**Spiritual Food for Isolation - John's Gospel 05**

Thank you for being a part of this 10 week (Sundays and Wednesdays) course, as we make use of the time provided to us in isolation, to come ***together*** and read through John's Gospel.

**1)Aperitif:** Christ the Lord is risen today: **Check out the following site:**

**https://www.youtube.com/embed/adTgqFlaqw0?autoplay=1**

**2) Prayer/Grace:** Our Father in heaven, we praise You for life, for our bodies and the way we were formed in the womb, the way we can feel, touch, taste, hear, see and appreciate the world around us. We praise You also in times of sorrow, suffering, and even death, as they all point toward our need for You in this life, and in the life to come. We confess that sometimes we place our contentment in the material things around us, rather than in the Maker of those things. We thank You for Your patience when we have questions, and pray that through the study and videos that follow Your Holy Spirit will teach us what we need to know, for we pray in the name of our glorious risen Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**3) Our main course;** the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Apostle John, chapter 5: [**Read the following:**](Read%20the%20following%3A%20)  **https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+5&version=NIVUK**

**OR Listen to the following: https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/John.5**

**4) Chewing it over;** after reading today's chapter, take your time to think through the following:

- v2 Observation: 'Bethesda' in Aramaic = House of Mercy

- v6 this seems like a rather obvious question, why do you think Jesus asked it?

- v14....what did Jesus mean here? What could be **worse** than the man's prior condition (v5)? (considering 38yrs!)

- v18 is extremely important. Why did they try to kill Jesus? …How can we use this verse when answering skeptics about our faith?...if Jesus was not telling the truth about His divinity, then what other options are there about who Jesus is?

- It is incredibly useful to remember: The Jews were trying harder to kill Jesus because He was claiming equality with God. Either Jesus was telling the truth, or He was a liar, or else He was deluded...He was either mad/bad/God…He cannot merely be a great teacher, prophet, moralist! This has proven a very valuable tool to help skeptics reassess their views on who Jesus is, providing a launch-pad for talking about why He came J

- v27, the title ‘Son of Man’ is not merely to be taken as a reference to Jesus’ humanity, as it meant so much more within the Jewish context into which He was speaking. Take a look at the end-time prophecy found in Daniel 7 (especially v14).

- v39, presumably Jesus is talking here about the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). Take some time to think about what Old Testament Scriptures testify about Jesus. Do you know any?

- Here are some [**Old Testament prophecies about Jesus**](Old%20Testament%20prophecies%20about%20Jesus)( **https://www.jesusfilm.org/blog-and-stories/old-testament-prophecies.html**) . Try imagining that you were reading these *before* Jesus came, and how teaching and prophecy would have created a sense of anticipation.

- v45, can you recall the 10 commandments?...if you break a Law you would expect to face the consequences. In what way can God’s moral Law be used to help people see their need of a Saviour?

**5) Digestif:** Unspoken - 'You are the Cure': **Check out the following:** then press 'f' for full screen.

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lo0jj5oE98Y**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lo0jj5oE98Y)

**6) Snacks:** Where to start with an unbeliever: Questions! **Check out the following:**

**https://www.youtube.com/embed/uRB90aSkzoo?autoplay=1**

**7) Supper:** Livings Waters video: Praise God as you see the Law followed by Grace work on these hearts![**Check**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2F2OK_mVolDSI%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7Cdd4e09f36d5d43ca329008d7e45e9554%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637228967186281067&sdata=xpqidqBYhaxHrGrPTK88LwgNGdi5ZVm3ngAG%2FrByyEg%3D&reserved=0) **out the following:**

**https://www.youtube.com/embed/2OK\_mVolDSI?autoplay=1**

**8) Midnight Feast!** The importance and benefit of using questions to engage skeptics (as Jesus did!) – [**Check**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2FWObgxG6ev-U%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7Cdd4e09f36d5d43ca329008d7e45e9554%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637228967186301055&sdata=O%2FOu1Q4npmf3spZQy0yGwnQnpkpuCszJZq2FSq84ZwY%3D&reserved=0) **out the following:**

**https://www.youtube.com/embed/WObgxG6ev-U?autoplay=1**

***But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.***

***Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give***

***the reason for the hope that you have.***

***1 Peter 3:15***

[Can I trust the Bible?](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2FXyNseXdd260%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7Cdd4e09f36d5d43ca329008d7e45e9554%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637228967186311053&sdata=PN30JARWwiOSjWvXVJlVQxRgX22AtfLKyjBFS%2FVBsCc%3D&reserved=0)

[**https://www.youtube.com/embed/XyNseXdd260?autoplay=1**](https://www.youtube.com/embed/XyNseXdd260?autoplay=1)

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