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Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

The purpose of this book is to extract the most interesting insights from that massive list. This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to list the major points of each book because you're probably already familiar with them. Finally, it's not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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- Everything in the universe was made by the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:3).
- Darkness can't understand the light. It's beyond its comprehension (John 1:5).
- In order to become the children of God, we must receive Jesus (John 1:12). Only those who believe in Jesus are God's children.
- We aren't saved by our own will. Instead we're saved by the will of God (John 1:13). This means our salvation was God's choice, not ours.
- Jesus came to give us something greater than what Moses gave (John 1:17). Moses gave the law, while Jesus gave grace and truth.
- Since John the Baptist proclaimed that he was preparing the way for the Messiah, people should have realized the Messiah was about to appear (John 1:23).
- John the Baptist taught that Jesus was the sacrificial lamb who came to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29). However, none of the disciples of Jesus understood this until after His death and resurrection.
- God didn't hide the Messiah's identity. John the Baptist pointed Him out on the very first day of His ministry (John 1:31-34).
- Jesus received the Spirit from God the Father when He was baptized (John 1:32). All of His miracles were done after that moment.
- God didn't tell John the Baptist who the Messiah was. Instead He gave John a sign to look for that would identify

Him (John 1:33).

- Jesus baptizes people with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33).
- Jesus can see things in distant places. He doesn't have to be physically present to see what's going on (John 1:48).
- When the marriage feast at Cana ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus expected Him to be able to provide more wine (John 2:3).
- The first miracle of Jesus was providing wine to people who had been drinking so much wine that they ran out (John 2:7). This means Jesus didn't believe it was a sin to give wine to people.
- When Jesus turned the water into wine, He never touched the waterpots or the water (John 2:8). He also didn't bless the wine or pray over it.
- The first miracle that Jesus performed was done three days after He was baptized (John 2:1, 11).
- When Jesus saw that the holy house of God had been turned into a house of merchandise, He didn't talk to people about it or ask them to change. Instead He created a scourge of small cords and drove the merchants out of the temple, overturning their tables and throwing their money onto the floor. Jesus didn't negotiate with them, but instead drove them out (John 2:15).
- Jesus cast the merchants out of the temple at the beginning of His ministry (John 2:16) and again right before He was crucified (Matthew 21:13). This means people didn't repent, but went right back to doing what God hated.
- Jesus cast the merchants out of the temple before He did

any public miracles (John 2:18). Although it was after He turned the water into wine, that miracle wasn't widely known.

- Jesus started talking about His death and resurrection at the very beginning of His ministry (John 2:19).
- The death and resurrection of Jesus was a sign to the Jews that He had the right to do the things He did, and He was who He claimed to be (John 2:19).
- Jesus referred to His body as "this temple", even though He knew the Jews would misunderstand Him and think He was talking about a building (John 2:19). This means there were times when Jesus deliberately spoke the truth in a way that prevented His enemies from understanding what He meant.
- It took 46 years to build the temple (John 2:20).
- We can't hide our true nature from Jesus (John 2:25).
- Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees, and a ruler of the Jews (John 3:1).
- The Pharisees knew that Jesus was from God (John 3:2). They knew it was impossible for anyone to do the miracles Jesus was doing if God wasn't with Him. This means when they later said that Jesus was doing miracles by the power of the devil, they were lying. They knew that wasn't true.
- When Nicodemus told Jesus that the Pharisees knew He was from God, Jesus told him the only people who could see the kingdom of God were those who had been born again (John 3:2-3). Since the Pharisees weren't born again, it was impossible for them to see the kingdom of God. That's why they did the things they did.

- The only people who can enter into the kingdom of God are those who are born twice: first of water, and then of the Spirit (John 3:3-5). In order to enter into the kingdom of God we *must* be born of the Spirit.
- The gift and transformation of the Spirit is a new birth (John 3:5).
- Before we were born again we were just flesh. In that state we couldn't inherit the kingdom of God because flesh and blood are incapable of that (John 3:5-6, 1 Corinthians 15:50).
- Once we're born again, we are spirit. At that point we *can* inherit the kingdom of God (John 3:6).
- Jesus compared the Holy Spirit to the wind. Just as people can hear the wind but can't tell where it came from or where it's going, we can't tell where the Holy Spirit has been or where He will go next. We know He's there, but His actions are mysterious and can't be seen (John 3:8).
- Jesus expected Nicodemus to already understand the concept of being born again (John 3:10).
- When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, no one had ascended into Heaven yet (John 3:13). This means the Old Testament saints weren't in Heaven at that time! The righteous dead were still in Sheol, and didn't enter into Heaven until after the crucifixion of Jesus.
- Jesus said that He must be lifted up, just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness (John 3:14). The Lord spoke of His crucifixion from the beginning of His ministry.
- Just as those who were dying of snake bite could look to

the serpent on the staff that Moses created and be saved (Numbers 21:8), so Jesus will save all those who look to Him for salvation (John 3:14-15). Salvation comes by looking at something *outside of us* and putting our faith in it, not by looking within us or doing some type of good work.

- Those who haven't heard the gospel aren't saved. This is because the only way to be saved is to believe in Jesus, and it's impossible to believe in someone you've never heard of (John 3:18). All those who don't believe in Jesus are already condemned for not believing in Him.
- Unbelief is a sin (John 3:18).
- The reason people rejected Jesus was because they loved darkness and hated the light (John 3:19).
- The reason people loved darkness was because their deeds were evil (John 3:19).
- The reason people don't want to go to the light is because that will reprove their evil deeds (John 3:20).
- When people go to the light, their deeds are made manifest. This is true whether their deeds are good or bad (John 3:21).
- John the Baptist baptized people at the same time the disciples of Jesus were baptizing people (John 3:22-23). This means there was an overlap in the ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus.
- John the Baptist needed a large amount of water to baptize people. This points to immersion as the correct method of baptism (John 3:23).
- Everything that we've been given is a gift from Heaven

(John 3:27). This includes our talents, our ministry, our possessions, and our family.

- John the Baptist referred to himself as the friend of the bridegroom (Jesus), not as part of the bride of Christ (John 3:29). This means he wasn't part of the church (which didn't come into existence until the day of Pentecost). It also means the church didn't exist in the Old Testament.
- John the Baptist sought to magnify Jesus, even at his own expense (John 3:30). We must point people to Jesus, not to ourselves.
- No one received the testimony of Jesus (John 3:32). Even His disciples didn't receive His testimony. When Jesus told them that He was going to die and be resurrected, none of them believed Him.
- Those who receive the testimony of Jesus are testifying that God is true (John 3:33). However, those who reject His testimony are testifying that God is a liar. It's impossible to reject Jesus without also rejecting God the Father.
- When God gave His Spirit to Jesus, He didn't give a portion of the Spirit. Instead He gave Jesus an unlimited portion of His Spirit (John 3:34). This means Jesus had more of the Holy Spirit than anyone else.
- God the Father loves Jesus (John 3:35).
- God the Father has given everything into the hand of Jesus (John 3:35).
- All those who believe in Jesus already have everlasting life. That's something they already possess, not something they'll be given in the future (John 3:36).

- Early in the ministry of Jesus, He had more disciples than John the Baptist (John 4:1-2). His disciples were also baptizing more people than John the Baptist.
- Jesus didn't personally baptize anyone with water (John 4:2).
- There were times when all of the disciples of Jesus went to do other things, and He was left alone (John 4:7-8).
- When Jesus met a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, He immediately started a conversation about salvation. He used that opportunity to preach to her (John 4:10).
- When Jesus told the Samaritan woman that she had previously had five husbands, she tried to distract Jesus by bringing up an unrelated topic (John 4:20).
- One of the disputes between the Samaritans and the Jews was the place where people went to worship God (John 4:20).
- The Samaritans didn't know God. They worshiped Him without knowing Him (John 4:22).
- God seeks people who will worship Him in both spirit and in truth (John 4:23).
- Early in the ministry of Jesus, He told people that He was the Messiah (John 4:26).
- Although the disciples of Jesus were amazed that He was talking with a Samaritan woman, none of them asked Him any questions about it (John 4:27). There were many times when the disciples didn't understand something and yet didn't ask Jesus about it either. They seemed to be afraid to ask Him questions.

- When Jesus and His disciples stopped at a Samaritan city, the first thing the disciples did was go buy food. The first thing Jesus did was preach to a Samaritan woman (John 4:32). In other words, the disciples were focused on buying food while Jesus was focused on preaching the gospel and saving souls.
- Jesus prioritized preaching the gospel over eating (John 4:31-32).
- There were *many* times when the disciples of Jesus didn't understand what He was talking about (John 4:33).
- From a spiritual perspective, the ministry of Jesus took place at harvest time (John 4:35).
- God will reward those who harvest souls for His kingdom (John 4:36).
- We must sow the seeds of the gospel, and harvest the seeds that were planted previously (John 4:36). Both tasks are vital.
- The harvest of souls which the disciples reaped was planted by someone else (John 4:38).
- The only city that ever asked Jesus to spend more time with them was Sychar, a Samaritan city (John 4:40).
- The Samaritans believed that Jesus was the Messiah, while the religious leaders of the Jews rejected Him (John 4:42).
- The Samaritans believed in Jesus because of His words (John 4:42). Unlike the Jews, they didn't need to see Jesus heal someone or cast out a demon to believe (John 4:48).
- Jesus was honored by the Samaritans, but not by the

Jews (John 4:44). This is an example of the principle that prophets aren't honored by their own country.

- The purpose of the signs and wonders which Jesus performed was to save souls. He used them to cause people to believe in Him (John 4:48).
- Jesus healed the nobleman's son without ever seeing him in person (John 4:50).
- When Jesus healed the nobleman's son, his entire household believed (John 4:53)
- The second miracle that Jesus did in Galilee was healing the nobleman's son (John 4:54). This means the nobleman believed Jesus could heal his son even though He hadn't healed anyone else yet! The nobleman believed before Jesus started healing large numbers of sick people.
- There were times when God used an angel to cure people of their diseases (John 5:4).
- The water of Bethesda could cure any disease (John 5:4).
- Before Jesus healed the man at the pool of Bethesda, He asked him if he wanted to be healed (John 5:6).
- There were times when Jesus healed people by giving them a command, without ever touching them (John 5:8).
- Jesus didn't avoid confrontations with the religious leaders. He could have healed people any day of the week, but He chose to heal on the Sabbath even though He knew that would anger people (John 5:9). Jesus didn't look for a way to compromise with the Pharisees. Instead He did what was right.

- The people didn't care that a man who had been sick for 38 years had been healed. What they cared about was that someone told him to take up his bed on the Sabbath (John 5:12).
- Jesus repeatedly commanded people to stop sinning (John 5:14).
- Going to Hell and entering into everlasting torment is worse than being crippled for 38 years (John 5:14).
- When Jesus told the man that He was the one who healed him, there's no indication that he worshiped Jesus, or followed Him, or was grateful in any way. Instead he immediately betrayed Jesus to the Jews, who tried to kill Him (John 5:15-16).
- There were times when Jesus healed people, but they still had no faith in Him and remained His enemies (John 5:15). Just because God does something miraculous in a person's life doesn't mean he will repent and believe.
- The reason the Jews tried to kill Jesus was because He healed someone on the Sabbath (John 5:16).
- God the Father doesn't ignore this world. Instead He works in it (John 5:17).
- Jesus publicly told people that God was His Father (John 5:17-18). He didn't hide His divinity.
- Jesus doesn't do His own will. Instead He only does the will of God the Father (John 5:19).
- God the Father has committed all judgment to God the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ) (John 5:22).
- God the Father wants everyone to honor Jesus the way

that they honor Him (John 5:23). Those who dishonor Jesus are also dishonoring God the Father.

- The time is coming when those who hear the voice of the Son of God will live, even though they're in the grave (John 5:25, 28).
- God the Father has life in Himself. His life doesn't come from another source, and needs nothing to sustain it (John 5:26). This is true of Jesus as well.
- One day Jesus will resurrect both the righteous *and* the wicked (John 5:28-29). The righteous will experience the resurrection of life, while the wicked will experience the resurrection of damnation.
- The only resurrection Jesus spoke of is the one found in Daniel 12:2, which includes both the righteous and the wicked (John 5:29). This isn't the rapture (which only includes the saints) or the resurrection at the beginning of the millennium (which also only includes the saints). Instead it's the final resurrection that happens before the Great White Throne judgment.
- Jesus doesn't do anything by His own power or will (John 5:30). He *only* does the will of God the Father.
- The works that Jesus did were a greater testimony to who He was than John the Baptist (John 5:36). His works proved that He was from God, because it was impossible for anyone to do those works apart from God.
- Jesus repeatedly told the Jews that God was His Father, and that God sent Him into this world (John 5:37). This means He told the Jews that His power and authority came from God.
- The Jews were given two witnesses regarding Jesus which

were greater than the witness of John the Baptist: the witness of the mighty works of Jesus, and the witness of God the Father (John 5:37).

- Jesus wanted people to search the Scriptures because they testified of Him (John 5:39). If they searched the Scriptures then they would find Him.
- Jesus believed that the Scriptures were authoritative, accurate, and could be trusted (John 5:39). He never hinted that they had been corrupted.
- In order for us to believe, we must seek the honor that comes from God and not the honor that comes from other people (John 5:44). Seeking the honor that comes from other people is a snare that leads us away from God.
- The person who would one day bring an accusation against the Jews for rejecting Jesus was *Moses* (John 5:45). Although the Jews trusted in Moses to save them, the truth was that Moses condemned them for rejecting Jesus.
- Moses wrote about Jesus (John 5:46).
- Since the Jews didn't believe the writings of Moses, they didn't believe the words of Jesus either (John 5:47). Their rejection of Jesus started with their rejection of Moses.
- Those who don't believe the writings of Moses (such as the book of Genesis) won't believe the words of Jesus either (John 5:47).
- Jesus taught that Moses wrote the books of the Bible which are attributed to him (John 5:47).
- Jesus was famous for healing those who had diseases (John 6:2). That's why great multitudes followed Him.

- When Jesus asked Philip where they could buy bread to feed the multitude, he thought it was an impossible problem. No one suggested that Jesus could do some sort of miracle to feed them (John 6:9).
- Before Jesus fed the multitude, He gave thanks for the loaves (John 6:11).
- There was a time when Jesus provided people with fish to eat (John 6:11). This means Jesus didn't believe it was a sin for people to eat fish.
- When Jesus realized that the multitude was going to take Him by force and make Him king, He departed into the mountain alone (John 6:15).
- When Jesus entered into the ship that contained His disciples, it was immediately transported to the place where they were going (John 6:21).
- When the disciples left the area after feeding the multitude, they took the only boat that was available (John 6:22). That's why Jesus walked across the sea: there were no other boats.
- It's better to strive for everlasting life than to strive to obtain food (John 6:27). This is because food perishes, but everlasting life does not.
- The focus of our life must not be on satisfying our appetites (John 6:27).
- Jesus told the multitude that everlasting life was a gift, but they ignored Him and sought to obtain it through works anyway (John 6:27-28).
- Jesus told the multitude that the work of God was to believe in Him (John 6:29). That means the work that God

wants us to do is believing in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Even though the multitude had seen Jesus perform many miracles, they demanded more before they would believe (John 6:30).
- The manna that the Israelites ate in the wilderness pointed to Jesus, who is the true bread from Heaven (John 6:32).
- The only people who will be saved are those who God the Father has given to Jesus (John 6:37). This means God the Father has decided who will be saved and who won't. Salvation is God's choice, not ours.
- No one who's been chosen by God the Father will be lost (John 6:37-39).
- The reason Jesus came down from Heaven was to do the will of God the Father, not His own will (John 6:38).
- Jesus will resurrect all those whom God has given Him on the last day (John 6:39). This means Jesus is the one who will resurrect us.
- It is the will of God the Father that all those who believe in His Son should have everlasting life, and should be resurrected at the last day (John 6:40).
- Jesus publicly taught that all those who believed in Him would have everlasting life, and He would raise them from the dead (John 6:40).
- God the Father must draw us to Jesus before we can be saved (John 6:44). It's impossible for a person to be saved if God the Father doesn't draw Him to Jesus.

- Jesus is greater than the manna which the forefathers of the Jews ate in the wilderness. This is because the forefathers ate manna and died, but those who believe in Jesus will live forever (John 6:49-50).
- Jesus gave His flesh for the life of the world (John 6:51). The reason we can live forever is because He sacrificed Himself on the cross.
- When Jesus told the Jews that they needed to believe in Him, they were still focused on being given something to eat (John 6:47, 52). When He told them that the work of God was for them to believe in Him, they ignored that and focused on eating His flesh.
- Jesus dwells in those who are saved (John 6:56).
- Jesus spoke of His ascension before it happened (John 6:62).
- The reason the flesh isn't profitable is because it doesn't give us life (John 6:63).
- All of the credit for our salvation goes to God. He's the one who drew us to Him and the one who paid the price to save us (John 6:65).
- Jesus didn't hide doctrines that offended His disciples. Instead He taught the truth, even if it offended people and caused them to leave (John 6:66). He didn't seek to please people.
- The verse that says many people were offended by the teachings of Jesus and left Him is John 6:66 (666).
- When the Jews wanted to kill Jesus, He stopped walking openly in Judea (John 7:1). It's not a sin to no longer walk around openly when people are trying to kill you.

- The brothers of Jesus told Him to go to Judea, where the Jews were trying to kill Him (John 7:3-5). They didn't believe in Jesus and were opposed to His ministry. In fact, they wanted Him to show Himself to the world at the precise time when people were looking for Him so they could kill Him.
- The reason the world hates Jesus is because He testifies that its works are evil (John 7:7).
- It's not a sin to do things in secret (John 7:10).
- People were so afraid of the Jews that they were unwilling to speak openly about Jesus (John 7:13). The Jews wanted to silence all discussion about Jesus.
- Even when the Jews were trying to kill Jesus, He still taught in the temple (John 7:14).
- The Jews couldn't recognize Jesus by sight (John 7:15).
- Jesus taught the doctrines of God the Father, not His own doctrine (John 7:16). This means those who reject the doctrines of Jesus are actually rejecting God the Father.
- Discernment comes from doing God's will. We must do His will before we can develop discernment (John 7:17).
- Those who speak about themselves seek their own glory (John 7:18).
- It was hypocritical for the Jews to circumcise male infants on the Sabbath day but then criticize Jesus for healing people on the Sabbath (John 7:22-23). The Mosaic Law doesn't prohibit people from being healed on the Sabbath.
- Since the people didn't understand Messianic prophecies,

they weren't able to recognize the Messiah. Their lack of understanding of prophecy prevented them from identifying Jesus (John 7:27).

- It was impossible for the Jews to arrest Jesus before His hour came (John 7:30).
- Jesus told people that He came from Heaven and was going back to Heaven, but they didn't listen. They thought He was going to hide among the Gentiles (John 7:35-36). The people heard the words of Jesus but didn't understand them.
- When Jesus taught in the temple on the last day of the feast of tabernacles, the Holy Spirit had not yet been given (John 7:39). This means the disciples of Jesus were trying to understand Him without the Holy Spirit.
- The Pharisees claimed that their rejection of Jesus was proof that He wasn't the Messiah. Since they rejected Him, everyone else should as well (John 7:48).
- The Pharisees claimed the reason people believed in Jesus was because they didn't know the law of Moses (John 7:49).
- The Pharisees claimed that Jesus couldn't possibly be the Messiah because no prophet came from Galilee (John 7:52). That was wrong on two counts: Jesus wasn't from Galilee, and the prophet Jonah came from Galilee. The only arguments the Pharisees had against Jesus were wrong, and showed their ignorance of both Jesus and the Scriptures.
- Although the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who was guilty of adultery to Jesus, they didn't bring the person she was committing adultery with. It seems they

wanted to punish the woman but not the man (even though the Mosaic Law required both to be punished) (John 8:3-5).

- Jesus told the woman who was caught committing adultery to go and sin no more (John 8:11).
- When many people believed that Jesus was the Messiah, He immediately taught them things they didn't want to hear, which drove them away (John 8:31). Jesus doesn't want false converts. He confronts people with the truth so that the nature of their faith will be revealed.
- In order for us to be the disciples of Jesus, we must continue in His words (John 8:31).
- Those who sin are slaves to sin (John 8:34).
- It's impossible to have everlasting life while still living in sin. In order to obtain everlasting life we must be freed from sin (John 8:34-35).
- If Jesus frees us from sin then we will be free indeed (John 8:36).
- Freedom from sin comes from Jesus, not from our own efforts (John 8:34-36). It's something Jesus does for us, not something we do ourselves.
- If people don't love Jesus then God isn't their father (John 8:42). Those who hate Jesus are the children of the devil, not the children of God (John 8:44).
- You can't love God and hate Jesus. If you hate Jesus then you hate God the Father as well (John 8:42).
- When the Jews falsely accused Jesus of being born of fornication, He didn't allow them to change the subject.

Instead He kept the focus on the gospel (John 8:41-42).

- The devil is the father of lies (John 8:44). He invented lying.
- No one could legitimately accuse Jesus of being guilty of sin (John 8:46).
- Those who aren't of God are incapable of hearing His words (John 8:47).
- When Jesus reasoned with the Jews, they ignored His arguments and claimed He was demon-possessed (John 8:48). Instead of responding to His arguments they slandered Him.
- When the Jews told Jesus that He was demon-possessed, He didn't ignore it. Instead He told them they were wrong (John 8:49).
- God the Father honors Jesus (John 8:54).
- The Jews told Jesus that He was not yet 50 years old (John 8:57).
- There are times when God is glorified through our physical infirmities (John 9:1-3). Being born blind can bring glory to God.
- There won't always be an opportunity to do the works of God the Father. At some point the opportunity will end (John 9:4).
- Jesus didn't heal the blind man by commanding him to be healed. Instead He healed him with clay and commanded him to wash in the pool of Siloam (John 9:6-7).
- The blind man didn't receive his sight until he obeyed Jesus and did what He commanded him to do (John 9:7).

- Although the man had been blind since he was born, Jesus waited until the Sabbath day to heal him. Jesus could have healed him on a different day but He didn't (John 9:14). The Lord rejected the traditions of the Pharisees and continued to heal on the Sabbath, even though the religious leaders were trying to kill Him for doing so.
- There are some people who can't be persuaded by miracles (John 9:16). No matter what miracle they see they won't believe.
- The Pharisees knew that Jesus did mighty miracles and that those miracles were real. Even His enemies didn't have any questions about whether they were genuine (John 9:16).
- When Jesus reasoned with the Pharisees about why it wasn't wrong to heal people on the Sabbath, they ignored both His reasoning and His power and condemned Him anyway. They refused to reconsider their position in spite of the clear demonstration of God's power (John 9:16).
- The Jews said they would cast out of the synagogue anyone who confessed that Jesus was the Messiah (John 9:22). This means the Jews began persecuting the followers of Jesus during His earthly ministry.
- Even though Jesus repeatedly told the Jews where He came from, the Jews claimed they had no idea where He came from (John 9:29).
- The man who was born blind thought it was obvious where Jesus came from (John 9:30-33). If Jesus wasn't from God then there was no way He could have restored his sight.

- God doesn't hear the prayers of the wicked (John 9:31).
- God hears those who worship Him and do His will (John 9:31).
- When Jesus healed a man who was born blind, He was performing a miracle that had never been done before (John 9:32).
- When the man who was born blind defended Jesus, the Jews didn't try to refute his arguments. Instead they condemned him as being born in sins and cast him out (John 9:34).
- The shepherd calls his sheep by name (John 10:3).
- The sheep know their shepherd (John 10:3).
- Jesus came so that His sheep might have more abundant life (John 10:10).
- Jesus told people in advance that He was going to give His life for His sheep (John 10:11).
- The hireling isn't willing to put himself in danger to protect the sheep (John 10:12).
- The reason the hireling flees when danger comes is because he doesn't care for the sheep (John 10:13).
- Jesus had the power to lay down His life and to take up His life again (John 10:18).
- The reason people didn't believe that Jesus was the Messiah was because they weren't His sheep (John 10:26).
- God the Father is greater than all (John 10:29).
- The sheep of Jesus are protected by God the Father, and

no one can take them away from Him (John 10:29). This means the sheep of Jesus are eternally secure.

- The works of Jesus testified to the truthfulness of His claims (John 10:38).
- John the Baptist didn't perform any miracles (John 10:41).
- Jesus loved Lazarus (John 11:3).
- There are times when God uses people's sickness to glorify Himself (John 11:4).
- Jesus made the choice to not immediately go and heal Lazarus, and instead remained where He was for two more days and let him die (John 11:6). He did this so that people would believe that He was the Messiah and be saved.
- It was dangerous for Jesus to return to Judea to heal Lazarus, because the people there had just tried to stone Him (John 11:8).
- Just because Jesus loves us doesn't mean He will keep us from dying (John 11:14-15). He may choose to use our death to bring souls to Him.
- Thomas expected to die when he accompanied Jesus to Judea, but he wanted to go with Jesus anyway even if it meant death (John 11:16).
- Martha believed that Jesus could still heal Lazarus, even though he was dead (John 11:22).
- In order for Martha to see the glory of God, she needed to believe in Jesus and obey Him (John 11:39-40).
- There were times when Jesus did things for the benefit of those who were witnessing what was going on, so they

would believe that He was from God (John 11:42).

- The reason Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead was so people would believe in Him (John 11:42).
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead without ever touching him. The Lord Jesus commanded him to come out of the grave, and he did (John 11:44). This means Jesus can raise the dead by speaking to them.
- No one expected Jesus to raise Lazarus from the dead. His disciples didn't expect it, Mary and Martha didn't expect it, and the Jews didn't expect it, but yet that's exactly what Jesus did (John 11:44).
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead in front of many witnesses (John 11:45).
- There were some people who refused to believe in Jesus even after seeing Him raise Lazarus from the dead. They saw this mighty miracle with their own eyes and yet they still refused to believe in Him (John 11:46).
- Even though the religious leaders knew that Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead, they still refused to believe in Him (John 11:47). Each new miracle made them more determined to kill Jesus.
- There are times when God gives prophecies through wicked people (John 11:49-52).
- In the days of Jesus, the Jews had already been scattered abroad. There were Jews living all over the world (John 11:52).
- The chief priests and Pharisees thought Jesus would come to the Passover in secret, and they would need someone to betray Him (John 11:57). They didn't expect Jesus to

come openly and publicly.

- It seems that Martha, Mary, and Lazarus all lived in the same house (John 12:2).
- Judas became angry when someone honored Jesus (John 12:4).
- Sometimes wicked people hide their true intentions with motives that sound noble (John 12:5-6).
- Six days before Jesus was crucified He publicly taught that He was going to die and be buried (John 12:1, 7).
- Jesus said the reason Mary anointed His feet with ointment was because He was about to be buried. Even though Mary didn't realize she was doing it for that reason, Jesus still gave her credit for it (John 12:7).
- It was better to honor Jesus than the poor because the Jews would always have the poor, but wouldn't always have Jesus (John 12:8).
- Being raised from the dead didn't help Lazarus. Instead it made him a target of the chief priests, who wanted to kill him (John 12:10).
- Because Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, many of the Jews believed in Him (John 12:11).
- One of the reasons the triumphant entry into Jerusalem happened was because Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 12:17-18).
- The crucifixion of Jesus was the hour when He was glorified (John 12:23-24).
- Seeds must fall to the ground and die in order to bear fruit (John 12:24). Likewise, we must die in Christ and be

born again before we can bear fruit. When we're saved we are crucified with Jesus, buried with Him, and raised with Him so that we might bear fruit.

- Those who love their life, with all of its sin and wickedness and depravity, will lose it (John 12:25). Since they won't repent and give their life to Jesus, they'll perish.
- The only people who will be saved are those who don't love their life of sin, but instead repent and give their life to Jesus. Those who love their life too much to give it to Jesus won't be saved (John 12:25).
- We must hate our life in this world. This means we must hate our sin and wickedness and depravity, and sacrifice our life by repenting and giving it to Jesus. Those who do that will live forever (John 12:25).
- In the week before the crucifixion, the soul of Jesus was troubled (John 12:27).
- There were multiple times during the ministry of Jesus when God the Father audibly spoke from Heaven. He spoke at the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:11), at the mount of transfiguration (Mark 9:7), and the week before Jesus was crucified (John 12:28).
- The people who heard the voice of God didn't want to admit they'd heard His voice. They tried to claim it was something else, even though they heard Him with their own ears (John 12:29).
- Even though the people heard the voice of God speak to Jesus, they still crucified Jesus anyway a few days later (John 12:28-29).
- The reason the people didn't believe in Jesus was

because it was impossible for them to believe (John 12:38-40). Their unbelief was the fulfillment of a Messianic prophecy and had to happen.

- The Old Testament prophecies were dictating the future, not foretelling it. Whatever they said was going to happen, and nothing else could possibly take place (John 12:39).
- God was the one who hardened people's hearts so they wouldn't believe in Jesus and be saved (John 12:40). There are times when God blinds people so they won't be saved.
- Although some of the chief rulers believed that Jesus was the Messiah, they refused to suffer for Him. They loved their lives and they loved the world, and they were unwilling to sacrifice their life for Him (John 12:42).
- The man who was born blind was willing to confess Jesus and be cast out of the synagogue (John 9:34), but the chief rulers were not. They refused to confess Jesus (John 12:42).
- The chief rulers loved the praise of men more than the praise of God (John 12:43). That's why they weren't saved.
- One day those who reject Jesus will be judged by the words He has spoken (John 12:48).
- Everything Jesus spoke came from God the Father (John 12:50).
- The devil was the one who put it into the heart of Judas to betray Jesus (John 13:2). It seems the devil didn't realize that when Judas betrayed Jesus, it would lead to his defeat.

- We need to be washed by Jesus, just as His disciples were. We must be washed by Him in order to partake of Him (John 13:8).
- Jesus is the one who makes us worthy of partaking in Him (John 13:8). He's the one who washes us and makes us clean. We don't wash ourselves.
- It seems that Judas was present when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples (John 13:10-11).
- Those who believe in Jesus must serve one another, not rule over one another (John 13:14).
- We can't claim that we're too important to serve others, or that some tasks are too humble for us. This is because Jesus served His disciples and we aren't greater than Him (John 13:14-16).
- One of the pieces of evidence that Jesus gave to prove that He was the Messiah was telling what would happen in the future (John 13:19).
- Judas fooled all of the other disciples of Jesus into thinking that he was a good person. When Jesus said that one of them would betray Him, no one suspected Judas (John 13:21-22). It's not always possible to know who's a genuine Christian and who's a wolf and a deceiver. Sometimes the wicked can remain hidden for years, as Judas did.
- When Judas betrayed Jesus, the devil was in him (John 13:27).
- Judas, the wicked disciple, was the one who was entrusted with the money bag (John 13:29).
- The way the world would identify the disciples of Jesus

was by their love for one another (John 13:35).

- The reason Jesus was leaving His disciples was to prepare a place for them (John 14:2).
- Jesus promised that if He left His disciples, He would come back for them (John 14:3).
- No one can go to God the Father except through Jesus (John 14:6). There's no other path to salvation.
- Those who know Jesus know God the Father (John 14:7). This is because Jesus is the perfect image of the Father. He always does the will of the Father and always speaks the words of the Father.
- God the Father dwells in Jesus (John 14:10).
- The works that Jesus did were done by God the Father (John 14:10). That means the works that Jesus did were the works of God the Father, not His own works.
- The works that Jesus did testified to the truth of His claims. They proved that He was in God the Father, and God the Father was in Him (John 14:11).
- One of the reasons God answers our prayers is so that He might be glorified (John 14:13). This means our prayers should seek to glorify God.
- If we love Jesus then we must keep His commandments (John 14:15). The way we express our love for Jesus is by obeying Him.
- The Holy Spirit was given to us by God the Father (John 14:16). The reason He sent us the Holy Spirit is because Jesus prayed for us and asked Him to.
- The Holy Spirit is our Comforter (John 14:16). He comforts

us.

- The Holy Spirit will abide with us forever (John 14:16).
- No one who's unsaved can have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them (John 14:17).
- Those who have the commandments of Jesus *and keep them* are those who love Him (John 14:21).
- Both Jesus and God the Father will dwell with those who obey Him (John 14:23).
- The Holy Spirit will teach us all things (John 14:26).
- God the Father is greater than Jesus (John 14:28).
- Every branch in Jesus that bears fruit is pruned so that it bears more fruit (John 15:2).
- Those who aren't in Jesus can't bear fruit (John 15:4).
- Without Jesus we can do nothing (John 15:5).
- Those who don't bear fruit will be cast into the fire and burned (John 15:6). The only branches which will remain in the vine are those that bear fruit.
- God the Father is glorified when we bear much fruit (John 15:8).
- If we keep the commandments of Jesus then we will abide in His love (John 15:10).
- Jesus wanted His disciples to be full of joy (John 15:11).
- If we don't obey Jesus then we're not His friends (John 15:14).
- Since Jesus revealed what He was doing to His disciples, He called them friends instead of servants (John 15:15).

- The disciples of Jesus didn't choose Him. Instead He chose them (John 15:16).
- Jesus ordained His disciples (John 15:16).
- Since we're not greater than Jesus, we can't expect this world to treat us better than it treated Him (John 15:20).
- When Jesus came into this world, He revealed its sin (John 15:22).
- The reason Jesus warned His disciples that they were going to be persecuted was so that when it happened they wouldn't be offended by it, Instead they would expect and understand it (John 16:1).
- The reason Jesus didn't tell His disciples at the beginning of His ministry that they were going to be persecuted was because He was with them (John 16:4).
- If Jesus hadn't left, the Holy Spirit wouldn't have come (John 16:7).
- The Holy Spirit shows us the things He received from Jesus (John 16:13-14).
- Jesus wants us to pray to God the Father and ask for things so that our joy might be full (John 16:24).
- If the disciples of Jesus wanted something from God the Father, they didn't need to pray to Jesus to ask His Father on their behalf. Instead they could pray to the Father directly (John 16:26).
- In this world we will have tribulation (John 16:33). We will have persecution, pain, and trials. The reason we should be of good cheer in spite of all that is because Jesus has overcome the world.

- When Jesus prayed, He lifted up His eyes to Heaven (John 17:1). He didn't pray with "every head bowed and every eye closed".
- Jesus wants to glorify God the Father (John 17:1).
- God the Father gave Jesus power over all flesh (John 17:2).
- Jesus can only give eternal life to those whom God the Father has given to Him (John 17:2).
- Eternal life isn't the pursuit of material things. Instead it's knowing God (John 17:3). God is greater than anything else we can desire.
- Jesus prayed that God the Father would glorify Him with the glory He had before the world was created (John 17:5).
- Jesus only prayed for those whom God the Father gave Him (John 17:9). He didn't pray for everyone. Jesus prays for those who are His, not for those who aren't.
- Jesus doesn't pray for everyone in hopes that some people will choose to believe in Him. Instead He only prays for those who God the Father has chosen to save (John 17:9).
- Jesus sanctified Himself (John 17:19). The reason He sanctified Himself was for the sake of His disciples.
- We are sanctified through the truth (John 17:19).
- Jesus didn't only pray for His disciples who were with Him in the garden of Gethsemane. Instead He prayed for all those who would believe on Him (John 17:20).
- Jesus wanted His disciples to be one, just as He was one

with God the Father (John 17:21-22).

- Jesus wanted the world to know that God the Father sent Him and loved Him (John 17:23).
- Jesus wanted the world to know that God the Father loved His disciples (John 17:23).
- Jesus wants those who believe in Him to be with Him (John 17:24). He wants us to behold His glory.
- After Judas left to betray Jesus, the Lord went with His disciples to a place that was familiar to Judas and then remained there until Judas came (John 18:2-4). Jesus didn't try to flee or hide, even though He knew that He was going to be betrayed that night.
- The reason Jesus didn't allow the armed men who accompanied Judas to arrest any of His disciples was to fulfill a Messianic prophecy (John 18:9).
- Jesus didn't let Peter fight the armed men who came to arrest Him (John 18:11).
- There are no secret teachings of Jesus. He didn't teach anything in secret (John 18:20).
- When Pilate asked the religious leaders what accusation they had against Jesus, they seemed surprised by that simple question and weren't prepared to answer it. In that moment they had no specific accusation to make against Jesus and didn't know what to say (John 18:30).
- Pilate didn't want to judge Jesus (John 18:31).
- All those who are of the truth hear the voice of Jesus (John 18:37).
- Pilate didn't find any fault in Jesus (John 18:38).

- Pilate wanted the Jews to know that he found no fault in Jesus (John 19:4).
- When Pilate brought Jesus out to the Jews, He had been scourged and He was wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe (John 19:5).
- The people who were demanding that Jesus be crucified were the Jews, not the Romans or Pilate or the soldiers (John 19:6).
- The Jews told Pilate that the reason they wanted Jesus to be put to death was because He claimed to be the Son of God (John 19:7).
- It seems that Pilate hadn't previously known that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God (John 19:7-8). He had only known that Jesus was the King of the Jews. Hearing that Jesus was the Son of God filled him with fear.
- The greatest sin was committed by the person who delivered Jesus to Pilate (John 19:11).
- When the rulers of this world persecute the saints, it's because God the Father has given them the power to do so (just as He gave Pilate the power to crucify Jesus) (John 19:11).
- Pilate didn't want to crucify Jesus, but the Jews refused to allow Jesus to be released (John 19:12).
- The Jews knew that Jesus claimed to be their king, and they used that fact to have Him sentenced to death (John 19:12).
- Pilate consistently referred to Jesus as the King of the Jews (John 19:14).

- The chief priests said that the only king they had was Caesar. They acknowledged no other king (not even God Himself) (John 19:15).
- The reason Jesus was taken away to be crucified was because the chief priests demanded it (John 19:16).
- Jesus was crucified by four soldiers (John 19:23).
- Mary, the mother of Jesus, had a sister named Mary (John 19:25). This means there were three women named Mary at the cross of Jesus: the mother of Jesus, the sister of the mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene.
- When Jesus was hanging on the cross, He provided someone to take care of His mother (John 19:26). That person was the apostle John.
- The text says that before Jesus died on the cross He knew that all things had been accomplished (John 19:28).
- Jesus said "It is finished" before He died (John 19:30).
- Joseph of Arimathaea was a secret disciple of Jesus (John 19:38).
- In the place where Jesus was crucified was both a tomb and a garden (John 19:41). This means Jesus was buried in the place where He was crucified. The reason that place was chosen is because time was short and the tomb was close by (John 19:42).
- Mary Magdalene wasn't expecting Jesus to rise from the dead. When she saw that His tomb was empty, she thought His body had been moved to a different tomb (John 20:2).
- It seems that John could run faster than Peter (John 20:4).

- When the body of Jesus was wrapped in linen clothes, the head of Jesus was wrapped separately in a napkin (John 20:7).
- Even though Jesus repeatedly told His disciples that He must be killed and rise from the dead, they didn't understand. The disciples didn't expect Jesus to rise from the dead (John 20:9).
- Jesus was able to enter the room where the disciples had gathered without first opening the door (John 20:19).
- When Jesus was resurrected, He still had the scars from His crucifixion (John 20:20).
- Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to His disciples *before* Pentecost. In fact, He gave the Spirit to them the day He was resurrected (John 20:22).
- Thomas was unwilling to believe the eyewitness testimony of those who saw the resurrected Jesus (John 20:25). This is no different from the rest of the disciples, who refused to believe the eyewitness account of the women who saw Jesus. The disciples didn't believe until they saw Jesus themselves – and Jesus rebuked them for that (Mark 16:14).
- Those who believe in Jesus have life through His name (John 20:31).
- When the disciples of Jesus listened to Him and did as He commanded, they caught an enormous number of fish (John 21:6).
- The third time Jesus showed Himself to a group of His disciples was at the sea of Tiberias, where He provided them with breakfast (John 21:14).

- When Jesus told Peter that he was going to be martyred, He was also revealing that He wouldn't return to this world to gather the saints until after Peter died (John 21:19).
- God can use our death to bring glory to Him (John 21:19).
- Not everything that Jesus did was recorded in the Bible (John 21:25).