

*Daily Devotional Guide to
the Book of John*

John Chapter 18

Days 196 - 205

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A Daily Devotional Study Of The Gospel Of John

You will need a Bible of your own to do this devotional study. Reading the Bible with an open heart and mind brings us into God's presence, and getting to know God is accomplished by spending time with him on a daily basis. This study is designed to develop or maintain the habit of meeting daily with God, sometimes referred to as a devotional time with God. It doesn't have to take a large chunk of time, but it needs to be focused on the Scriptures (the Bible). It doesn't have to cover a lot of material or content every day, it just needs to be understood and applied to our lives.

The study days are numbered so that you can do them any day of the week, preferably one each day. However, if you miss a day, it won't matter because the days are not assigned a date or day of the week.

My approach to the study is a verse by verse exploration and application of God's Word to our lives. This is an *inductive* study, which means that we derive meaning from the Biblical text itself rather than from outside sources. The passages for each day are short, to enable you to focus more in depth on a few verses at a time. I frequently bring additional Scripture into the discussion in an effort to ensure accurate interpretation of the day's topics.

How This Devotional Study Works

1. In your Bible, look up and read the verses for the day.
2. Write the first verse for the day in the top left space under *What it Says* (Row 1, Column 1).
3. Working left to right, read the comments in the *Meanings/Principles* space (Row 1, Column 2).
4. Then, write your answers to the questions to clarify *What it Means to Me* (Row 1, Column 3).
5. Continue by writing the next verse in Row 2, Column 1, reading Row 2 Column 2, and writing answers to questions in Row 2, Column 3.
6. Continue working left to right as you go down the page.

To summarize, first read through the verses in John for the day. Then write exactly what the first verse says in the first column. (*Write each verse word for word, exactly as it appears in the Bible in column one.*) After you write out each verse, read the second column that clarifies the important information given in that verse and then answer the questions in column three related to the verse. (*Work left to right. It is important to answer each question based on the verse and its meaning in column two.*)

You may choose to either 1) print pages and write in the spaces provided or 2) enter your responses on your computer. If you use your computer you can save your work, then come back and print at any time. If your response exceeds the space allowed you can scroll the text area to see the complete text; but if you print, some of the text may be hidden.

What It Says	Meaning/Principles	What It Means to Me
<p>John 18:1</p>	<p>Jesus prayed for us, knowing that he was betrayed as soon as Judas left the Last Supper. Afterward, Jesus went east of Jerusalem to an olive grove with the disciples. Jesus forgave us all and was willing to suffer for us. He went intentionally to the cross under the grief of betrayal by those he came to save.</p>	<p>Is Jesus willing and able to forgive my sin?</p> <p>Have I ever withheld forgiveness from someone? Why?</p>
<p>John 18:2</p>	<p>Jesus was in the habit of meeting with his disciples to teach them and to pray. Judas knew this place because he had sat there listening to Jesus teach.</p>	<p>Where and when am I in the habit of meeting with Jesus to talk and listen to him? Do I count that time and his instruction as precious and true?</p>

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<p>John 18:3</p>	<p>Judas brought both Roman soldiers and the Jewish leaders. They came with the intention of arresting Jesus.</p>	<p>Have I ever been justly accused?</p> <p>Have I ever been falsely accused?</p> <p>How do I think it feels to be violently accosted and unjustly accused of a punishable offence?</p>
<p>John 18:4</p>	<p>Jesus knew he would suffer but went willingly and faced it because he knew who he was, why he had come, and where he was going.</p>	<p>Who am I, why am I here, and where am I going?</p>

Day 196 **Read John 18:1-4**

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Day 197

Read John 18:4-6 (Repeat verse four from yesterday.)

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<p>John 18:4</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 947"></div>	<p>Review verse 4 from yesterday.</p>	<p>What enabled Jesus to face what was ahead?</p> <div data-bbox="786 281 1524 947"></div>
<p>John 18:5</p> <div data-bbox="100 993 428 1484"></div>	<p>Jesus did not try to avoid his death even though he was betrayed by someone close to him, and even when he knew his suffering would be intense. Jesus would not deny who he was.</p>	<p>How can I continue in God's will for my life even if I am betrayed by those closest to me?</p> <div data-bbox="786 993 1524 1484"></div>

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<p>John 18:6</p>	<p>The power of Jesus' name and his authority could have spared him the humiliation and suffering at their hands. He endured it in obedience to the Father and out of love for us.</p>	<p>Do I think I have certain rights as a follower of Jesus?</p> <p>To what am I called as a follower of Jesus?</p> <p>How should I use the power of Jesus' name?</p>

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<p>John 18:7</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>They had fallen to the ground, powerless against Jesus. He could have escaped or destroyed them all.</p>	<p>How do I see Jesus' patience at work in my world today?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>John 18:8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Jesus took the initiative...</p>	<p>Who is in control of the world and the outcome of human history?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>John 18:9</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>to protect his followers.</p>	<p>If Jesus is protecting me, can anything touch me that he does not allow?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div>

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<p>John 18:10</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 875"></div>	<p>Peter was angry, afraid, and perhaps proud. He reacted with aggression.</p>	<p>How do I react when threatened or attacked?</p> <div data-bbox="789 281 1524 875"></div>
<p>John 18:11</p> <div data-bbox="100 926 428 1381"></div>	<p>Jesus was intent on doing the Father's will.</p>	<p>On what am I intent?</p> <div data-bbox="789 926 1524 1381"></div>

Day 198 ***Read John 18:7-11***

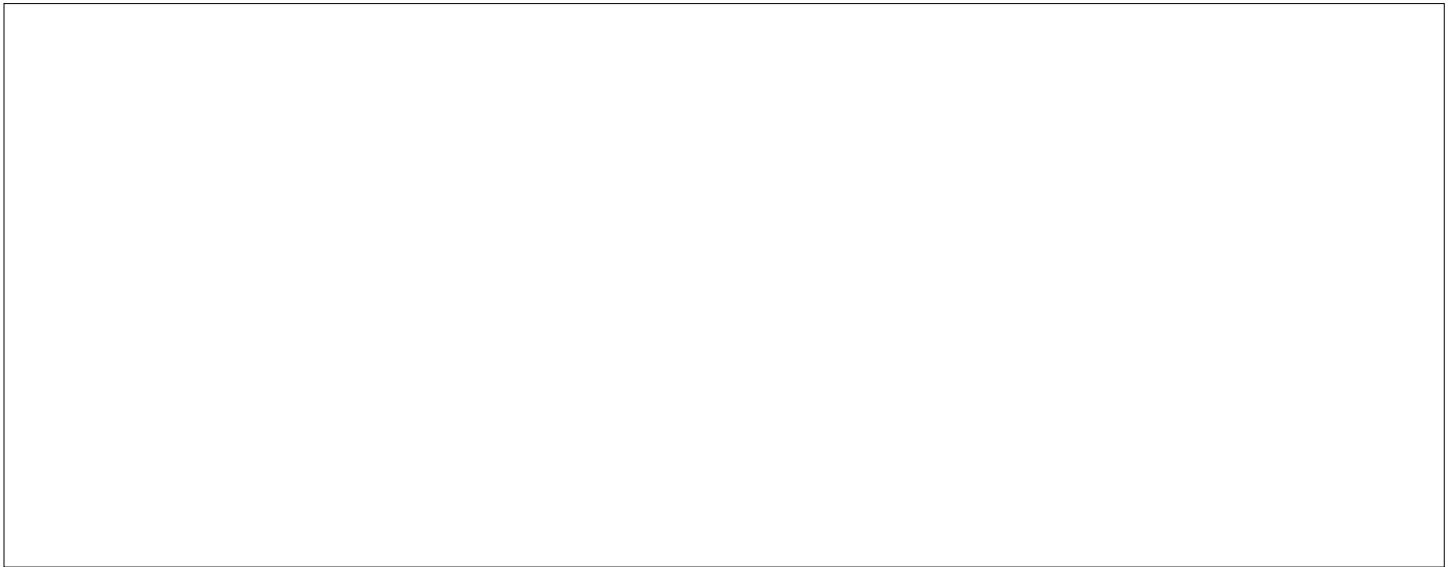
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<p>John 18:12</p>	<p>The religious and secular authorities united against Jesus. Jesus did not allow his followers to resist on his behalf. Jesus did not resist.</p>	<p>How does it make me feel to imagine Jesus being bound and led away?</p> <p>How do I think it made the Heavenly Father feel to watch?</p>
<p>John 18:13</p>	<p>Annas, previous high priest, was still in authority. It was supposed to be a position for life, but he had been removed by the Romans in A.D. 15 (<i>NIV Study Bible notes</i>).</p>	<p>Did either religious or civil Law have any true authority over Jesus?</p> <p>Why did he submit to their authority?</p>
<p>John 18:14</p>	<p>In John 11:49-50 Caiaphas, out of selfish motives, had uttered a prophetic statement in keeping with God's true intention to offer up his Son for the Jewish people and for all people. They unwittingly accomplished God's true intentions (Psalm 118:22-24, John 1:10-12).</p>	<p>Why is it good that this particular person (Jesus) did die on behalf of others? (Hebrews 7:21-27)</p>

Day 199

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<p>John 18:15</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 837"></div>	<p>John, who was writing this, may have been the other disciple with Peter. God allowed this disciple to witness the events.</p>	<p>How do I use position, and to what end do I use position or advantage?</p> <div data-bbox="789 310 1524 837"></div>
<p>John 18:16</p> <div data-bbox="100 888 428 1619"></div>	<p>John, or the other disciple, cared so much about Jesus that he affiliated himself with Jesus and his followers.</p>	<p>With whom do I affiliate myself? Why?</p> <div data-bbox="789 888 1524 1619"></div>

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<p>John 18:17</p>	<p>Peter denied Jesus for the first time. (John 13:37-38)</p>	<p>Have I ever denied that I knew Jesus by my words or by staying quiet or by going along with unbelievers?</p>
<p>John 18:18</p>	<p>Peter, perhaps out of fear, cold, and exhaustion, was affiliating himself with those who did not love Jesus. God knew that his heart was not steadfast, and he knew what it would take to bring about the belief and trust necessary in Peter's life for him to become steadfast in his love and service to Jesus.</p>	<p>What conditions might entice me to deny Jesus?</p> <p>What does God see in my heart?</p> <p>To what end purpose is God working in my life?</p>

Day 200 ***Read John 18:15-18***

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<p>John 18:19</p>	<p>There was no reason to question Jesus in the middle of the night.</p>	<p>Why was Jesus questioned about his teachings in the middle of the night at an unlawful hearing?</p>
<p>John 18:20</p>	<p>Jesus' teachings are open to anyone who wants to know.</p>	<p>How have Jesus' teachings been confirmed? (Hebrews 2:1-4)</p> <p>Do I speak openly of Jesus and his teachings? Where and when is it most comfortable? Most profitable for God's kingdom?</p>
<p>John 18:21</p>	<p>Crowds of people came to hear Jesus.</p>	<p>If someone questioned me, how accurate would my representation be of what Jesus said?</p>

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<p>John 18:22</p>	<p>Jesus, though innocent, suffered at the hands of an earthly priesthood that had no real authority or power over him.</p>	<p>Who is the real, eternal high priest in God's eyes? (Hebrews 2:26-3:6 and 5:1-6)</p>
<p>John 18:23</p>	<p>Jesus suffered for telling the truth.</p>	<p>Why did Jesus suffer even though he was innocent? (Hebrews 2:9-11)</p>
<p>John 18:24</p>	<p>Though there was no reason to restrain or detain Jesus, he was treated with contempt.</p>	<p>What did Jesus win for us by submitting to the Father's will? (Hebrews 4:14-16 and 5:7-10)</p>

Day 201 ***Read John 18:19-24***

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<p>John 18:25</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 1016"></div>	<p>Peter denied Jesus for the second time.</p>	<p>How can I avert further sin if I see myself on a path to sin?</p> <div data-bbox="789 281 1524 1016"></div>
<p>John 18:26</p> <div data-bbox="100 1066 428 1898"></div>	<p>Peter was in danger of being recognized as the one who had raised a sword and used it against the civil and religious authorities.</p>	<p>How can I remind myself of the effects of my actions before “raising a sword”? (Matthew 26:52-54)</p> <div data-bbox="789 1100 1524 1898"></div>

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<p>John 18:27</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 659" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 180px;"></div>	<p>Peter denied Jesus for the third time, before the rooster signaled morning, just as Jesus had said he would.</p> <p>Jesus knew he would have to be denied by those closest to him and then go to the cross alone.</p>	<p>How can I avoid giving Jesus this kind of pain of betrayal and denial? (Matthew 10:32-39)</p> <div data-bbox="789 310 1524 659" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 166px;"></div>

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<p>John 18:28</p>	<p>Jesus was “tried” by the Jewish high priests: Annas, in the night, and Caiaphas in the early morning. Then he was sent to the Roman authorities.</p> <p>Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread went on for seven days. Several Passover meals were eaten. If they had entered a Gentile’s home that day, they would have been ceremonially unclean and unable to eat the evening meal.</p>	<p>What do I think of a person who accomplishes atrocities of hatred and injustice while claiming to be religious? Why is it important for Christ’s followers not to be guilty of hatred and revenge?</p>
<p>John 18:29</p>	<p>It was clear that there were no criminal charges against Jesus.</p>	<p>How do I feel when someone today is falsely charged and convicted for something he didn’t do?</p>

Day 203

Read John 18:28-32

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<p>John 18:32</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 873"></div>	<p>Jesus would not be stoned to death or die by any other kind of death other than crucifixion. He would be lifted up so that all could look to him and believe (John12:32-33). He knew he would die on a Roman cross in obedience to God, the Father. In our place, he had to bear the curse of God against sin deserving of death (Deuteronomy 21:22-23).</p>	<p>Jesus did this intentionally, for me. What is my response?</p> <div data-bbox="789 281 1524 873"></div>

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<p>John 18:33</p>	<p>Pilate wanted to know if Jesus had been teaching insurrection.</p>	<p>Have I ever thought or heard someone claim that Jesus' teachings were against civil governments? Are they? (Matthew 22:15-21)</p>
<p>John 18:34</p>	<p>Jesus knew, but he was probing Pilate's heart. Pilate could have accepted and acknowledged Jesus as God's Son.</p>	<p>What is Jesus' concern for each person?</p>
<p>John 18:35</p>	<p>Pilate rejected Jesus' probing by rejecting Judaism and reasserting his authority. He returned to his concern about breaking Roman law.</p>	<p>What defense mechanisms have I used to keep Jesus at a distance?</p> <p>Can I forgive others who respond in this way? Can I help them?</p>

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<p>John 18:36</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 1052" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 367px;"></div>	<p>Jesus explained that his teachings had not led his followers to begin an uprising against Rome. That was not his purpose because his kingship is not temporal, not earthly, and not political. It is an eternal, heavenly, and spiritual kingdom.</p>	<p>What is it that Jesus does <i>not</i> want or need me to do for his kingdom?</p> <div data-bbox="789 310 1524 1052" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 353px;"></div>

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<p>John 18:37</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 1285"></div>	<p>Jesus is King, not just of the Jews, but of everyone who seeks God's truth. Jesus was God's servant to bring us truth, and someday all will bow to him as the only king. (Review Isaiah 49:5-7)</p>	<p>How interested in truth am I? What evidence is there in my life?</p> <div data-bbox="789 310 1524 625"></div> <p>Am I willing to be a servant and identify with Christ now in order to win identification with him when he is King of Kings?</p> <div data-bbox="789 695 1524 1285"></div>

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<p>John 18:38</p>	<p>Again, it was clear that this was not an issue of civil disobedience. No laws had been broken and Jesus was innocent.</p>	<p>What is the significance of Jesus' innocence, both in regard to man's Law and God's Law? (Hebrews 9:11-28, especially 14-15).</p>
<p>John 18:39</p>	<p>Pilate gave the Jewish leadership an opportunity to release Jesus.</p>	<p>The leaders did not believe that Jesus was who he said he was. What helps me treat Jesus as King over all even now, though he does not yet appear to be King of this world?</p>

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<p>John 18:40</p> <div data-bbox="100 281 428 756" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 226px;"></div>	<p>They chose instead to release a criminal and condemn Jesus.</p>	<p>Belief and faith in Jesus result in entering God's Sabbath rest, a rest from trying to earn our salvation in God's eyes. The sacrifice has been provided. (Hebrews 3:16-4:11) What is my response to God's provision?</p> <div data-bbox="789 373 1524 756" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 182px;"></div>

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