

Week beginning Monday 14th December 2020

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John 6

4th & 5th 'signs' (His miracles are pointing to something not titillating the flesh), and the 1st 'I am'. Jesus is on God's business, not political electioneering – that people may believe... and our business is? Note verses 37,39, we are God's gift to Jesus – what a Christmas present! v60ff there are followers and there are disciples. Are we offended by any of His teachings? True disciples don't turn back. Can we speak like Peter vv 68,69?

John 7 The Feast of Booths/Tabernacles – Harvest & remembering the Exodus wanderings.

John 1 Jesus tabernacled among us. He only taught what came from God. (Watch out preachers!) Key words vv37,38 NB we receive the Holy Spirit by coming to Jesus and believing in Him Acts 2:33 *EXCLUSIVE* 6:35, 7:37 Come to Jesus for refreshing streams of Life. Is 58:11; 12:3, Neh 9:20 37 Anyone, 38 Whoever, but individual and personal.

John 8

1-11 [Note We don't have John's original manuscript, the oldest piece is about 50 years after John. The early manuscripts don't have these verses but over 600 later ones do and it fits well here re passing judgement on others]. Lesson: The Holy One calls us to a holy life.

2nd "I AM" (Ex 3:14) v39 a true son of Abraham has come to Jesus the one true Light of the World. Civilizations can either wallow in darkness or walk in the Light where moral darkness is dispelled.

John 9

Theme of John 8 Contd. (Remember, John didn't write in chapters). Jesus is the Light, restoring sight to the blind, Only Jesus does this type of miracle in the whole Bible! What a testimony, "Once I was blind, now I can see" So many are blind to what the Bible says and need their darkness overcoming. The Pharisees thought they could see but were blind. Only when we admit we're blind can Jesus give us sight. Wow.

John 10

1-21 Context 9:39. John doesn't talk about parables but 'figures of speech'. Jesus is both the Gate to the flock and the Good shepherd – He gives His life to provide the way to shelter for his sheep. (Always a good test for a Christian Leader – do they live for themselves or their 'flock')

22-30 "I give them eternal life and they shall never perish" How secure are we in Christ? But some turn away...??? How can this be?