

# All Saints Sunday School

11 February 2024  
Chapters that Change Everything

# Class outline

A break from 'Because You Asked'....

Today....in case someone asks you...

Chapters that Change Everything: John 1-3

Song of Praise

Prayer

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## 50+ Schedule – Winter-Spring 2024 February

February: Wed, 2/14: Ash Wednesday–All Saints 7 a.; 12 pm; 6.30 pm

March • Fri, 3/22 – St. John Neumann Dome. 12:30 Mass. Tour. Lunch. (Tentative – to be confirmed)

April • Mon-Tue, 4/22-23 – Annual Retreat – at the [TexasRetreat.com](https://www.texasretreat.com) Guest Speaker: Dr. Craig R. Higgins.

May • Wed, 5/8 – Bat Boat Cruise – [lonestarriverboat.com](https://www.lonestarriverboat.com) @ Congress Ave Bridge. 5 PM dinner. 7-8:45 PM cruise.

## Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. (NKJV)

Keith Green (1953-1982)



There is a redeemer

Jesus, God's own Son

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah

Holy One

Jesus my redeemer

Name above all names

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah

Oh, for sinners slain

Thank you, oh my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done

When I stand in Glory  
I will see His face  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that Holy Place



Thank you, oh my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done

“The point is that we can never take God by surprise. We can never anticipate him. He always makes the first move. He is always there ‘in the beginning’.”

— **John Stott, Basic Christianity**

# Chapters that Change Everything

What chapter in life are you in?

Genesis 1-3: Creation

Exodus 20: Law

Matthew 5-7: Behavior

Romans 8: Assurance

## John's Gospel: 1-3

“In what is already a very old commentary I read that the fourth gospel is regarded by one school as a spiritual romance, a poem, not a history to be judged by the same canons as Nathan's parable, the book of Jonah, paradise lost or more exactly pilgrim's progress. After a man has said that why need one attend to anything else he says about any book in the world?”

–C.S. Lewis, *Modern Theology and Biblical Criticism*

Jesus is....

- A. The Word (v. 1)
- B. The Word was God (v. 1)
- C. In the beginning with God (v.2)
- D. All things were made through him (v.2)
- E. The light of men (v. 4)
- F. The true light (v. 9)
- G. Not received by his own people (v. 11)
- H. The world was made through Jesus (v. 10).

Yet....

- A. The Word (described in John 1:1-13) became flesh and dwelt among us.



- A. Jesus comes from the Father, so we have seen the glory of God (v. 14).
- B. Jesus is full of grace and truth (v. 14)
- C. From Jesus we receive grace upon grace (v. 16)
- D. Grace and truth come through Jesus (v. 17)
- E. Jesus has made God known (v. 18)

Behold, the Lamb of God (v29) and v. 36.

This is the Son of God (v. 34)

Rabbi or Teacher (v. 38)

The Messiah (v. 41)

Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph (v. 45)

King of Israel (v. 49)



A. Those who believed are given the right to become children of God (1:12)

I am not the Christ (1:20)

Men bear witness to Christ (1:6, 27, 32, 34)

Now an astounding phrase comes in John 2:23-25, speaking about those who believed after seeing the signs he was doing.

--Jesus did not entrust himself to them (2:24)

Why?

--Because Jesus knew all people (2:24)

--Jesus needed no one to bear witness to man (2:25)

Why?

--Jesus knew what was in man (2:25)

Sobering.

What to do with this truth?

--Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (3:3)

“Now that you know what the world is like, can you still love it?”

--Dr. Steven Garber

## The Surprising Conclusion

God so loved the world....(3:16)

Wait...what?

In view of John 1:1-3:15, the next sentence is not what we see coming....

We even learn more.

- People loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil (3:19)
- Many hate the light because their works will be exposed (3:20)
- I am not the Christ (via John) (3:28)

Jesus must increase; we must decrease (3:30)

Jesus is above all (3:31)

“Jesus Christ as only an example will crush you. You’ll never be able to live up to it. But Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God will save you.”

--Timothy Keller

“faith is not some subjective inner feeling, but a real trust in the real work of a real person which has real consequences.”

--William Taylor, St. Helen's Church, London



# Your mission during Lent

\*Re-explore Jesus

\*What chapter of life are you in? What chapters of the Bible will help with that?

\*Write one person in your life sharing these chapters.