

Reading Plan

What do you See?

A Series on the Gospel of John
Helena United Methodist Church

Date	Read	Reflection Question
Jan. 11	John 1:1-34	John the Baptist believed in Jesus and proclaimed him as the Messiah. Yet even he did not recognize Jesus until his baptism, when God sent the visible sign of the Spirit as a dove. In what ways are you, like John, slow to recognize who Jesus is?
Jan. 12	John 1:35-2:25	Is there something in your life that's keeping you from seeing God's vision for you and for the world? What steps could you take to remove that obstacle?
Jan. 13	John 3:1-36	How might your life change if you focused on pursuing the kingdom of God?
Jan. 14	John 4:1-26	Jesus asks us to trust him and walk by faith because he wants more for us than our eyes can see. What trusting next step can you take?
Jan. 15	John 4:27-54	Jesus told the Galileans, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe." Has there been a season in your life when felt you couldn't believe without first seeing? How has that changed?
Jan. 16	John 5:1-30	"Do you want to get well?" Have you had the experience of trusting God to heal you? In what ways did that change you?
Jan. 17	John 5:31-6:15	The disciples thought it impossible to feed 5,000 men with five loaves and two small fish. Is there a situation in your life that feels impossible? What would it take for you to believe first, before you can see the outcome?
Jan. 18	John 6:16-40	"You have seen me and still you do not believe." If we can see him and still not believe, what can we do to have a true mindset of faith?
Jan. 19	John 6:41-70	Many of Jesus' followers became uncomfortable with his focus on eternal life. What are you focusing on right now? What has your attention?
Jan. 20	John 7:1-31	How have others influenced your choices to focus on the good and not dwell on the negative?
Jan. 21	John 7:32-8:11	What fear or anxiety is keeping you from a full life?
Jan. 22	John 8:12-47	Jesus is the light of the world, and whoever follows him will be able to see. What are some ways we can reflect Jesus' light for others to see?
Jan. 23	John 8:48-9:12	Jesus healed the man who was born blind, and he wants to heal us of anything that keeps us from his vision for us and the world. What are you facing right now that you need to trust to Jesus?
Jan. 24	John 9:13-41	Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. What would it take for us to believe first, then to see and experience change in 2021?

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Jan. 25	John 10:1-42	Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." As we enter 2021, we need to choose an attitude of hope. What are you hoping for today?
Jan. 26	John 11:1-44	After Lazarus' death, both Mary and Martha told Jesus they knew their brother would have lived if he had been there. Many others said the same. They thought it was too late – until Jesus called his name and he walked out of the grave! For what crisis in your life is God inviting you to have greater faith in him?
Jan. 27	John 11:45- 12:19	How are you walking by faith?
Jan. 28	John 12:20-50	"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn – and I would heal them." How might your life change if you trusted Jesus and asked him to remove your blinders?
Jan. 29	John 13:1-38	At the Last Supper, Peter was mystified when Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him. What's unpredictable in your life right now? How are you responding to it?
Jan. 30	John 14:1-31	"Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." What have you learned about focusing every day on the good?
Jan. 31	John 15:1-27	"This is my command: Love each other." What is grace inviting you to do today?
Feb. 1	John 16:1-33	Jesus tells his disciples that their grief will turn to joy, and that should be our hope in 2021. What are some ways you will make that decision every day?
Feb. 2	John 17:1-26	In this chapter, Jesus prays for all believers. That means us, but he calls us to trust first, walk by faith, and invite others to do the same. When have you invited someone else to take those steps?
Feb. 3	John 18:1-27	At the moment of Peter's third denial, a rooster began to crow. What do you imagine Peter's mind was focused on at that time?
Feb. 4	John 18:28- 19:16	What would it have looked like to be present at Jesus' trial and sentencing?
Feb. 5	John 19:17-42	How might Jesus' trial and crucifixion have affected the lives of Pilate, the chief priests of the Jews, the soldiers, Joseph, Nicodemus, and others?
Feb. 6	John 20:1-31	"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Who is the best reflection of Jesus you've ever seen?
Feb. 7	John 21:1-25	It is an everyday decision to focus on God, on the hope, on the grace. What is your plan?