

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Themes in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: THE HOUR OF GLORY: THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION.

**1) The focus of John's Gospel**

- a. The first 10 chapters cover approximately 3.5 years of the ministry of Jesus. The last 10 chapters cover about 1-2 weeks. Why does John focus in detail on such a brief period in the life of Jesus?
- b. Remember John's testimony about why he wrote this Gospel record under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. John 20:30-31
- c. How do the events of the last few weeks in the life of Jesus help us to believe in Him as our Messiah?

**2) The arrest and trial of Jesus**

- a. John 17:20-26, 18:1-11 How do the details of the arrest of Jesus point to Him as the Son of God and our Messiah? (See also Luke 22:51)
- b. John 18:28-38 How does the interview with Pilate reveal the truth about Jesus?
- c. John 18:39-John 19:16 What explanation can you give for the behavior of Pilate and the religious leaders even though they have received a clear revelation of the truth about Jesus?
- d. How can we avoid the same fatal mistake?

**3) The crucifixion of Jesus**

- a. What was the purpose of the sign above the cross and how did this sign reveal the truth about Jesus? John 19:17-22
- b. How was the truth about Jesus and the immeasurable, unending love of God revealed even on the cross? John 19:23-27 (see also Luke 23:34, 39-43)
- c. What was the significance of the declaration of Jesus from the cross recorded in John 19:30? (John 17:4, Matthew 27:51-53)

**4) The resurrection of Jesus**

- a. John 20:1-10 What evidence do you see in this passage that Jesus is risen from the dead?
- b. John 20:11-18 Only John records the extensive conversation between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. How does this meeting emphasize the truth about Jesus and encourage us to trust Him as our Savior?
- c. What other meetings did Jesus have with His followers after His resurrection from the dead? (Matthew 28:9-10, Mark 16:12-14, etc.)
- d. What revelation was given to the apostle Paul regarding the resurrection of Jesus? 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
- e. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important for each one of us? 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- f. What is your response to the saving work of Jesus?

