

2020 NT Reading Plan

Living Hope Chico

John 17-21

Christ & the Christian

The high priestly prayer of Jesus (John 17) is an incredible portion of Scripture, worthy of long meditation. There are so many things that Jesus prays in this chapter that are simply mind blowing. Among these are statements that draw out the similarities that the Christian shares with Christ himself. If you explore these things, it will take supernatural faith to believe that God could ever be this good to you and me.

1. What things of Christ's do believers also share?
2. What does the Father do for Christ that he also does for us?

Truth

John is writing his gospel so that people like you and me will know who Jesus is and believe the truth of his testimony. John doesn't rely on his testimony alone, though. His is simply one more voice which witnesses to the truth along with the OT, Jesus's words and works, the Spirit, and the Father.

3. How many times can you find references to "truth" in these chapters?
4. According to John's gospel, what is truth/true?

Fulfill

The gospel of Jesus Christ did not come out of thin air, it has a history all its own that has been building for centuries and has come to the point of fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ. God has spoken in times past and what he has promised, he has now fulfilled in his Son.

5. How many times can you find John stating that something happened in order to fulfill God's Word?

King & Kingdom

Jesus isn't simply a good teacher, a powerful preacher, a natural leader. Jesus is a king who is building his kingdom, albeit in the most unexpected way: through the cross. His kingdom isn't of this world so naturally it is not threatened by any earthly power including Caesar himself.

6. How many references can you find which draw our attention to Christ our KING?

Feast

What feast is at the center of these last chapters?

Can you find a passage that John cites in reference to this feast being fulfilled in Jesus (look in chapter 11)?