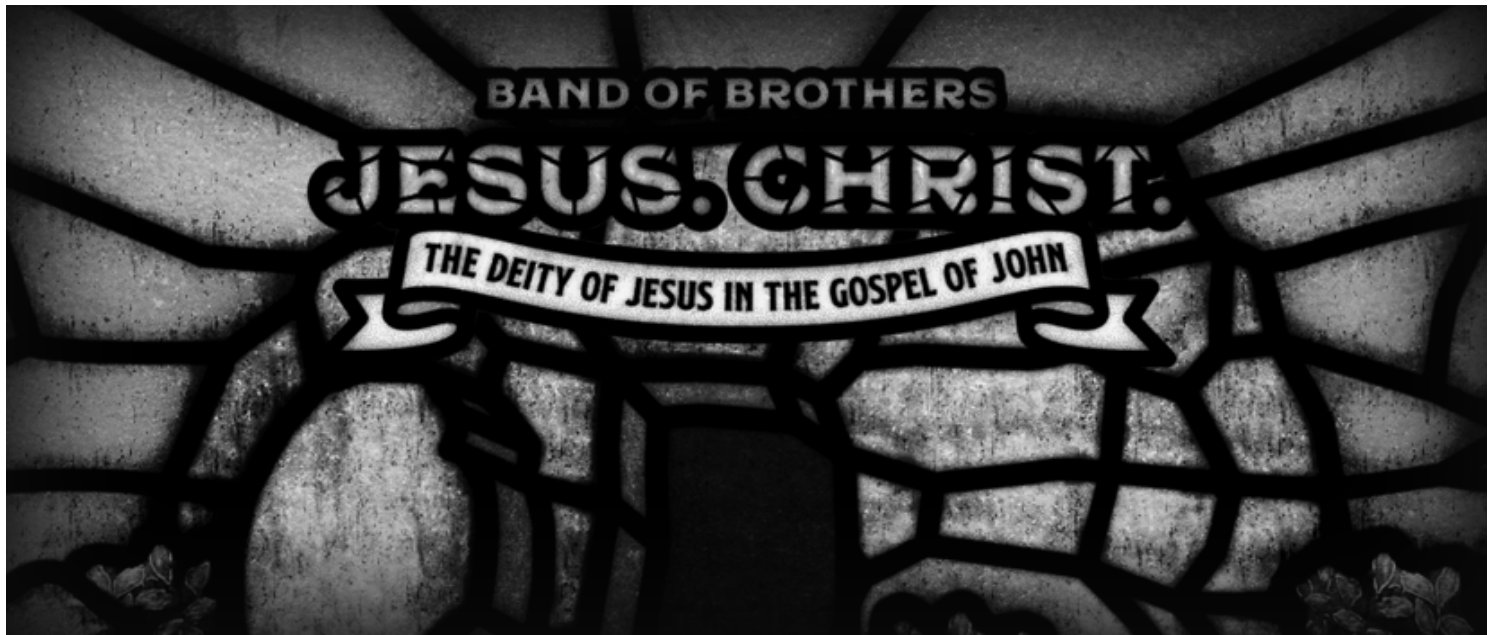
What is significant about the reaction of soldiers to Jesus' words, "I am he?" Why do you think they reacted so strongly to such a simple statement?

What is so significant about Jesus asking that the soldiers allow the disciples to go free?

Go back and read John 13:36-38. Peter swore that he was willing to lay down his life for Jesus. Now read John 18:10-11. Did Peter's actions prove that he had meant his vow? What would lead you to believe that Peter wasn't exactly serious about his efforts to protect Jesus?

Look at verse 11. Jesus seems to be inferring that Peter was actually attempting to prevent Jesus from obeying His Father's will. This was not the first time this had happened. Read Matthew 16:21-23. How was Peter guilty in both cases of not "setting his mind on the things of God, but on the things of man?"

Jesus refers to drinking the cup that His Father has given Him. Look at Matthew 20:20-23 and then describe what you think Jesus is referring to when He talks about drinking the cup. Look at Jeremiah 25:15 and Isaiah 51:17 for help.



## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 8 – The Son on Trial

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*Key Verse: After he had said this, he [Pilate] went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him." – John 18:38 ESV*

- Read pages 127-144 in Ken's **Devotionary**™ on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 18:12-14. To better understand this passage, also read John 11:47-53.

What did Caiaphas say about Jesus that would lead you to believe that they only had one outcome in mind for Jesus?

Now read John 18:19-24. In these verses, Jesus is being interrogated by Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, and the patriarch of the high-priestly dynasty. What takes place in the encounter that reveals what these people thought about Jesus?

- While Jesus was going through the grand inquisition by the residence of the high priest, Peter was experiencing his own trial in the courtyard. Read John 18:15-18 and 25-27. According to these verses, who were Peter's three "accusers?"

What was the nature of their accusations against Peter and why is this important?

- Read John 18:28-32. Also read Luke 23:1-2. The Jewish religious leaders had one goal in mind when bringing Jesus before Pilate, the Roman governor. What was it?

What was Pilate's reaction to this crowd showing up on his doorstep?

Read John 18:33-40. Also read Matthew 11:11-14; Mark 15:1-5; and Luke 23:1-5. Why is it significant that Pilate spent time interrogating Jesus about whether He was the King of the Jews?

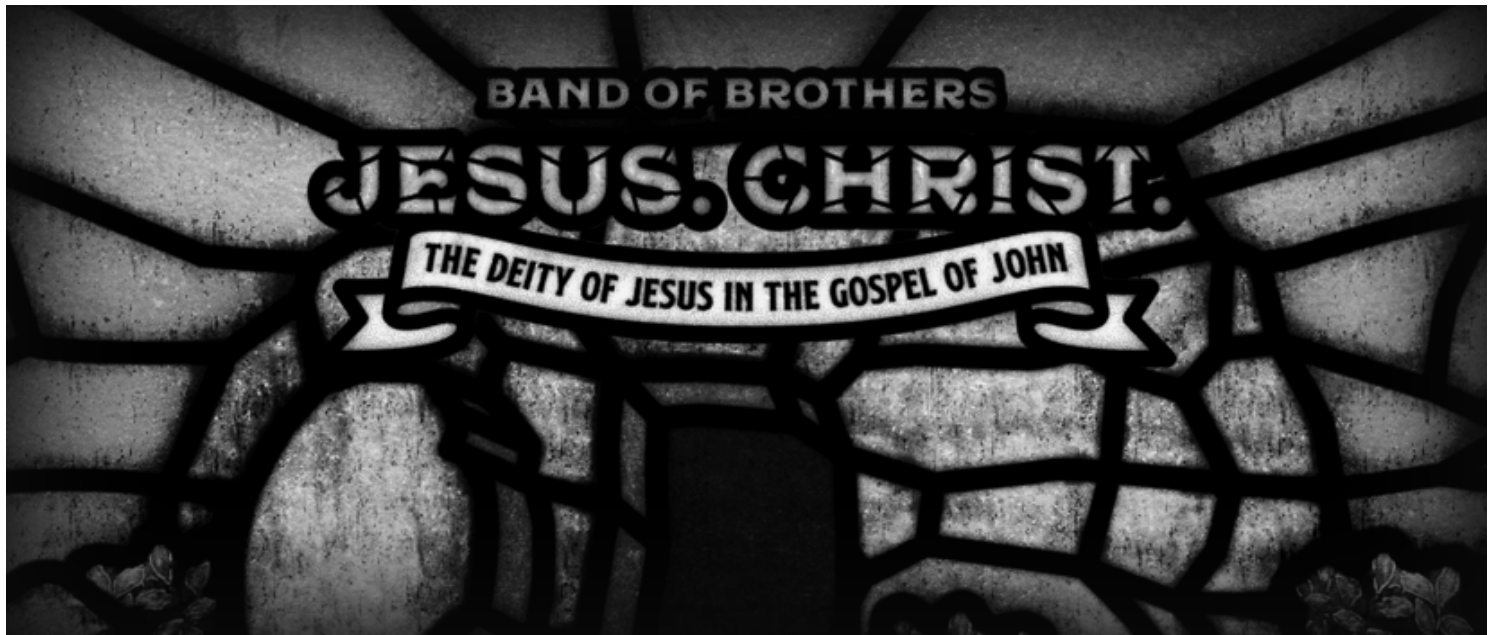
What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "My kingdom is not of this world?"

- Read verses 38-40. How would you have answered Pilate's question: "What is truth?"

Take a look at Matthew 27:12-21, Mark 15:3-11, and Luke 23:4-19. What is so significant about the religious leaders and the crowds demanding the release of a common criminal instead of Jesus?

Read Luke 4:16-21. How does this passage provide insight into the release of Barabbas?

- Think about the fact that Barabbas, a convicted criminal, was given his freedom. What had he done to deserve it? How had he earned the right to escape punishment for his crimes? How does this apply to each and every one of us who have been set free by Jesus Christ?



## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 9 – The Son Delivered

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Key Verse: *“So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.”* – John 19:16 ESV

- Read pages 145-148 in Ken’s **Devotionary**™ on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 19:1-16. As you read this familiar account, slow down and consider each and every detail that is provided by John. Take some time to read the other gospel accounts as well: Matthew 27:24-21, Mark 15:12-20, and Luke 23:13-25.

Write down everything that happened to Jesus as the soldiers “prepared” Him for His crucifixion.

- Focus your attention on verses 1-3. Why are these details so significant? Consider for a moment the full import of the actions of these callous and heartless soldiers. Then consider what Jesus said as He hung on the cross as recorded in Luke 23:34-35. What do you think Jesus meant by “forgive them?”

What was the reaction of the religious leaders when Pilate presented Jesus to them wearing the purple robe and crown of thorns?

These men showed Jesus no mercy or compassion. According to verse 7, what was the reason for their callous and harsh reaction toward Jesus? Why did they think He was well-deserving of death?

- What do you think is the significance about Pilate asking Jesus, “Where are you from?” (Vs 9). What could have prompted him to ask this question?

Now read verses 9-11 and consider the irony of the conversation between the royal governor and this Jew dressed in purple robe and wearing a crown of thorns. What does their dialogue reveal about who is in control of what is taking place?

Several times, Pilate concluded that Jesus was innocent of any crime worthy of death. Read the following passages and write down what they reveal about Jesus’ guiltlessness.

1 Peter 2:21-23

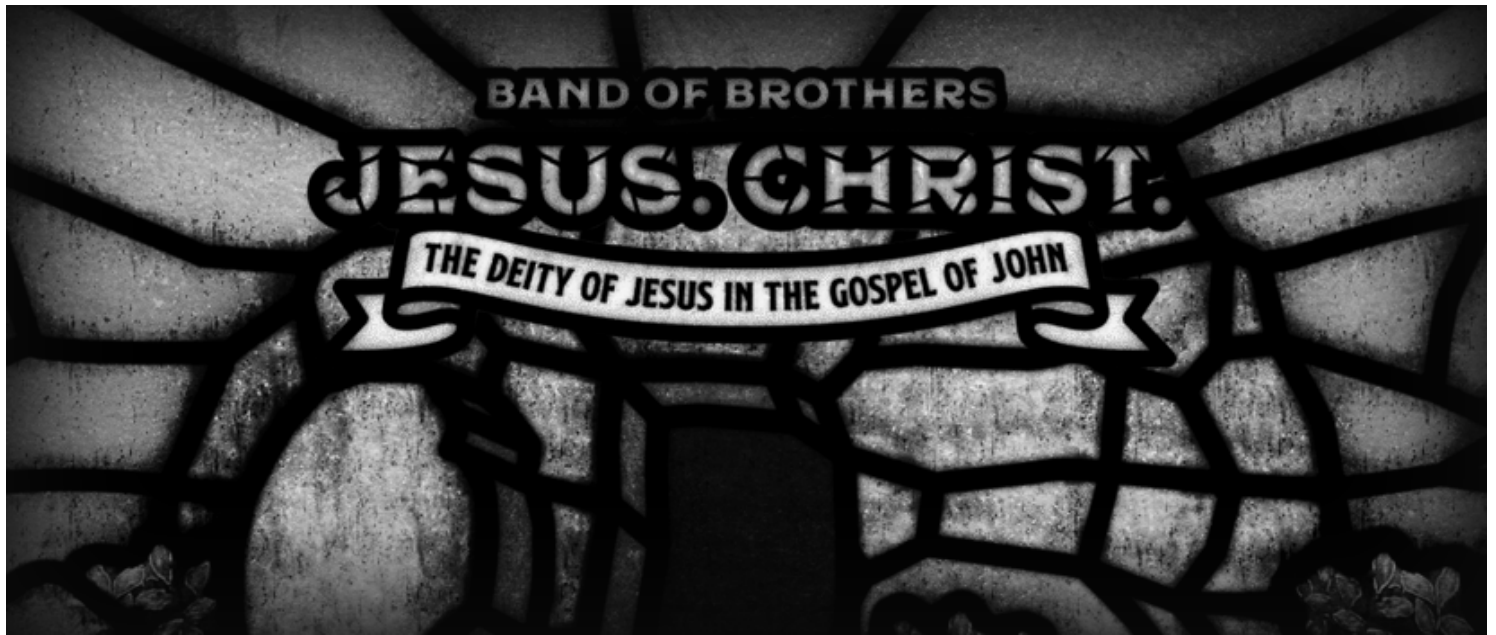
2 Corinthians 5:21

Hebrews 4:15

- In verse 5, Pilate presented Jesus by saying, “Behold the man!” But in verse 14, he declared, “Behold your King!” Why do you think Pilate changed his description of Jesus and why is it even important?

What was the peoples’ response?





## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 10 – **The Son Crucified**

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Key Verse: *“It is finished.”* – John 19:30 ESV

- Read pages 149-156 in Ken’s **Devotionary**™ on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 19:16-22; Matthew 27:31-37; Mark 15:12-23; and Luke 23:26-33a.

It was standard protocol for the Romans to affix a sign above the head of the one being crucified that bore the crime he had committed. In Jesus’ case, Pilate instructed that the charge against Jesus read: “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Why is this significant?

How did the religious leaders react to Pilate’s decision and why do you think it upset them?

What other details surrounding Jesus’ crucifixion do the other gospel writers include that strike you as noteworthy?

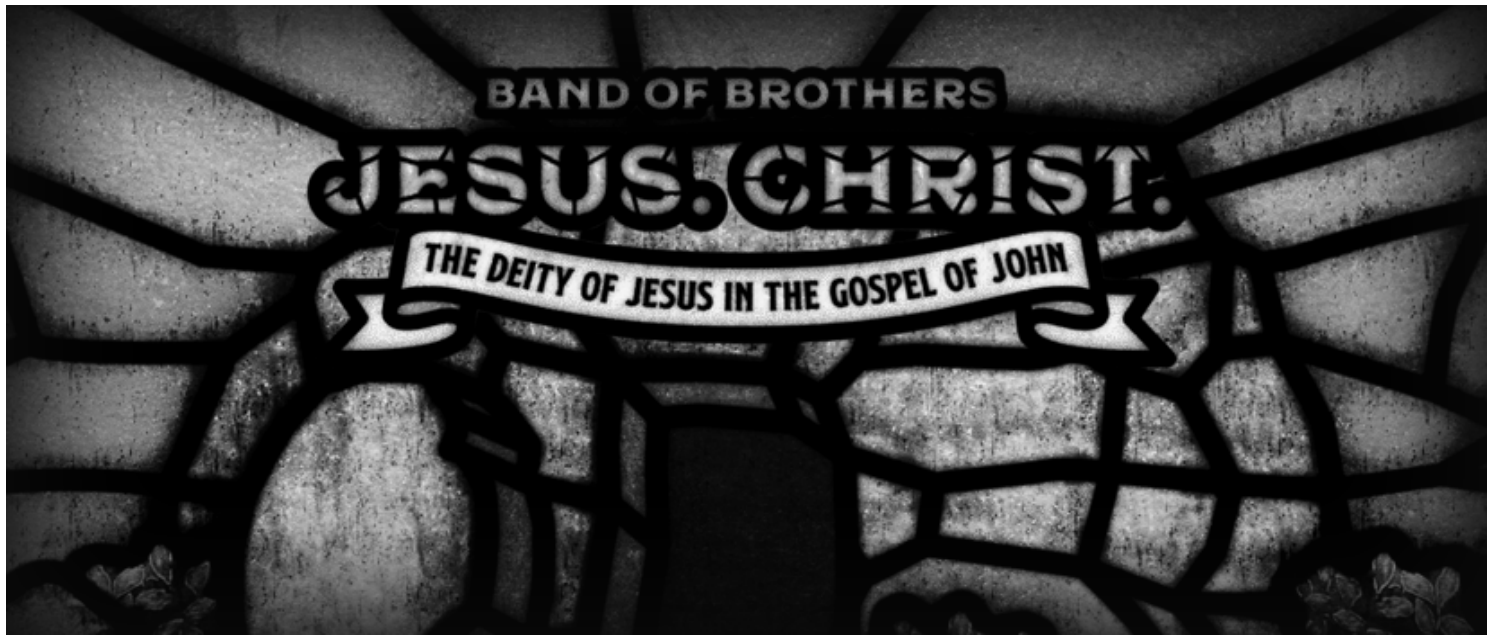
- Read John 19:23-24. Why is it important that John ties the actions of the soldiers to Old Testament Scripture? What is the point he is trying to make? Read Psalm 22:16-18 to see the passage to which John referred.
- Read John 19:25-27. Also, read Luke 2:26-38. Try to put in your own words the feelings Mary must have had as she watched her Son be brutally murdered on a Roman cross. How was she supposed to reconcile the words she had received 33 years earlier with the gruesome scene taking place in front of her?

Why do you think it was important for Jesus to turn over the care of His mother to John? For more than three years, Jesus had been away from His childhood home Galilee. So, why did He feel the need to place her under John's care?

- Read John 19:28-30, Matthew 27:48-50; Mark 15:36-37; and Luke 23:46. What do you think Jesus meant when He uttered the last words, "It is finished"?

Jesus was given a cup filled with sour wine. Read Matthew 26:36-44 for some additional insight into what is going on in this scene. Why was it important for Jesus to drink from this "cup" of bitterness? What did it signify?

- Read John 19:31-37; Matthew 27:45-54; Mark 15:33-39; and Luke 23: 44-49. Write down the details of Jesus' final minutes on earth that made the most impact on you.



## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 11 – The Son Buried

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*Key Verse: So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices...  
So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand,  
they laid Jesus there. – John 19:40, 42 ESV*

- Read pages 157-160 in Ken's **Devotionary™** on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 19:38-42; Matthew 27:57-66; Mark 15:42-47; and Luke 23:50-56.

From these four passages, what do we know about Joseph of Arimathea?

Go back and look at John 3. What must have happened to Nicodemus that he would risk assisting Joseph with the burial of Jesus' body?

What evidence do you see in this passage that these men were convinced of Jesus' death?  
How do their actions convey a sense of finality?

- Read the following quote from **Devotionary™**.

“John’s emphasis on the body of Jesus is crucial. All throughout his gospel, John has stressed the deity and humanity of Jesus. These two aspects of Jesus’ identity are inseparable and equally vital in John’s understanding of the Gospel. Jesus was the Word made flesh (John 1:14). He was the Son of God who came from heaven and became a man so that He might dwell among us and reveal the glory of God to us. According to John, Jesus, in His incarnation, made God known (John 1:18). The apostle Paul declares that Jesus, by virtue of His humanity, was “the visible image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15 NLT).”

Why do you think it is so important that John emphasizes the preparation of Jesus’ body for burial?

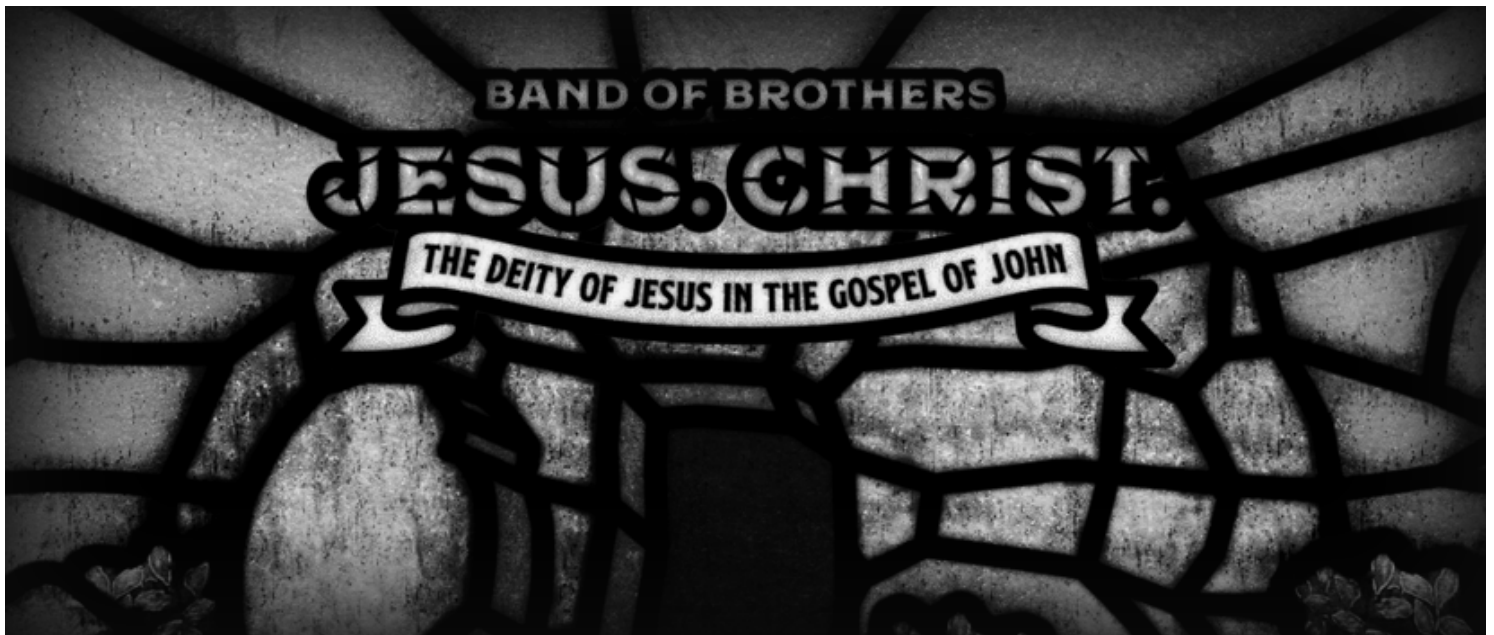
Why should a follower of Jesus Christ find these words comforting?

What details do you see in this passage that convey the high esteem that Joseph and Nicodemus had for Jesus? Compare this passage with Matthew 2:7-11. What similarities do you see?

- Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. What do these verses tell us about the value of Jesus’ death?

Now look at 1 Peter 2:24 and Isaiah 53:5-6. What was the price that Jesus paid for our salvation?

- Read Acts 13:34-37. According to Paul, what was going to set this burial apart from all other burials?



## HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 12 – The Son Appears

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*Key Verse: After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. – John 21:1 ESV*

- Read pages 161-194 in Ken's **Devotionary**™ on the Gospel of John.
- Read John 20:1-10; Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8, and Luke 24:1-8.

What jumps out at you in these four accounts of Jesus' resurrection?

What were the expectations of the women as they began their trip to the tomb? What did they hope to find?

Write down the reactions of the various individuals John describes coming to the tomb that morning.

Mary Magdalene

Peter

John

- Read John 20:11-18. What were the instructions Jesus gave to Mary Magdalene?
- Read John 20:19-29. Why do you think Jesus retained the nail wounds in His hands and feet, as well as the wound in His side? Why weren't these miraculously healed at His resurrection?

Look closely at verse 29. What does this statement have to do with you?

- Read John 20:3-31. According to John, why did he record all these events in his gospel? What were their purpose?
- Read John 21:1-14. Why do you think Jesus bothered to make personal appearances to so many people after His resurrection? What was He trying to accomplish?
- Read John 21:15-19. Compare what happens in these verses to the scene that took place on the night Jesus stood before the high priest (John 18:15-18, 25-27). What do you think Jesus is trying to accomplish in His one-on-one discussion with Peter?

Why does He keep telling Peter to feed His sheep?

- Read John 21:20-25. What does Peter's question regarding John reveal about him?

What is the significance of John's closing statement to his gospel account? Why do you think he ended it this way?