

## GOSPEL OF JOHN 4

Bula, Greet you all in the name of Jesus Christ for another week of study, in the word. I hope that we are all blessed, and continue in seeking his presence and also build up strong relationship with the Almighty God in praying and searching deep to His word.

Here is the outline for this week:

The new life on trial: confrontation and fulfilment (John 5:1-12; 50)

2. Jesus: The bread of life (John 6:1-71)

a. The fourth sign: Bread for the multitudes (6:1-15)

b. The fifth sign: Jesus walks on water (6:16-21)

c. The true bread from heaven: Jesus (6:22-59)

d. Defection and confession (6:60-71)

Please take your time in your study because it is important for us to follow through every outline that was given to us every week so that it can help us to understand what the writers want to address the local church that had been closely related to Judaism at that time, and most importantly how it applies to our local church right now and to every individual.

When Jesus prays for his disciples in John (17:6-19) He says these "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth: your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

To conclude I want to encourage you young people that Jesus revealed all that God wished to have known about God. He prayed as the One who stands between the people and God as the link of life. What Jesus revealed came from the Father. Jesus made a distinction between the world and those in it. In John's gospel the world is human society organizing itself without God. God loved this world and sent His Son to be its Savior (3:16). At the close His ministry, however, Jesus prayed for people, not for the world. As the Father had sent Jesus to the world, He was now about to send His followers into the world. They needed the Father's watchcare and guidance in this evil world so they could be effective witnesses for Him. Amen.

May God bless us all.