

Journey with Jesus

Praying through the Gospel of John

Week 21



- Find a place to sit quietly.
- Sit in a relaxed position and close your eyes.
- Breathe in and out slowly and become aware of the presence of God.
- You might like to spend some time looking back at the 21 week journey in the gospel of John. What were the narratives that drew you? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- What do you want to give thanks to God for from this gospel journey?
- What is God's invitation to you now?
- How do you want to respond?
- You might like to listen to this playlist of instrumental music - stopping points on the journey through the Bible.
- You might like to listen Michael Card sing Joy on the Journey or to Fellowship Worship He is worthy.



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➤ You might like to listen to:

- Day 1: Christ is Risen sung by Phil Wickham then click [here](#).
- Day 2: Love Crucified Arose sung by Michael Card then click [here](#).
- Day 3: We Exalt Thee sung by Joshua Aaron at the Garden Tomb then click [here](#).
- Day 4: Hallelujah sung by Kelley Mooney then click [here](#).
- Day 5: I am the resurrection and the life sung by Rob Gardner then click [here](#).
- Day 6: There is a higher throne sung by Keith and Kristyn Getty then click [here](#).
- Day 7: In Christ Alone sung by Living Stones Quartet then click [here](#).



Day 1: John 20:3-10

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

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 - What words or phrases strike you?
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He is not here, he has risen. Magda Chamakoff (Fair Use)
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Day 2: John 20:11-18

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

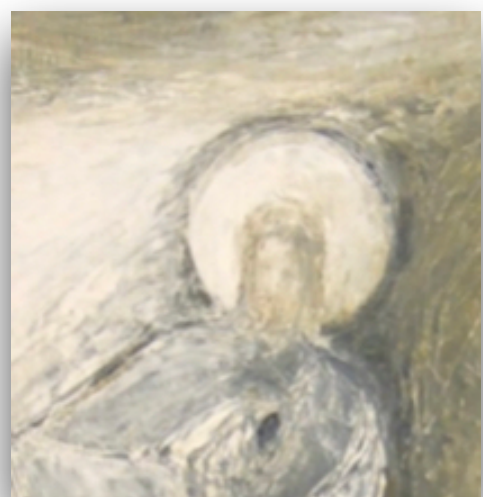
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Appearance to Mary Magdalene. Magda Chamakoff (Fair Use)
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Day 3: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 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.



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Day 4: John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.



Jesus by the side of the lake: John 21:1 Magda Chamakoff (Fair Use)
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Day 5: John 21:15-17

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”

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Day 6: John 21:18-23

“Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!” Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.” Because of this, the rumour spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”

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Day 7: John 21:24-25

This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

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Over the week you might like to listen these pieces from Einaudi's Seven Days Walking

➤ Day 1: Low Mist Day 2

➤ Day 2: A sense of symmetry Day 2

➤ Day 3: Ascent Day 2

➤ Day 4: Golden Butterflies Day 2

➤ Day 5: Birdsong Day 2

➤ Day 6: Campfire Day 2

➤ Day 7: Fox Tracks Day 2



Who is the third who walks always beside you?
When I count, there are only you and I together
But when I look ahead up the white road
There is always another one walking beside you
Gliding wrapt in a brown mantle, hooded
I do not know whether a man or a woman
—But who is that on the other side of you?
T.S.Eliot The Waste Land

RIVER OF LIFE

Preparing

- Take time to sit in the presence of God, being aware of God's loving eyes watching over you.
- Take some time to give thanks to God, the source of all being.
- Take time to ask God's Spirit to enlighten your time of prayer and reveal to you things God has for you to notice today.

Consider first - if your life were a river what might it look like?

- Where would the source be and what bends and and bows do you notice?
- Where does it run quietly?
- Where does it ripple slowly?
- Where does it flow rapidly?
- Where are the boulders?
- Where are the waterfalls?
- Where does it run under ground or under bridges?
- Where does it overreach its banks and overflow?

Take some time and prayerfully draw or paint or create this river

- You might like to use pencil alone.
- You might like to use crayons, paints or pastels.
- You might like to draw or paint or create the river banks and surrounding land.
- You might like to add further details to your river of life.
- You might like to note where you are now.

Take some time to reflect

- What do you notice about the river?
- What do you notice about the surrounding landscapes?
- What landmarks do you see along the way?
- Where do you notice changes of direction and speed of flow?
- Where do you notice calmness and times of turbulence?
- Where do you notice times of adversity, hope and joy?

Take time to notice the presence of God

- Where do you particularly notice the presence of God ?
- Where have you flowed close to God?
- Where have you wandered away?
- Where else have you noticed God in the world?
- Where have you noticed God in others?

What is God's invitation to you now?
How do you respond?



Open Heart Open Home by Karen
Herrick Harlequin Arts.

I am the resurrection and the life

How can you be the final resurrection?
That resurrection hasn't happened yet.
Our broken world is still bent on destruction,
No sun can rise before that sun has set.
Our faith looks back to father Abraham
And toward to the one who is to come
How can you speak as though he knew your name?
How can you say: **before he was I am?**

**Begin in me and I will read your riddle
And teach you truths my Spirit will defend
I am the End who meets you in the middle,
The new Beginning hidden in the End.
I am the victory, the end of strife
I am the resurrection and the life.**

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