

An Exploration of the Gospel of John
Part I: Prologue and the Book of Signs, John 1-12

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Parish Library **Please bring your folder of handouts received to each session**

Sept. 6	Introduction I John 1:1-18	<i>Orientation to group, format of study; Getting the most out of the commentary; What can we know about who wrote it, when, possible influences on it; process by which it came to us in canon. What makes it so different: general characteristics and themes. A General Outline of the Gospel The Prologue: “John vocabulary”; John’s theology/Christology</i>
Sept 13	Introduction II John 1:19-51	<i>Further discussion of topics in Intro I; Who is John the Baptist? The first days of Jesus; The first <u>disciples</u>; pattern of ‘Days’; What is the ‘call to discipleship’?</i>
Sept. 20	John 2:1 – 25	<i>The response to Jesus within Israel I: Faith in the Word of Jesus, 1st miracle at Cana; John’s theme of ‘Feasts’; Jesus and the Money Changers Who are ‘the Jews’ for John? How are we to understand this term?</i>
Sept. 27	John 3:1 – 36	<i>The response to Jesus within Israel II: Jesus and Nicodemus: who is Nicodemus? Jesus and John the Baptist: bridegroom and witness</i>
Oct. 4	John 4:1-54	<i>The response to Jesus outside Israel Jesus and the Samaritan woman; Jesus’ comments to the disciples; Jesus and the Samaritan villagers (video excerpt) Faith in the Word of Jesus: 2nd miracle at Cana: the royal official whose son is ill</i>
Oct. 11	John 5:1 – 47	<i>Jesus and the Sabbath: Healing on the Sabbath; “the Jews” and the Man healed: carrying the mat on the Sabbath Life and judgment; Witness and Accusation</i>
Oct. 18	John 6:1 – 71	<i>Jesus and Passover Miracle of loaves and fishes; Miracle on the Sea: Jesus walks on water Discourse on Bread from Heaven; Crisis of Faith? Peter’s Confession</i>

Oct. 25	John 7:1 – 8:59 (a) 7:1 – 7:52 (b) 7:53 – 8:11 (c) 8:12 – 8:59	<i>Jesus and the Feast of Tabernacles I</i> <i>Going to Jerusalem?... or not?</i> <i>Jesus' authority questioned by "the Jews"</i> <i>(who are they this time?)</i> <i>Jesus, "the people", and the Leaders</i> <i>Conflict over Jesus' origin and destiny</i> <i>Woman taken in Adultery, an excursus</i> <i>Jesus reveals Himself as Light of the World;</i> <i>Conflicts over origins: of Jesus and "the Jews"</i> <i>Who is Father?</i>
Nov. 1	John 9:1 – 10:21 (a) 9:1 – 38 (b) 9:39 – 10:21	<i>Jesus and Tabernacles II</i> <i>The man born blind: masterpiece of storytelling</i> <i>(video/audio excerpt)</i> <i>Sight and blindness; The Good Shepherd:</i> <i>Jesus as Shepherd and door</i>
Nov. 8	John 10:22 – 42	<i>Jesus and the Feast of Dedication</i> <i>Messiah? Or Blasphemy?</i> <i>What does this feast commemorate?</i> <i>What is Jesus proclaiming?</i>
Nov. 15	John 11:1 – 54	<i>Jesus Turns toward "the Hour" I</i> <i>A Resurrection that will lead to Death:</i> <i>The raising of Lazarus (video excerpt)</i>
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Week	
Nov. 29	John 11:55 – 12:36	<i>Jesus Turns toward "the Hour" II</i> <i>The Hour has Come: Passover is at hand</i> <i>Anointing at Bethany; Entrance into Jerusalem;</i> <i>"The world has gone after him!"</i> <i>"Those who love their life lose it, and those who</i> <i>hate their life in this world will keep it for</i> <i>eternal life."</i>
Dec. 6	John 12:37 – 50	<i>Jesus Turns toward "the Hour" III</i> <i>Conclusion to the Ministry of Jesus</i> <i>How do I understand vs. 43?</i>

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