#### MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: John 5:24 "Truly,

truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."



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## **MONDAY, JANUARY 10**

#### Read John 5

- 1. At the pool of Bethesda, Jesus, on the Sabbath, heals a man who had been an invalid for how many years? In what did the man place his hope of healing? What did Jesus say in verse 8? How does the man run afoul of the Jews (v10)? In what did they place their hope?
- 2. Following up on the discussion of our past classes on the final judgment, who will be our Judge (v22, 27)? Who gives Him this authority?
- 3. The Jews believed that Jesus was, on His own authority, equating Himself to God (19-29). This is blasphemy. What was the punishment for blasphemy? Who, eventually, carries out this punishment?
- Prayer: God, let me always seek to better understand and respect the love, power, and glory that you have given your Son. Let me seek to "sin no more" as I follow in Your narrow way.

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11**

#### Read John 6

- 1. V4 says "Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand". Jesus multiplies five barley loaves and two fish so that 5,000 men are fed and 12 baskets of "fragments" are collected. Jesus is our Paschal lamb (v51, Hebrews 9:11-15). He is our Bread of Life (v33, 35, 51, 58). How do the Jews react (14, 15)? Where is their priority?
- 2. Many of Jesus' disciples "turned back and no longer walked with Him." (66). Why? How is the Christian church still struggling with question in verse 52? What is consubstantiation, transubstantiation?
- 3. Jesus asked the twelve "Do you want to go away as well?" What was Simon Peter's response? What is your response?
- Prayer: Lord, improve our "spiritual vision" so that we can see how your works in our lives demonstrate your love and concern for us.

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

#### Read John 7

- 1. "Not even His brothers believed in Him" (v7). Do all of your family members accept Jesus as their Lord? How does their unbelief affect your relationship? How do you respond? How do they? What can we do? Did Jesus' brothers later come to accept him? (Gal 2:9). Does that give you hope for your unbelieving family members?
- 2. Jesus is encouraged to go publicly to the feast of Sukkot (Feast of Booths) (v3-4). He declines but goes privately. Why (v8)? Jesus later teaches in the temple (v14). Some want to kill him (25) but some say He is good (v12). Does Jesus try to "convince" the unbelievers with smooth words and persuasive arguments? (v19). What does this say about the Jews' righteousness? Ours? Who keeps the law? (Matt 5, 17)
- 3. The Pharisees send officers to arrest Jesus. (32). What happens? (45—47). Why was Jesus allowed to continue is teaching and ministry? (v8)
- Prayer: Lord, let me trust in Your will for my life, even when the world stands against me.

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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

#### Read John 8

- 1. Christ came to call sinners to repentance. What did the Pharisees want to do to the woman caught in adultery? Jesus agrees with their sentence and encourages "him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone" (v7). Who is the only one there without sin? What is His response? (10-11)
- 2. Jesus has a long discussion with the Pharisees. He said that "I am the light of the world", (12), the Father has sent Him (16), that He will be lifted up (28), "the truth will set you free" (32), "if anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death" (51). What was their response? (59). Why was Jesus so threatening to them?
- Prayer: Lord, lead me to be tender and generous towards the "outcasts" of our society.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

#### Read John 9

- 1. Who sinned? Jesus said that "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him." (3). Would you rejoice in your lifelong (blindness, name your suffering), if you knew that it would allow God to display His works?
- 2. The healed blind man was attacked by the Pharisees. (Again, Jesus performed another healing on the Sabbath.) They called the healed man a liar, calling on his parents to testify. They re-examine him. What did he ask them? (27). What was his witness (30-33)?
- 3. What does Jesus say to the man after the Pharisees "cast him out" (35). What is the glorious result? (38)
- Prayer: Lord, give me strength to resist the attacks of the world and to testify to Your glory, power and love.

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

#### Read John 10

- 1. Jesus claims to be the Good Shepherd. The sheep hear his voice and follow Him (1-5). The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm says that "the Lord is My Shepherd." Why is this image so popular Psalm 23 is read at many funerals, probably even for non-believers. There are two parts to the relationship the Shepherd and the sheep. He leads, we follow. Or do we?
- 2. Satan is described by Jesus in John 10, 10a. What does He say? Why are we tempted by a master liar who wants to destroy us? What "goodies" does he offer in exchange for our souls?
- 3. Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly (10b). What a contrast! Contemplate about the many ways in which Jesus has given you an abundant life.
- Prayer: Lord, thank you for your gift of Light in my life. Let me appreciate the many blessings you have given me and how I might, in turn, be a blessing to others.

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