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5 Day Devotional

This five-day devotional follows the Gospel of John's central question: Who is Jesus? Each day builds from believing His identity to living in His freedom, abiding in His word, and worshiping Him as the eternal "I am." As you reflect, ask God to move these truths from information into transformation.

Day 1

John 20:31

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: so we would believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing have life in His name. That means faith is not merely agreeing that Jesus existed or admiring His teachings; it's trusting Him as God's promised King and Savior who gives real life—starting now and lasting into eternity.

The sermon challenged us to come back to the foundational question before we rush into everything else: Who is Jesus? John keeps placing us at decision points where Jesus performs signs, makes claims, and then people must choose whether they will receive Him or resist Him. Today begins with an honest look at what you truly believe about Jesus, because your direction, hope, and freedom all flow from that center.

- In your own words, who is Jesus, and what experiences or assumptions shape that answer?
- What do you tend to believe about Jesus in your best moments—and what do you believe about Him in your hardest moments?
- Where are you treating Jesus mainly as a helper or teacher rather than the Christ and Son of God?
- Ask God to strengthen your faith with one specific request (clarity, courage, repentance, trust).
- Choose one simple practice today that expresses belief (a prayer of surrender, reading John 1, or sharing your faith question with a trusted believer).

Day 2

John 1:14

John's opening claims are stunning: the eternal Word became flesh and lived among us. Jesus is not merely a messenger from God; He is God-with-us—fully divine and truly human, entering our world without stepping away from His glory. That means



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Jesus can reveal God to us without distortion and meet us in our real, messy, embodied lives.

The sermon emphasized that Jesus lived a perfect life so He could be the perfect sacrifice, and that His identity is not negotiable: He is from above, sent by the Father. When we feel unworthy, ashamed, or too “dirty” to belong, the incarnation confronts the lie that God keeps His distance. Jesus moved toward us, not away from us—full of grace and truth, not one without the other.

- Where do you most need to remember that Jesus is both compassionate (grace) and honest (truth) with you?
- What lie about yourself or God tends to keep you distant from Jesus?
- How does Jesus becoming human change the way you view your weakness, temptation, or suffering?
- Confess one specific area where you’ve resisted Jesus’ authority, and ask for a willing heart.
- Do one concrete “draw near” step today: pray aloud, attend/connect with a group, or read John 1 slowly and personally.

Day 3

John 8:24

In John 8, Jesus warns that without believing He is who He says He is, we remain in our sins. This is not a threat meant to push you away; it’s a mercy meant to wake you up. Jesus names the true danger: not simply bad habits, but separation from God that we cannot fix with effort, image management, or religious performance.

The sermon highlighted that our eternal destiny is tied to what we believe about Jesus, and that His claims force a decision. It’s possible to be close to religious language and still be far from trusting Christ. Today is an invitation to move from vague spirituality to clear trust: Jesus is the eternal Savior sent from the Father, and He is able to forgive, cleanse, and make you new.

- If you’re honest, what do you rely on to feel “okay” with God—performance, comparison, knowledge, or Jesus Himself?
- Where have you minimized sin as manageable rather than deadly and enslaving?
- What makes Jesus’ claims uncomfortable for you—His authority, exclusivity, or His call to surrender?
- Pray a simple statement of belief: “Jesus, I trust You as Savior and Lord—teach me what that means.”
- Identify one place you need forgiveness and one place you need power, and bring both to Jesus today.



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Day 4

John 8:31-32

Jesus connects discipleship to abiding: if you remain in His word, you are truly His disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Abiding is not a spiritual burst of motivation; it's ongoing attachment—staying, listening, returning, obeying, and letting His words reshape your mind and desires.

The sermon contrasted this with the loneliness and secrecy that keep people stuck. The enemy wants isolation because shame grows in the dark, but freedom grows in the light. As you abide, truth doesn't just inform you—it exposes the lies you've lived by and replaces them with a new identity in Christ. Real freedom is not doing whatever you want; it's becoming able to do what is right and life-giving.

- What is one “lie” you tend to believe when you feel stressed, tempted, or afraid?
- What does abiding in Jesus' word realistically look like in your current schedule?
- Where do you need community and accountability instead of secrecy and self-reliance?
- Choose one passage from John 8 to reread today, and write down one truth that confronts your patterns.
- Take one step toward light: confess to God, and if appropriate, share with a trusted believer this week.

Day 5

John 8:34-36

Jesus names the problem beneath our patterns: everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. Slavery isn't only doing wrong things; it's losing the ability to stop, even when you want to. But Jesus also gives the promise: if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. Freedom is not self-improvement—it is liberation by the rightful Son who has authority in the house forever.

The sermon culminated in worshiping Jesus' preeminence: the One who says, “Before Abraham was, I am.” The One who frees you is not temporary, moody, or uncertain—He is eternal and unchanging. As you worship Him, you're not ignoring real struggles; you're placing them under the reign of the King of kings. The goal of this journey is not only to know who Jesus is, but to live like He is who He says He is.

- Where do you feel most “stuck,” even if you don't want to be—thoughts, habits, relationships, or fears?
- What would “free indeed” look like in one specific area of your life this month?



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- How have you tried to fix spiritual slavery with willpower, avoidance, or self-help alone?
- Write a short prayer of worship that names Jesus as the eternal “I am” and invites His rule over your life.
- Choose one worshipful action today (gratitude list, singing, serving someone, or resting in trust) as a declaration that Jesus is Lord.

Who Is Jesus? Discovering the Truth That Sets Us Free

Have you ever thought you knew someone, only to discover there's so much more to their story? That's what it's like as we walk through the Gospel of John, especially chapter 8. The question at the heart of this passage is one that matters for every person, in every generation: Who is Jesus?

More Than a Good Teacher

John's Gospel is unique. While Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us about what Jesus did, John wants us to know who Jesus truly is. He opens with an incredible claim: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...” (John 1:1). John leaves no room for doubt—Jesus is not just a wise man or a miracle worker. He is the eternal God, come in the flesh.

When Jesus says in John 8:58, “Before Abraham was, I am,” He's not being poetic. He is echoing the name God gave Himself in Exodus 3:14: “I AM WHO I AM.” The religious leaders understood exactly what He meant, and it was so radical they picked up stones to throw at Him. Jesus was claiming equality with God.

The Truth and the Chains

But these bold claims aren't just for theological debate. Jesus connects His identity to the reality of our lives: “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32).

What do we need freedom from? The crowd that day thought they were already free—descendants of Abraham, never enslaved. But Jesus points to a deeper slavery: the slavery of sin. Every one of us, left to ourselves, is caught in patterns we can't break—habits, attitudes, guilt, shame. The good news is that Jesus came not just to tell us the truth but to be the truth that sets us free. “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)



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Abide, Believe, Worship

This passage challenges us to do three things:

- Believe His Person – Jesus is fully God and fully man. He alone can save us from our sins.
- Abide in His Power – Real freedom comes as we stay close to Jesus, letting His words shape our lives and break the chains of sin.
- Worship His Preeminence – Jesus is the eternal “I AM”, worthy of all our worship, yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

What Does This Mean for Us?

Maybe you wonder if Jesus is really who He said He is. Or maybe you feel stuck in habits or shame and wonder if real freedom is possible. The message of John 8 is for you: Jesus is inviting you to believe, to trust, to experience the life only He can give.

Don't settle for knowing about Jesus. Abide in His Word. Ask Him to set you free. Worship Him not just with songs, but with your whole life, trusting that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Questions to Reflect On:

- Who do you say Jesus is?
- Where do you need His freedom in your life today?
- How can you abide more deeply in His Word this week?

Let's walk together, trusting the One who is, who was, and who is to come!