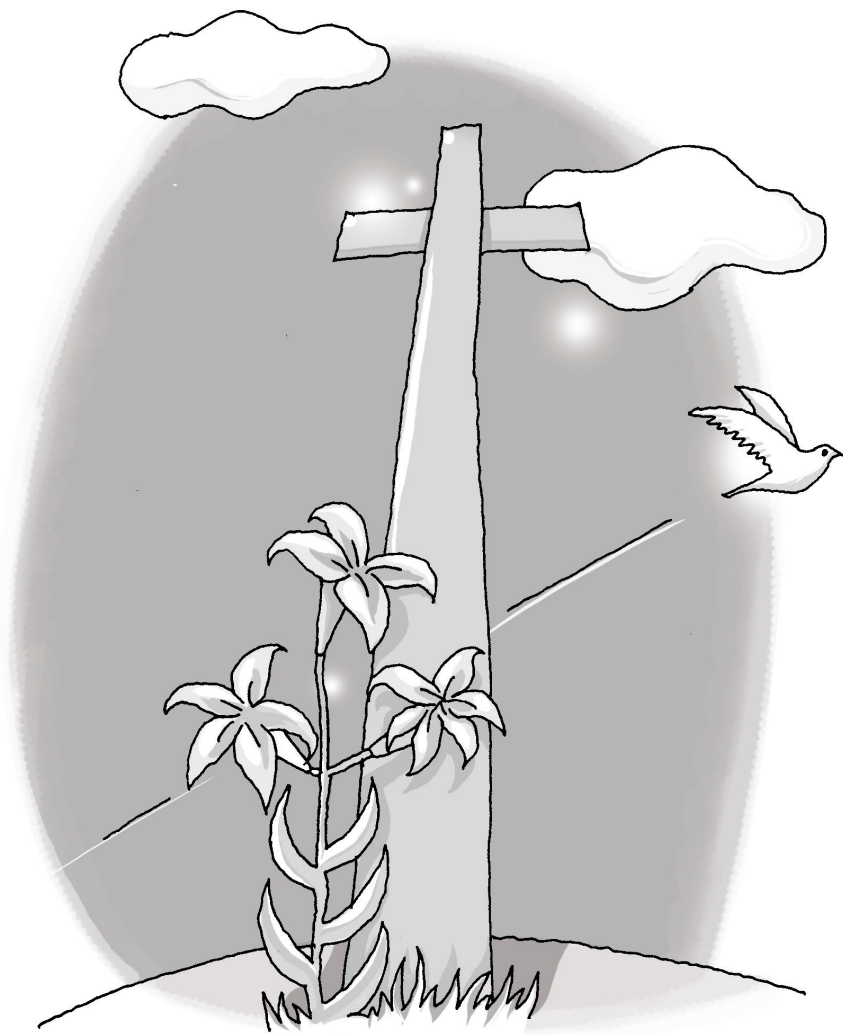


10 Steps to becoming an Authentic Christian (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

# The Gift of Love from Heaven



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We live in a postmodern world. One of the characteristics of a post modern world is that everything is relativistic. The only absolute is there are no absolutes. Seminary professors began to recognize the necessity of a framework of the gospel for effective evangelism and building an authentic Christian community (Don Carson: Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield IL).

There are many New Christian study booklets. However, there is no textual study book that can build a framework of the gospel in the hearts of the new believers. With this in mind, we publish this ten step New Christian Bible study book.

**This book is arranged this way:**

The first lesson is an orientation of Christianity; what Jesus would do for us (WWJD).

The second to fifth lessons deal with a fundamentals of Christianity, such as God's creation and the fall of mankind. It leads us to see the need for Jesus Christ.

The sixth lesson leads us to open our hearts to God's love and receive Jesus Christ, a gift to us from heaven.

The seventh to ninth lessons show us an example of how Jesus solves our life problems. We can look forward to God's life-changing work in us and through us.

The tenth lesson is a practical application for following Jesus Christ in our day to day lives. It is designed to confirm our faith with a clear confession of faith to Jesus Christ and to be his followers.

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Since this book was published in 2008, for the past 10 years, God used this book as His tool for many young people born anew and sent out to the world as spiritual leaders and missionaries. I thank God for that. I earnestly pray that many people may experience the abundant grace of Jesus Christ and have spiritual growth continually through this book.

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## Reflection ●●●

Wow, this is a truly Amazing Study.

I don't like using other people's material because I normally write my own.

I want to be able to use this.

This is one of the best New Christian material I have ever seen. I would like an email copy so I can share with friends in West Virginia.

Thanks for sharing.

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STEP

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## What Would Jesus Do?



Part

01

## What Would Jesus Do?

John 2:1-11

Key Verse: 2:11

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This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

### Introduction ●●●

This world looks wonderful and enjoyable like that of the banquet in the town of Cana. Yet, we face serious problems in life. The first miracle of Jesus, changing water into wine, shows us that Jesus came to this world to restore true joy in our lives.

1. What serious problem occurred at the wedding of Cana (1-3a)? How did Mary try to solve this problem (3b)? What can we learn from her about prayer?

2. How did Jesus respond to his mother's plea for help (4)? Why did Jesus respond in the way of cold refusal? How did Mary provide a spiritual environment for Jesus to work (5)?

3. What did Jesus tell the servants to do (6-8)? Why was it difficult for them to obey? How did the servants obey Jesus? What do you learn here about a Christians' obedience?

4. What did each of the servants, the master of the banquet, and the bridegroom receive from this event (9, 10)? Why did Jesus perform this miracle first (11)?





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## Created or Evolved?



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## Created or Evolved?

Genesis 1:1-25

Key Verse: 1:1

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

### Introduction ● ● ●

Paschal said, "We, humankind, have thirst because of our broken relationship with God." In order to live a happy life, we must meet the Creator and restore our relationship with Him. In the creation story, we learn who our God is.

1. What does verse 1 declare? Meditate on "in the beginning", "God (Elohim)" and "created." Who is our God, the Creator (Ex 3:14; Rev 1:8)? <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **Exodus 3:14** God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**Revelation 1:8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

2. What was the state of earth when it was first created (2)? How were the Holy Spirit and the word involved in the creation (Heb 11:3)? What structure & order can you see in each day's creation (1Jn 1:5; 2Co 4:6)? What change can occur in your life when you accept the word of God? <sup>2</sup>

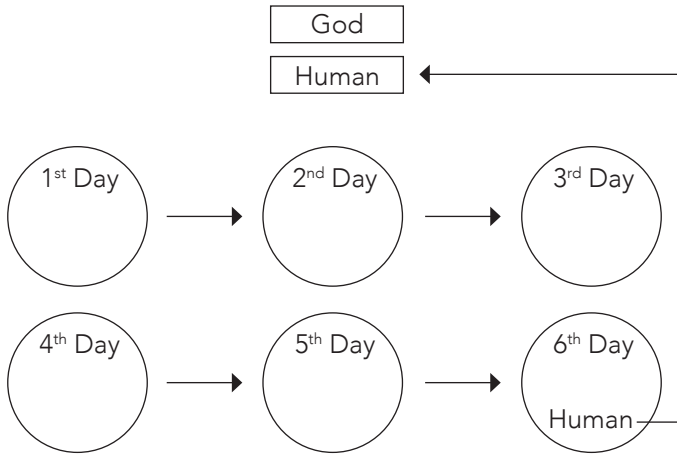
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<sup>2</sup> **Hebrews 11:3** By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

**1 John 1:5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

**2 Corinthians 4:6** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

## CREATION



3. What things did God create according to their kinds (11, 12, 21, 24, 25)?  
What were God's thoughts after creating each creature (4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)  
Where did God place each creature (9, 15, 16, 20, 24)? What does this creation activity teach us about God?



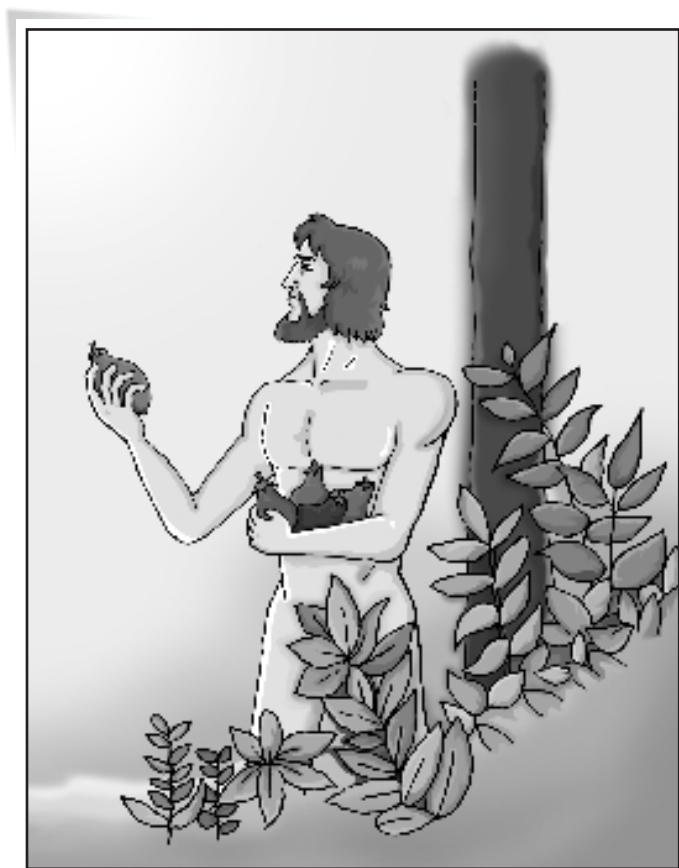
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## Humankind, the Flower of Creation



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## Humankind, the Flower of Creation

Genesis 1:26-2:3

Key Verse: 1:26

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Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'

### Introduction ● ● ●

Where do we come from and where are we going? In the story of creation of humankind, we see the meaning of purpose in our lives. We are the flowers of God's creation.

1. What plan did God have for humankind (26)? What do you learn about the creation order (Ps 8:4-8)? What does it mean that humans are created in the image of God (Eph 4:24; 1Jn 4:7)? What value do you see about your life in God? <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **Psalm 8:4-8** <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? <sup>5</sup> You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: <sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

**Ephesians 4:24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**1 John 4:7** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

2. What command did God give human beings as his blessing (28)? What does it tell us about God's mission? How did God provide food for his creatures (29, 30; Mt 6:33)? <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> **Matthew 6:33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

3. After he created human beings, God said that, "It was very good" (31). What do you learn about the absoluteness of human life and our life purpose? How did you see yourself till now?

4. In what sense is the seventh day different from the other six days (2:1-3)? What is the meaning of the Sabbath day (Ex 20:10, 11)? Why do we need the Sabbath? <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Exodus 20:10, 11 <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

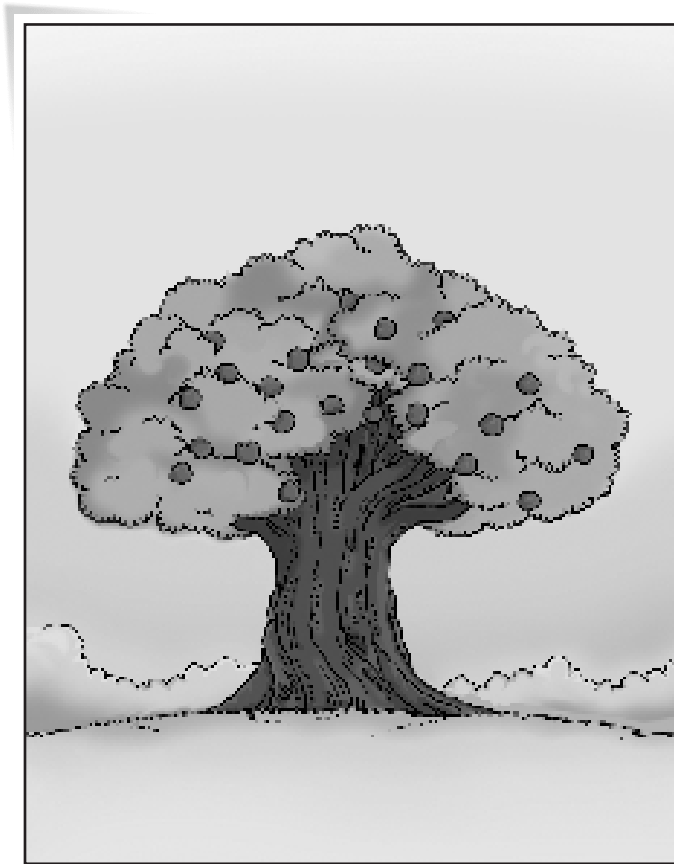


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The Key to the World of Happiness



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## The Key to the World of Happiness

Genesis 2:4-25

Key Verse: 2:8

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Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east,  
in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

### Introduction ● ● ●

Chapter 2 is a detailed explanation of the creation of humankind. We learn what it means to be created in the image of God and what God prepared for the happiness of humankind.



1. From 2:4, God's name is changed from God (Elohim) into the Lord God (Yahweh). Elohim means almighty and Yahweh means the One who exists by Himself and Savior. What was the state of the earth before God created humans (5, 6)? How did God form the man (7)? Who is the owner of human life? What kind of life should we live?

2. What did God provide for human beings (8)? Describe the Garden of Eden (9-14) In what sense was it paradise? What kind of love do you see from this provision?

3. What kind of work and blessing were in Eden (15, 16)? What does the tree of the knowledge of good and evil symbolize (17)? What did God provide through it?

4. How did Adam obey God (19, 20)? Why did God create woman (18, 21-22)? What is the biblical view of marriage (23-25)? What is your view of marriage? How can we restore the Garden of Eden in our marriage?

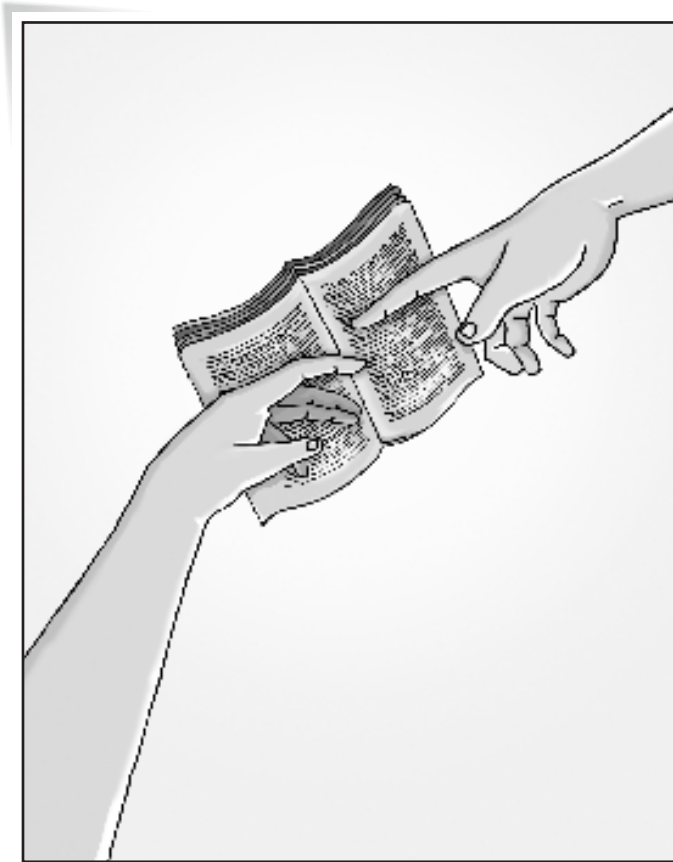


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## A Shining Light in Utter Darkness



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## A Shining Light in Utter Darkness

Genesis 3:1-24

Key Verse: 3:15

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And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers; he will crush  
your head, and you will strike his heel.

### Introduction ●●●

We learn from this chapter the fundamental cause of human misery: sin. We also see God's redemptive love toward humankind. The love of God was a light toward humankind in the midst of utter darkness.

1. What is the origin of Satan (1; Jude 6; Rev 12:9; 2Pe 2:4)? What is his intrinsic nature (Jn 8:44)? How did Satan plant doubt in the woman (1b)? Compare between the woman's answer and God's original commands (2, 3; 2:16, 17).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **Jude 1:6** And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

**Revelation 12:9** The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

**2 Peter 2:4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;

**John 8:44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

2. What false confidence and pride did Satan plant in the woman (4, 5)? How did the woman's view change toward eating fruit from the forbidden tree (6)? What did she do first after eating from the forbidden tree?

3. What unexpected event occurred to them (7-8, 10)? How did God come to Adam who disobeyed him (9)? What did he mean by his calling? How did God rebuke Adam (11-13)? How did sin affect their relationship? How has the Lord been seeking you till now?

4. What redemptive plan do we find in verse 15 (Mt 1:23; Gal 4:4)? What curse did the woman and Adam receive (16-19)? How did God reveal his love while he was punishing people (21-24)? Share about God's great love you learn from this lesson. <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> **Matthew 1:23** "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

**Galatians 4:4** But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,



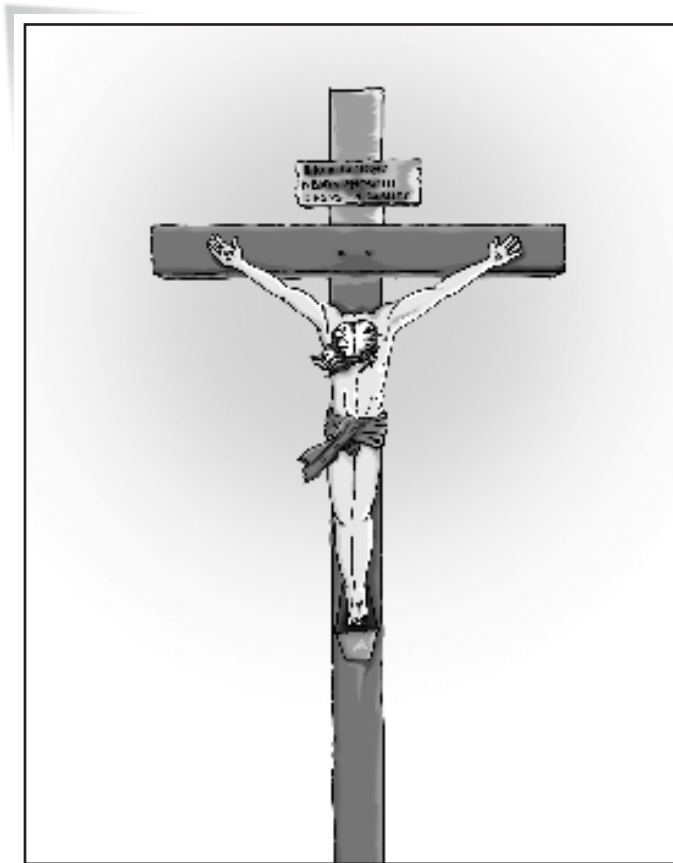


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## The Gift of Love from Heaven



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## The Gift of Love from Heaven

John 3:1-16

Key Verse: 3:16

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### Introduction ●●●

Due to sin, this world was cursed. Yet the Lord still revealed His love (Ge 3:15). In the right time, God sent His promised Savior to this world. He is Jesus Christ. He is God's gift of love. Today, we learn the wisdom of receiving eternal life.

1. What kind of person was Nicodemus, socially and religiously (1,10; 19:39)? Why did he come to Jesus at night (2; Eccl 1:18)? Based on Jesus' words, "You must be born again", what was Nicodemus' fundamental problem? <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **John 3:1** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.

**John 3:10** "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"

**John 19:39** He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

**Ecclesiastes 1:18** For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.

2. How did Jesus explain the way to be born anew (4-8)? What was Nicodemus' understanding like (9)? How did Jesus help him to understand the spiritual birth (10-13)? Have you experienced the limitation of an intellectual world?

3. What does the incident about the bronze snake teach about faith, and the way of salvation (Nu 21:4-9)? Who should Nicodemus believe in order to born anew (14-16; 12:32-33)? What do you learn about God's love in the cross of Jesus and the blessing God gives to those who believe in Jesus? <sup>2</sup>

#### HAVE A PRAYER OF ACCEPTANCE WITH YOUR LEADER.

Dear Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is your only Son, and that He became a human being, shed His blood and died on the cross to clean away my sin. I believe that He rose from the dead to give me new life. Lord Jesus, I invite you to come into my heart. I accept You as my Savior and Lord. I confess my sins and ask You to wash them away. I believe that You have come and are living in me right now. Thank you Jesus! Amen.

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<sup>2</sup> **Numbers 21:4-9** <sup>4</sup> They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived. **John 12:32, 33** <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.



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## A Woman Who Found an Oasis



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## A Woman Who Found an Oasis

John 4:1-30

Key Verse: 4:14

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but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

### Introduction ●●●

We live in an age of high technology and abundant material. However, people feel poverty in the midst of abundance and their soul is full of great loneliness. Jesus Christ came to quench our spiritual thirst. We find an oasis through meeting Jesus Christ.

1. What favor did Jesus ask the woman who came to draw water (7)? What kind of barrier was there between Jesus and the woman (9)? What do you learn from Jesus who first asked the favor of the woman?

2. In what way did Jesus draw the woman's attention (10)? How did the woman see Jesus (11, 12)? What water did Jesus want to give the woman (13-14)? What is the limitation of Jacob's water? In what sense is Jesus' water the living water welling up to eternal life (Jn 7:37, 38; Isa 55:1, 2; Rev 7:16, 17)?<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **John 7:37, 38** <sup>37</sup>On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

**Isaiah 55:1, 2** <sup>1</sup>"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup>Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

**Revelation 7:16, 17** <sup>16</sup>Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

3. What kind of life has the woman been living (15)? In what way did Jesus help the deep thirst of her life (16-18)? The woman's thirst was her husband problem. What is the thirst in your life?

4. The woman started to share her deep concern about her worship problem (19, 20). How did Jesus help her with the place and method of worship (21-24)? Who is this Jesus that the Samaritan woman met (26)? What change occurred in her life (28-30)? What expectation can you have in Jesus?



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A Man Who Found a Well of Hope



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## A Man Who Found a Well of Hope

John 5:1-9

Key Verse: 5:6

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When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?'

### Introduction ●●●

One who had been invalid for 38 years was a hopeless person. Jesus visited him and asked him, "Do you want to get well?" Jesus gave him the hope of life and gave him a new life.



1. What kinds of people were by the pool called Bethesda (2, 3)? What was their only hope (4)? What problem did it create among them? In what sense, is this situation the same with our world?

2. What kind of person was there (5)? Why did Jesus ask him, "Do you want to get well?" (6)? How did the man respond to Jesus (7)? Jesus wants you to get well too. What kinds of wounds and pains of failure do you have?

3. What did Jesus command him to do (8)? What happened to him when he accepted Jesus' words (9; Jn 5:25)? How can you overcome your sense of failure and despair? What kind of new life does Jesus want you to live? <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **John 5:25** I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.



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## Becoming Truly Free



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## Becoming Truly Free

John 8:1-12; 31-32

Key Verse: 8:11

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'No one, sir,' she said. 'Then neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. 'Go now and leave your life of sin.'

### Introduction ● ● ●

Everyone wants to be free. However, there is a responsibility in one's freedom. In today's text, we meet a broken woman in the midst of seeking human freedom. By meeting Jesus, she found true freedom in her life.

1. What kind of woman was brought into the temple court (1-3)? What was her fate (4, 5)? What do you learn about misusing human freedom?

2. What was the intention of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law as they were pressing questions on Jesus (6, 7)? How did Jesus help their hardened heart (6b-8)? What was their response (9)? What event led you to the pricks of your conscience in your life?

3. Everyone who came to condemn the woman left and the woman was left alone (9b, 10). What does it signify (Jn 5:22; Heb 4:15)? Jesus said to the woman, "I don't condemn you either" (11). What was the woman's joy like to hear Jesus' forgiveness? Where does true freedom come from (8:34-36)? <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **John 5:22** Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, **Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

**John 8:34-36** <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

4. What warning and advice did Jesus give to the woman (11b, 12)? What do you need to do in order to enjoy the grace and freedom Jesus has given you?





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## Authentic Christian Life



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## Authentic Christian Life

Mark 8:27-38

Key Verse: 8:34

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Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'

### Introduction ●●●

A Christian life is a life relationship with Jesus. He is the vine and we are His branches (John 15:5). Thus, it involves a clear confession of our faith in Him and an ongoing relationship with Him. Only then can we truly be told we are 'Authentic Christians.'

1. What questions did Jesus ask his disciples (27-29)? What does it mean that Jesus is the Christ (Ex 29:7; 1Sa 16:13)? What is your answer to Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am"? Think about the significance of your answer (Ro 10:9, 10).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **Exodus 29:7** Take the anointing oil and anoint him by pouring it on his head.

**1 Samuel 16:13** So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

**Romans 10:9, 10**<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

2. What is his ministry as the Christ (31)? Why did He need to suffer much and even die on the cross (Gal 3:13, 14; 1Pe 2:22-25)?<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Galatians 3:13, 14 <sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." <sup>14</sup> He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

**1 Peter 2:22-25** <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

3. Why did Jesus have to rebuke Peter severely (32, 33)? What things are involved in following Jesus as Lord (34)? What value system should we have (35-38)? In what sense, do you need to deny yourself? What cross do you need to take?

*Congratulations you have completed the ten step Bible study. May we give thanks to the Lord for knowing and meeting Jesus, the gift of God's love. Please find a good church and faithfully attend the worship service for your spiritual growth.*



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