

Ideas for 2001 Lenten Series

Journey to Jerusalem or The Hour Has Come and Now Is or What Time Is It?

(Events in the life of Jesus on the Way to Jerusalem)

The Week that Changed the World (The Events of Jesus' Last Week in the Gospel of John)

Ash Wednesday:	Prelude to the Final Hour
Lent 1:	The Plot to Kill Jesus
Lent 2:	The Triumphal Entry
Lent 3:	Predictions of Death
Lent 4:	Hardened Unbelief
Lent 5:	Washed Feet
Lent 6:	Parting Words
Maundy Thursday:	A Mysterious Promise
Good Friday:	Assassination
Easter	It Worked!

Conversations with Jesus in the Gospel of John or Two Worlds Colliding

“The Gospel’s various literary techniques have a common theological goal: to open up the world of the Gospel story to the world of the reader’s own experience. Because the questions Jesus asks his conversation partners become questions for the reader, the Gospel’s dialogues and conversations seem to draw the reader into the stories as a participant . . . The Gospel of John opens up the story of Jesus to the reading community’s own experience so that readers can discover the presence of God in Jesus for themselves.”

Jesus and Nicodemus
Jesus and the Woman at the Well
Jesus and the Adulterous Woman
Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler
Jesus and Mary and Martha
Jesus and Peter
Jesus and the Pharisees
Jesus and Thomas
Jesus and the Father
Jesus and the Blind Man

The Life and Death of Jesus According to the Gospel of John

Lent 1	John 1:1-51, The Prelude to Jesus' Ministry
Lent 2	John 2:1-5:47, "The Greater Things": Jesus' Words and Works
Lent 3	John 6:1-10:42, Jesus' Words and Works: Conflict and Opposition Grow
Lent 4	John 11:1-12:50, The Prelude to Jesus' Hour
Lent 5	John 13:1-17:26, The Farewell Meal and Words of Jesus
Lent 6	John 18:1-19:42, The Hour Has Come": Jesus' Arrest, Trial and Death
Easter	"It Worked!"
Easter 2	John 20:1-31, The First Resurrection Appearances
Easter 3	John 21:1-25, The Resurrection Appearance at the Sea of Tiberius

Who Is Jesus?

(A Study of the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus in the Gospel of John)

I Am the Light of the World
I Am the Good Shepherd
I Am the Bread of Life

(See "I Am" references below)

John 6:35

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:48

I am the bread of life.

John 6:51

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:23-24

But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

John 8:28

So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me."

John 9:5

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 10:7

Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep."

John 10:9

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture."

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:14

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--"

John 10:36

what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?"

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

John 13:13

"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:11

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

John 14:20

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

John 15:1

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 18:5-6

"Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) ⁶When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

John 18:37

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

John 19:28

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

John 20:21

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."