

Week beginning Monday 21st December 2020

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John 11 John wrote around 43 'glory' words in his gospel! I think he liked the word – or was he trying to say something to us?

The 7th sign. (See also Mk 5:41,42; Lk 7:11-17) Either a fisherman's tale, or God incarnate at work. Can we trust all or none of John's writings? If it's truth why do we worry about dying? 1 Cor 15:55 'Cemetery' means 'a place of sleep'. One day we will all be raised. Judgement day. Be ready.

John 12 Transition from Public ministry, to time with His disciples. The 'Lazarus' effect, vv 9,10.

28, 31,32 Jesus death means: glory, salvation and victory.

“You will never understand life without understanding God.

You will never understand God without understanding Jesus

You will never understand Jesus without understanding His death

You will never understand His death without understanding the cross

Understanding the cross is the key to understanding life” (David Cook) 1 Cor 1:21-23

John 13 The Upper Room discourse begins (ending John 17).

How much are we loved? How much do we love? See Phil 2:4; Galatians 6:2; i Cor 9:21; v 17.

To love God and to love people is to be conformed to the image of Christ.

Quiz time. 36-14:14. 'Where are you going?' "Why can't I come?" "How can we know the way?" 'I AM'

John 14

Jesus will glorify God by answering our prayers. Is that why we pray them?

'Another advocate/counsellor' One that 'Comes alongside' just like me, says Jesus. Then we

wonder why they got so excited at Pentecost! He came alongside – Jesus right inside them – of

course they recognized Him after 3 years of daily tuition!! How well do we recognize Jesus?

Read the chapter again watching out for 'obedience' 'love' and 'peace'. Is it your experience?

John 15

'The Lord makes all things new' The 7th I AM - Psalm 80:8, Jer 2:21; Hosea 10:1.

Fruitfulness depends on connectivity vv5,6 Relationship to Jesus – Remain (in His teaching).

Relationship to one another – Love (unconditionally). Relationship to the world – Testify (In season

and out of season. Just do it – it's a mind thing. If you can't - pray. If you don't want to - pray. If you

don't want to pray - pray anyway. It's a mind thing.