

Lent 2026: A Study of John on Zoom

Dividing the Gospel of John from 1:1 to 11:57 into five logical blocks allows for a study focusing on the introduction of Jesus's identity and the escalating evidence of his divinity. This structure follows the progression of John's Gospel, moving from the concept of Jesus (1:1-18), to his introduction (1:19-51), to his revelatory ministry (2-4), controversial teaching (5-8), and finally to the climax of his public ministry in raising Lazarus (9-11).

1. FEBRUARY 23 @ 7PM

The Word Made Flesh: The Divine Prologue (1:1-1:18)

- **Focus:** Establishing the identity of Jesus as the pre-existent, incarnate Word (Logos) who reveals the Father.
- **Key Themes:** Deity of Christ, Light vs. Darkness, Grace and Truth.
- **Study Point:** How does John define Jesus before his ministry begins?

2. MARCH 02 @ 7PM

The Messiah Identified: Preparation for Ministry (1:19-1:51)

- **Focus:** John the Baptist's testimony and the calling of the first disciples.
- **Key Themes:** The Lamb of God, divine calling, "Come and see."
- **Study Point:** The transition from the ministry of John to the ministry of Jesus.

3. MARCH 09 @ 7PM

Signs of a New Covenant: Cana to the Well (2:1-4:54)

- **Focus:** The first "signs" (miracles) and personal encounters with Jesus.
- **Key Sections:** Water to wine (2:1-11), Temple cleansing (2:12-25), Nicodemus (3:1-21), The Samaritan Woman (4:1-42), Healing the official's son (4:46-54).
- **Study Point:** Jesus replaces old ceremonial systems (purification water, temple) with his own presence, revealing himself to diverse individuals (a religious leader, a despised woman).

4. MARCH 16 @ 7PM

The Authority of the Son: Conflict and Claim (5:1-8:59)

- **Focus:** Jesus claims equality with God, causing conflict with religious leaders.
- **Key Sections:** Bethesda healing/Sabbath conflict (5), Feeding 5,000 & Bread of Life (6), Feast of Booths (7), "I Am the Light of the World" (8).
- **Study Point:** How does Jesus's teaching (discourse) support his miraculous signs?

5. MARCH 23 @ 7PM

The Light of Life vs. Final Rejection (9:1-11:57)

- **Focus:** Blindness, spiritual sight, and the ultimate sign leading to the passion.
- **Key Sections:** Healing the man born blind (9), The Good Shepherd (10), Raising Lazarus (11), The plot to kill Jesus (11:45-57).
- **Study Point:** The growing opposition to Jesus because of his claims to be the resurrection and life, closing with the event that seals his fate.