

The Life of Christ

SCOPE & SEQUENCE

Lesson	Lesson Topic	Lesson Aim	Life Application
1	Introduction to John	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reveal the unique characteristics of the Gospel To compare John with other Gospels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeing Christ as more than a man Learning to see themes in Scripture
2	John's purpose for his Gospel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To analyze the objectives of the author To explain the importance of the Passover feast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding and responding to the theological theme of faith in John's Gospel
3	Geography and political situation of 1st century Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To paint a picture of the world in which Christ ministered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making a commitment to service and evangelistic outreach
4	Meaning and implications of the preexistence of Christ (1:1–13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To highlight the importance of theology to our faith To reveal Christ as God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning to think of Christ as God Confirming that students have made the right response to Christ
5	Meaning and importance of Christ's incarnation (1:14–18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To highlight the importance of theology to our faith To highlight God's grace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showing Christ in our own lives Understanding how sin rebels against God's character
6	Ministry of John the Baptist (1:15–51)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show the response of the Jewish religious leaders To show John's humility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibiting John's attitude of humility Exalting Christ as first priority
7	Selection of Christ's disciples (1:35–51)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To see Christ's love for souls To understand how different people respond to the gospel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to have a more effective witness with others
8	Changing the water to wine (2:1–11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show how Christ's first miracle reveals who He is To show how God uses people to accomplish His purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being willing and obedient to perform God's work Trusting God for results
9	Cleansing of the Temple (2:12–25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the dangers of empty religion To reveal Christ's authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the significance of our bodies as God's house
10	Meeting with Nicodemus (3:1–21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain the meaning of the new birth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that students have been born again Inspiring courage to stand for God
11	Confronting the woman at the well (4:1–42)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show Christ's plan to meet the woman To reveal Christ's compassion for those who were not Jews To reveal Christ's deity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loving the unlovely Applying Christ's approach to evangelism
12	Ministering in Samaria and Cana (4:31–54)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show the blessings of faith in Christ To establish spiritual priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living in light of eternal values Living by faith, not sight
13	Healing at the Pool of Bethesda (5:1–18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show Christ's authority as Lord of the Sabbath To reveal Christ's grace and mercy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing for opposition from religious hypocrites Being motivated by compassion
14	Proving Christ's deity (5:17–47)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain the witnesses to and proofs of Christ's deity To show that faith saves, not knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the Christ of the Bible, not just the facts of the Bible Recognizing that our obedience (or lack of it) demonstrates who we are
15	Miracles in Galilee (6:1–21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show men's motives To show Christ's omnipotence and sovereignty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrating self-sacrifice Obedying in faith
16	Christ as the Bread of Life (6:22–32)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show that eternal life is a gift from God To show that good works cannot save To show that Christ is sufficient to meet our needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relying on God, not ourselves Remembering God's provision in the past

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17	Christ as the Bread of Life (6:32–71)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show that Christ knows men’s hearts and motives To reveal the motives that cause people to reject Christ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking satisfaction in Christ Following Christ for the right reason
18	Christ at the Feast of Tabernacles (7:1–31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prove that Christ claimed to be the Messiah To reveal the plans behind Christ’s purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizing the value of spiritual opposition
19	Contrasting responses to Christ (7:32–53)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain how Christ intended to divide people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating our personal response Motivating a courageous response
20	Pharisees test Jesus (7:53–8:59)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prove that Christ claimed to be God To reveal the ignorance of those who are blinded spiritually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizing the folly of rejecting Christ Responding with awe and worship to Christ’s wisdom
21	Christ restores sight to a man born blind (9:1–41)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To illustrate Christ’s compassion To demonstrate God’s providence To show God’s desire to glorify Himself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to Christ with obedience that results from faith Exercising compassion
22	Christ as the Good Shepherd (9:39–10:21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain the spiritual truth behind the shepherd metaphor To show how other religions are false doors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examining the foundation of our faith Evaluating our commitment
23	Christ’s message at the Feast of Dedication (10:22–39)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reveal Christ’s credentials To examine false doctrine about Christ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being ready to answer objections to our faith
24	Christ ministers in Perea and Bethany (10:40–11:46)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show how God is the source of all spiritual fruit To demonstrate that God has purposes we do not always understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfilling our responsibilities even if we do not see results Trusting God to do what is best for His children
25	The triumphal entry (11:45–12:1, 9–19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show how Christ’s triumphal entry points to his kingship To show the fickleness of mankind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing firmly and consistently for Christ
26	Christ’s meeting with the Greeks (12:20–50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain the reason Christ had to die To show people’s faithless responses to Christ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examining our own salvation Living so that unbelievers see Christ in us
27	Conflicts with the Pharisees (12:2–8; passages in the synoptics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To demonstrate Christ’s wisdom in confounding the Pharisees To contrast Mary’s loving worship with Judas’s selfish hypocrisy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showing genuine, sacrificial love Recognizing and defeating hypocrisy in our lives
28	The last supper (13:1–38)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reveal Christ’s humility To show the disciples’ ignorance and instability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitting humbly to God’s plan for our lives Standing firmly for Christ by trusting wholly in Him
29	Christ’s last words and promises (14:1–31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show what great things God can accomplish through us To explain the ministry of the Holy Spirit To contrast the world’s peace with that which Christ offers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living in confidence in light of the reality of Christ’s promises Praying faithfully and expecting to see God’s power
30	The lesson of the vine and the branches (15:1–27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prepare students to face persecution To show that a fruitful life is possible only by a relationship with Christ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrating growing obedience Expecting persecution and responding faithfully
31	Christ’s intercessory prayer (17:1–26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To emphasize Christ’s desire to glorify His Father To reveal Christ’s love for His disciples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praying with the same burdens that Christ had Balancing separation from the world and unity with other believers
32	Betrayal, arrest, and trial of Christ (18:1–40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show how Christ was really in control even during His arrest To show Christ’s concern for His disciples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing for Christ regardless of the cost Increasing in love for Christ
33	Crucifixion of Christ (18:28–19:37)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show the brutality of the soldiers and Pilate’s cowardice To remind us of what Christ endured for us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trusting Christ wholly Consecrating our lives to His service

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34	Resurrection and first post-resurrection appearance of Christ (19:38–20:31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To demonstrate the public stand of some secret disciples • To explain the significance of the resurrection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving salvation by faith in Christ's finished work
35	Post-resurrection fishing trip (21:1–25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show how Christ restored Peter after his denials • To explain how God uses different believers' lives in different ways to accomplish His purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding humbly to personal failure • Following Christ faithfully without comparing myself with others and without concern for the personal cost