



In the Flesh – John 1:19-51

December 24 | Weekly Devotionals

Section 1: Introduction

Today, our passage is John 1:19-51. This portion of Scripture serves as a spiritual compass, pointing us towards the radiant source of grace and truth, Jesus himself. As we read about John the Baptist's testimony and his recognition of the Messiah, we're reminded of the crucial role of preparing our hearts for Christ's arrival. In this passage, we witness the powerful invitation from Jesus himself, "Come and see," urging us to embark on a personal exploration of faith and revelation. The verses in John 1 beckon us to seek and follow the Light, knowing that in doing so, we will find eternal life and encounter the Savior who changes our lives forever.

Read John 1:19-51.

Section 2: Walk slowly through the passage

1. Who was sent to question John the Baptizer (1:19, 24)? What did they want to know? After saying "no, I'm not him" to those questioning him, he was able to say who he was. How did he respond (John 1:23)? Why did he say that (see Isaiah 40:3-5)?
2. What seven titles are attributed to Jesus in John 1:19-51? (For example, John the Baptist calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" in verse 29.)

3. What six commands or invitations are people given as they encounter him throughout verses 19-51? (For example, Jesus says "Come and see" in verse 39).

Section 3: Reflection questions

1. Which of Jesus' titles is the most meaningful to you? Why?
2. Which of Jesus' commands or invitations do you feel God is speaking to you today? Explain.

Section 4: Pray the Scriptures

Using John 1:19-51, write out a prayer in response to what you've read or use the prayer already constructed below to pray this passage.

[Sample prayer]

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for John 1:19-51. Thank you for Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, my sin included. I do not deserve him, yet he willingly gave his life for me. Thank you. Give me the strength to follow him anywhere.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Section 5: Memorize Scripture

Throughout this series, we want to be memorizing Scripture. Use the prompts below to help you get John 1:19-51 into your heart and mind.

1. Write down John 1:19-51 in your journal or on a notecard.
2. Use various techniques to memorize the passage, such as repeating it out loud, creating visual associations, or setting it to a melody or rhythm. Take time to commit these verses to memory.
3. Regularly review the passage throughout the week. Recite it from memory and reflect on its meaning and significance.