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PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY NOTES

But Jesus...



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).*** I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

BUT JESUS...

Acts 1:3

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Acts 1:3 (MSG)

After his death, he presented himself alive to them in many different settings over a period of forty days. In face-to-face meetings, he talked to them about things concerning the kingdom of God.

1. The Bible records several appearances by Jesus after His resurrection.

John 20:1-2

^[1] The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. ^[2] Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

2. Mary never expected to see a risen Savior.

- a. She fully expected to see a dead body in the tomb even though Jesus had told her otherwise.

- 3. ***What she did not understand spiritually***, she allowed logic and reason to cloud her faith and conclude that someone else must have taken Jesus' corpse.

John 20:3-10 (MSG) ^[3] Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. ^[4] They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. ^[5] Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. ^[6] Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, ^[7] and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. ^[8] Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. ^[9] No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. ^[10] The disciples then went back home.

- 4. The disciples were unaware that Scriptures were being fulfilled as they were looking at an empty

tomb.

- 5. That means the Word is working on our behalf even though we are not seeing what we think should be taking place.

John 20:11-13 (NLT) ^[11] Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ^[12] She saw two white-robed angels sitting at the head and foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ^[13] "Why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him."

- 6. Mary was allowing herself to be so overcome with emotions that even when angels appeared she didn't sense anything different or unique about them.
 - a. She still believed that the only thing that could have happened was someone intervened by natural means and removed His body.
 - b. She had completely forgotten His promise to resurrect.
- 7. To Mary, all of her hopes and dreams have now

been shattered. Jesus was dead so life had no meaning now and was not worth living.

- a. She was in deep dark despair.

John 20:14-15 ^[14] **And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. ^[15] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.**

- 8. Because her mind was cluttered with logic and reason (she believed His body was taken by others) and she was overwhelmed emotionally (Mary was standing outside the tomb crying), she didn't even recognize the presence of God standing before her.
- 9. Not only did she not recognize His countenance, she didn't even recognize His voice that she had heard so often for the past three and a half years.
- 10. **She, supposing him to be the gardener** (verse 15) - logic, despair, reason, having drawn conclusions blinded her from recognizing Jesus.
- 11. In like fashion, when we allow reason, feelings,

drawing assumptions or judging a matter to be working against us, how many times have we missed His presence.

John 20:16-18 (NLT) ^[16] **"Mary!" Jesus said. She turned toward him and exclaimed, "Teacher!" ^[17] "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, my God and your God." ^[18] Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them his message.**

- 12. What Mary didn't know was that Jesus was crossing dispensational lines as he was closing the door to the Old Testament and opening the door towards the New Testament.
- 13. But, because of His love for us, he put heaven and earth on hold just to comfort her.
 - a. And, the comfort she received she was told to minister to others.
- 14. So the first one to be called into the ministry in the New Testament was a woman named Mary.
 - a. She was called to be an evangelist and spread

the good news of His resurrection.

15. In her deepest, darkest despair, He put all prophecies, the law, heaven and earth on hold just to comfort her.
 - a. Why?
 - b. Because there is nothing that you may be going through that He is not willing to do whatever needs to be done to minister on your behalf.
16. Mary wasn't full of faith, she was emotionally overwhelmed and had already concluded all was lost. **But Jesus.....**

John 20:19 (NLT) **That evening, on the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.**

17. The disciples are shut in out of fear.
 - a. Jesus is dead, all hopes and dreams have been shattered.
 - b. What they never believed could happen, did.
 - c. So they are afraid for their lives, huddling behind closed doors.

18. They must have reasoned that if they killed this cult leader of the movement called "The Way," they will certainly hunt them down next.
19. This room is so filled with fear and emotions, assumptions and conclusions.
 - a. No faith here.
 - b. **But Jesus...**

John 20:20 **And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.**

20. Only *after* He showed them physical evidence did they decide to be filled with joy.
 - a. It wasn't good enough that He just showed up.
 - b. They could have explained it as mass hallucinations, seeing a ghost.
 - c. It wasn't good enough that He said "peace, be still..."
 - d. That could be explained that they were all just hearing things.

John 20:21 **Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

- 21. Obviously they didn't hear Him the first time because he repeats Himself...peace.
- 22. Notice the pattern. Jesus enters and addresses the spirit realm, telling fear to go.
 - a. Then Jesus ministers to them physically by showing them His scars.
 - b. Then He ministers to their soul by speaking peace again.
 - c. Then He gives them their assignment.....as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
 - d. This same command still stands for us today.

John 20:22-23 (NLT) ^[22] Then he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ^[23] If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you refuse to forgive them, they are unforgiven."

John 20:22-23 (MSG) ^[22] Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. ^[23] "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

- 23. Forgiving difficult people of their sins is called giving them the undeserving gift.
 - a. You feel or can even justify why they should not be forgiven, but because you desire to be like Jesus, you do it anyways.
- 24. This shows that we have been given authority to restore people who have truly repented.

John 20:24 **But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.**

- 25. Thomas was not there for any of this.

John 20:25 **The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.**

- 26. Thomas has always gotten a bad rap for this remark. But he is simply asking to experience the same things the other disciples experienced.
- 27. Allow me to mess with your doctrine. Didn't the disciples experience and do the same thing in verse 20?
 - a. **John 20:20** **And when he had so said, he**

shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

- b. This was not the last time Jesus allowed people to touch His scars (bunny trail).

Luke 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

28. Here we see two followers of Jesus going to Emmaus.

Luke 24:15 (NLT) Suddenly, Jesus himself came along and joined them and began walking beside them.

Luke 24:33 (NLT) And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem, where the eleven disciples and the other followers of Jesus were gathered. When they arrived, they were greeted with the report,

29. Now these two followers of Jesus are being joined by the original apostles and other followers.

Luke 24:35-38 (NLT) ^[35] Then the two from Emmaus told their story of

how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. ^[36] And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ^[37] But the whole group was terribly frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! ^[38] "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why do you doubt who I am?"

30. This is a crowd of doubters...just like Thomas was.

Luke 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

31. Handle me?

Luke 24:39 (NLT) Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do!"

32. May we conclude that Thomas simply wanted to

experience what all the other doubters got to do including the apostles? (back on track)

John 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

33. Notice the pattern, address the spirit realm...peace.

John 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

34. The first one Jesus ministers to is the *faithless doubter*, Thomas.

- a. Jesus came back just for Thomas to help him become a believer.
- b. Jesus didn't condemn Thomas. He encouraged him in his unbelief.

35. Think about it.....did Thomas not believe because he missed out the first time Jesus showed Himself to the disciples?

- a. They weren't sure until He showed His scars to them as well.

John 20:28-29 And Thomas answered and said unto

him, My Lord and my God. [29] Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

36. Jesus can handle any doubts or fears that you may have against Him.

- a. He did it with Mary, the disciples, the ones on the road to Emmaus and Thomas.

37. Not one of them had any level of faith. But, blessed are you when you do believe.

John 20:30-31 (NLT) ^[30] Jesus' disciples saw him do many other miraculous signs besides the ones recorded in this book. ^[31] But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life.

38. When the fears, assumptions, doubts and conditions are finally put away, seasons of miracles will abound in a greater capacity.

John 21:1-4 (MSG) ^[1] After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: ^[2] Simon Peter,

Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. [3] Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing." The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. [4] When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

39. Peter and the boys go fishing. Jesus shows up and they didn't even recognize Him.
 - a. They were all caught up with catching nothing.
 - b. Peter used to be a fisherman. Did his three year tour with Jesus make it so he couldn't handle his trade anymore?
40. See, sometimes going back to what you used to rely on doesn't always turn out the way you think it will.
41. The disciples were suffering from inadequate provisions because the ministry was shut down when Jesus was crucified.
 - a. Their meal ticket was gone.
 - b. This was a boat load of discouragement, broken

dreams, a lack of income.

John 21:5-6 (MSG) [5] Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?" They answered, "No." [6] He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens." They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in.

42. Even though they didn't recognize Him, they chose to do what He instructed them to do.
 - a. Even though they were experienced fishermen.
43. What He said really didn't make much sense. They had fished all night.
44. There will be times when God will send people into your life who will tell you things that make no sense to you and you don't even recognize that God is behind it.

John 21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

45. The disciple closest to Jesus finally recognizes Him.
The disciple who denied him, bails.

John 21:8-14 (MSG) ¹⁸¹ **The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. ¹⁹¹ When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it. ¹¹⁰¹ Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." ¹¹¹¹ Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip. ¹¹²¹ Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master. ¹¹³¹ Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. ¹¹⁴¹ This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.**

46. They went from a boatload of discouragement to a net full of blessings.
47. What am I trying to say?

Romans 1:17 **For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

48. The just shall live by faith. But from time to time, you may have:
- Dark despair...like Mary did.
 - Faltering fears...like the disciples did.
 - Dangerous doubts...like Thomas did.
 - A boat load of discouragement, broken dreams and inadequate provisions...like Peter and the boys did.

BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE OUT OF THE GAME!!

49. Jesus dealt with this on the cross.
- The empty tomb is evidence of that.
 - He is Who He says He is...despite how we think or feel.

Romans 8:34 **Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

50. He is not condemning. He is praying for us.

51. He is Who He says He is:

- a. To Mary, He was the **Consoler** of her heart.
- b. To the disciples, He was the **Restorer** of their joy.
- c. To Thomas, He was the **Confirmer** of faith.
- d. To Peter, He was the **Friend** that never forsakes.
- e. To the ones on the road to Emmaus, He was the **Sympatric Instructor** for the best personal Bible study in the world.
- f. To the disciples hiding for their lives, He was the **Restorer** of peace.
- g. To the disciples in the boat, He was the **Prosperity** to those who served Him.
- h. To the 500 who witnessed Him being taken up in a cloud, He was the **Resurrection and the Life**.
- i. To the martyred Stephen, He was the **One Who Welcomes** you to heaven.
- j. To the apostle John on the isle of Patmos, he is the **Head of the Church** and the soon coming King.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs,

and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Borne - Hb - *nasa* - to lift up, bear away.

Griefs - hb - *choli* - sickness, weakness, pain.

Carried - Hb - *sabal* - to bear, support.

Sorrows - Hb - *makob* - pain.

Stricken - Hb - *naga* - to touch, come upon, strike, plague.

Smitten - Hb - *nakah* - to strike at or upon.

Afflicted - Hb - *anah* - to be lowered, humbled.

OUT OF HIS LOVE FOR US, HE TOOK UPON HIMSELF ANYTHING THAT YOU AND I WOULD CONSIDER FLAWS, IMPERFECTIONS, WOUNDS AND HURTS SO THAT WE MIGHT ENJOY LIFE.

Isaiah 53:4 (NLT) Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins!

52. Notice how we tend to see things and how God really sees things are two different stories. God wants to

help us.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

OUT OF HIS LOVE FOR US, HE TOOK UPON HIMSELF THE PUNISHMENTS WE RIGHTLY DESERVED, THE SINS, SICKNESS, MENTAL TORMENTS, REBELLION AND PERVERSIONS AND PAID THE PENALTY SO WE MIGHT HAVE LIFE ABUNDANTLY.

Wounded - Hb - *chalal* - to be pierced.

Transgressions - Hb - *pesha* - rebel.

Bruised - Hb - *daka* - to be broken to pieces.

Iniquities - Hb - *ason* - perversity.

Chastise - Hb - *musar* - instruction.

Peace - Hb - *shalom* - completeness.

Stripes - Hb - *chaburah* - a bruise, bandage, scar.

Healed - Hb - *rapha* - to become well again (healed).

Isaiah 53:5 (NLT) But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have

peace. He was whipped, and we were healed!

53. What can Jesus do for you today?

54. It's not the condition that you're in, it's the position He is in to be who you need Him to be.

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