

Syllabus

The Gospel of John

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Purpose:

The purpose of this study is the development of an introductory understanding of the Gospel of John. We will explore why this Fourth Gospel stands out as the most profound understanding of Christ contained in the scriptures and why it is called the most spiritual Gospel. Starting from “In the beginning there was the Word”....., we will consider why “every word counts” in the Gospel of John.

Required texts:

The primary text is the Bible. Acceptable translations are: New American Bible, New Jerusalem Bible, or New Revised Standard Bible with the Apocrypha. Other translations by permission of the instructor.

The New Testament – Introducing The Way of Discipleship. Ed. Wes Howard Brook And Sharon H. Ringe: Maryknoll/New York: Orbis Books, 2002.
Matson, Mark A. *John.* Interpretation Bible Studies; Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002,

Recommended Reading:

Brown, Raymond E. *The Community of the Beloved Disciple.* Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1979.
Harrington Daniel, S. J. *Interpreting the New Testament – A Practical Guide.* Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1979.
Kysar, Robert. *John, the Maverick Gospel.* Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1976.
Obach, Robert E.; Kirk, Albert. *A Commentary on the Gospel of John.* Lima, Ohio: Academic Renewal Press, 2002.
Schneiders, Sandra M. *Written That You May Believe.* New York: Crossroad Publishing Company, 2003.
The Collegeville Commentary – New Testament. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1989.

Session I – Sept. 6: Read the Introduction, Chapter 1. The New World Order, Chapter 5. John’s Gospel’s Call to be Reborn of God in *The New Testament – Introducing the Way of Discipleship*, Wes Howard-Brooke and Sharon H. Ringe. Read the Gospel of John from one the Bibles listed under required texts.

Session II – Sept. 13: Read *John* by Mark A. Matson, pgs. 1 – 63.

Session III – Sept. 20: Read *John* by Mark A. Matson, pgs. 64 – 128.