



**Preaching Series
for Lent 2020
from the Gospel of John**

February 26 - Ash Wednesday
"Broken" - John 12:1-3

March 1
"Blessed" - John 13:12-17

March 8
Stuart Branstetter

March 15
"Beloved" - John 14:23-27

March 22
"Our Story" - Doug and Leslie Hartley

March 29
"Branches" - John 15:1-8

April 5 - Palm Sunday
"Betrayal" - John 19:16-24

April 9 - Maundy Thursday
"Burial" - John 19:38-42

April 12 - Easter Sunday
"Believe" - John 20:1-9

DEEP DIVE



LENTEN DEVOTION GUIDE

40 DAYS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
ENGAGING IN
STUDY. PRAYER. DISCIPLINE.

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31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. - John 20:31

Introduction

“Deep Dive” is a Lenten devotional guide written to facilitate an experiential journey through this sacred season, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26, concluding Easter Sunday, April 12. My prayer is that it will help you grow deeper in your faith. It is centered around reading the entire Gospel of John. Each day we will read a portion of John, be encouraged to pray, and given a suggested discipline related to giving up something or fasting. Some days we will read fewer verses than others. I tried to honor the natural division of thought. It is not intended to require hours of time, but maybe more than your usual devotion time. Lent is a great time to dig deep in faith. I left some space for a few notes or thoughts.

During Lent I will be preaching from John on various stories related to the final days of Jesus. You will read them along the way not necessarily in the order I preach them. Sundays are traditionally not included in the days of Lent so I have designated them as days to Reflect, Refuel, and Rest.

A brief word of explanation about the disciplines related to fasting. I read a book several years ago during Lent by Alicia Britt Chole, “40 Days of Decrease.” In it she suggested forty different kind of fasts that I will be using each day. Without explanation. For you to let God speak to you concerning each one. Some will be for one day, some just for a few minutes, some ongoing. I used this in 2018 and will again this year.

My daily emailed devotions will come from a selected verse or two from each day’s reading in John and will include some thoughts about the verses. If you are not currently receiving my daily devotion email me at abeasley@jasperfirstumc.com and I will add you. Also in my email devotion I will expound on the daily discipline. This would add to the experience.

We will read John straight through beginning in chapter one. It will be exciting as the teachings of Jesus unfold, watching His miracles change lives, walking with Him through the Passion, and falling in love with our Savior more every day. I trust this will be a life changing experience for you.

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Day 1 - Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Start each day with a simple prayer, “Father, speak to me as I read your Word.”

Scripture - John 1:1-18

What did God speak to me while reading?

Spend time in prayer.

Discipline - Lent as a project, let it be an experience
(reminder: each day the discipline is a type of fast)

Day 2 - Thursday, February 27, 2020

Scripture - John 1:19-34

Pray

Discipline - Regrets

Day 3 - Friday, February 28, 2020

Scripture - John 1:35-51

Pray

Discipline - Collecting praise

Day 4 - Saturday, February 29, 2020

Scripture - John 2:1-12

Pray

Discipline - Artificial light, experience darkness, unplug,
do something by candlelight, be simple.

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Reflect - on God’s Word from this week

Refuel - worship with the family of God

Rest - your mind, body and soul

Day 5 - Monday, March 2, 2020

Scripture - John 2:13-25
Pray
Discipline - Tidy faith

Day 6 - Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Scripture - John 3:1-36
Pray
Discipline - Speeding past sorrow

Day 7 - Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Scripture - John 4:1-42
Pray
Discipline - A meal

Day 8 - Thursday, March 5, 2020

Scripture - John 4:43-54
Pray
Discipline - Fixing it

Day 9 - Friday, March 6, 2020

Scripture - John 5:1-17
Pray
Discipline - Rationalism

Day 10 - Saturday, March 7, 2020

Scripture - John 5:18-47
Pray
Discipline - Avoidance

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Reflect - on God's Word from this week
Refuel - worship with the family of God
Rest - your mind, body and soul

Day 11 - Monday, March 9, 2020

Scripture - John 6:1-15
Pray
Discipline - Religious profiling

Day 12, Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Scripture - John 6:16-21
Pray
Discipline - Isolation

Day 13, Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Scripture - John 6:22-59
Pray
Discipline - Stinginess

Day 14, Thursday, March 12, 2020

Scripture - John 6:60-71
Pray
Discipline - Spectatorship

Day 15, Friday, March 13, 2020

Scripture - John 7:1-52
Pray
Discipline - Spiritual self-protection

Day 16, Saturday, March 14, 2020

Scripture - John 7:53-8:11
Pray
Discipline - Halos

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Reflect - on God's Word from this week
Refuel - worship with the family of God
Rest - your mind, body and soul

Day 17, Monday, March 16, 2020

Scripture - John 8:12-59
Pray
Discipline - Apathy

Day 18, Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Scripture - John 9:1-41
Pray
Discipline - Appearances

Day 19, Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Scripture - John 10:1-42
Pray
Discipline - Revisionism

Day 20, Thursday, March 19, 2020

Scripture - John 11:1-44
Pray
Discipline - Leavened bread

Day 21, Friday, March 20, 2020

Scripture - John 11:45-57
Pray
Discipline - Premature resolution

Day 22, Saturday, March 21, 2020

Scripture - John 12:1-50
Pray
Discipline - Sound

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Reflect - on God's Word from this week
Refuel - worship with the family of God
Rest - your mind, body and soul

Day 23, Monday, March 23, 2020

Scripture - John 13:1-20
Pray
Discipline - Armchair Jesus

Day 24, Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Scripture - John 13:21-38
Pray
Discipline - Neutrality

Day 25, Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Scripture - John 14:1-31
Pray
Discipline - Denial

Day 26, Thursday, March 26, 2020

Scripture - John 15:1-17
Pray
Discipline - Comparison

Day 27, Friday, March 27, 2020

Scripture - John 15:18-25
Pray
Discipline - Discontentment

Day 28, Saturday, March 28, 2020

Scripture - John 15:26-16:15
Pray
Discipline - Formulas

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Reflect - on God's Word from this week
Refuel - worship with the family of God
Rest - your mind, body and soul

Day 29, Monday, March 30, 2020

Scripture - John 16:16-33
Pray
Discipline - Intimidation

Day 30, Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Scripture - John 17:1-8
Pray
Discipline - Self-confidence

Day 31, Wednesday, April, 2020

Scripture - John 17:9-19
Pray
Discipline - Mocking Jesus

Day 32, Thursday, April 2, 2020

Scripture - John 17:20-26
Pray
Discipline - Addition

Day 33, Friday, April 3, 2020

Scripture - John 18:1-12
Pray
Discipline - Willful sin

Day 34, Saturday, April 4, 2020

Scripture - John 18:13-27
Pray
Discipline - Criticism

Sunday, April 5, 2020, Palm Sunday

Reflect - on God's Word from this week
Refuel - worship with the family of God
Rest - your mind, body and soul

Day 35, Monday, April 6, 2020

Scripture - John 18:28-19:16
Pray
Discipline - God-as-job

Day 36, Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Scripture - John 19:17-42

Pray

Discipline - Withholding

Day 37, Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Scripture - John 20:1-10

Pray

Discipline - Your voice

Day 38, Thursday, April 9, 2020

Scripture - John 20:11-18

Pray

Discipline - Escapism

Day 39, Friday, April 10, 2020

Scripture - John 20:19-31

Pray

Discipline - Guarding tombs

Day 40, Saturday, April 11, 2020

Scripture - John 21:1-25

Pray

Discipline - Fasting

Sunday, April 12, 2020, Easter Sunday

Reflect - on God's Word from this week

Refuel - worship with the family of God

Rest - your mind, body and soul