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# 40

## DAYS

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JOHN



## How to use this book

This book contains 40 excerpts from John's Gospel, with plenty of space to help you reflect on, engage with and apply what you have read. If you have a Bible, you might want to read the book of John from beginning to end – there's a lot more than we could include here and it will give you a fuller picture of Jesus' life and teachings.

Before you start reading, **take time to be quiet** and ask God to speak to you. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring the words to life.

**Get into the Bible...** Read the passage. What's the main point? What is God showing me about himself or about my life? Use the suggestions or questions to prompt reflection.

We have deliberately given you the space to ask big questions and to grapple honestly with God in prayer. Grab a pen to jot down thoughts or to underline words or phrases that stand out to you. There is plenty of space to **respond** to what God has shown you through journaling or prayer suggestions. You'll also find a number of questions and comments to consider along the way.

As you start this book, you might want to pray that the Holy Spirit will bring John's Gospel to life, and that through these words you will get to know Jesus in a fresh and life-changing way.



## Day 24

<sup>26</sup> ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>1</sup> ‘All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. <sup>3</sup> They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. <sup>4</sup> I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, <sup>5</sup> but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, “Where are you going?” <sup>6</sup> Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup> But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me, <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<sup>12</sup> ‘I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.’

John 15:26 – 16:15



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Oh, to have walked with Jesus beside Lake Galilee, to witness the miracles, to hear his teaching and ask all our questions. No, says Jesus; better that we have the Holy Spirit, who is not limited in time and space as Jesus was, who makes his home within us. (And Hebrews 7:25 tells that Jesus is now praying for us in heaven, too!)

Reread the passage. What difference should it make to us having the Holy Spirit in our lives? What difference does it make to you?

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What is your experience of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life so far?  
Are you keen to deepen this experience?

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Choose whichever of these words best fit your heart and current circumstances.  
Use them to trigger your prayers.

**Hungry**

**Unsure**

**Tired**

**Full**

**Doubting**

**Anxious**

**Empty**

**Come**

**Flood**

**Desperate**

**Bored**

**More**

**Weak**

**Tempted**

**Truth**

**Correction**

**Passion**

**Desert**

**Broken**

**Falling**

Ask the Spirit to lead you into truth and to open your heart to Jesus.