

Study of the Gospel of John: January 2021

“That You Might Believe”

February 15, 2021

LESSON SIX

A. Opening Prayer and Lighting the Candle

B. Overview of Chapters 10-11

Review: Jesus continues his discourse with the Pharisees and Jews after they have been rebuked. What is the mood?

C. The Gate Keeper and the Good Shepherd

- 1. Background: We find “shepherd” imagery in other places in the scriptures; What do you recall? Where?**
- 2. Setting: Surrounding area was prime for raising sheep; the crowd would understand their behavior and needs.**
- 3. Lesson: The Gate Keeper John 10:1-10**
What is the role of the gatekeeper? Who are the thieves and the bandits? What did this mean to those listening? How is Jesus the gate keeper of our faith?
- 4. Lesson: The Good Shepherd John 10:11-21**
What is the role of the Good Shepherd? How does this foreshadow the Crucifixion? Jesus’ sacrifice? Who are his other sheep? Then and now?

D. Jesus is rejected by the Jews John 10:22-42

- 1. Background: Jesus returns to Jerusalem for the Festival of Dedication in winter.**
- 2. What do the people want? Why would they stone Jesus?**

3. At the conclusion, why did many believe? Where does this take place?
4. Is it easier to profess your faith away from those who don't believe?

E. Jesus and Lazarus John 11:1-44

1. Background: Who are Lazarus and Mary and Martha?
What do we know of them already? (Luke 10: 38-42)

2. The Death of Lazarus John 11:1-16

Why did Jesus wait two days before responding to Martha?
What were the disciples' to learn in his decision to return?

3. What does Martha proclaim? ?John 11:17-27

4. How does Jesus respond to Mary? John 11:28-37

5. Lazarus is raised from the dead. John 11:38-44
How is the glory of the Lord revealed?

F. The Plot To Kill Jesus John 11:45-57

1. Why does the Council meet? What do they decide?
2. What did Jesus do? Where does he go? What is he dealing with now?

G. Final reflections as we prepare for Lent.

H. Closing Prayers