

Intro Week 1 - 7 Miracles / 7 "I Am"

A Disciple's Journey Begins With Worship

March 5 is Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent - a time to prepare our heart, mind, and body to experience the remembrance of Good Friday and celebration of Easter in fresh, new ways. This week, we prepare for a Journey!

1 - Enter into His presence with worship and a New Song!

On Sunday, Pastor Tim concluded the sermons on *Authentic Worship*. Start your group by having 2 passages read aloud from this series about a New Song of praise to Jesus: first read **Psalm 96**, and then **Revelation 5:9-10**. *What connections did you hear between these two passages? Have a group member open your time with a prayer of worship to the Lord!*

2 - Watch Pastor Scott's Video for Journey to The Cross - Week 1

3 - Scripture reading - Like any trip or adventure, it's good to get your bearings before you begin! Let's start with a "roadmap" of John's Gospel...

Read John 20:26-31 - An important story & John's purpose for writing

- Only John includes this story with Jesus and Thomas - why is this important to his readers (including us!)?
- What does John say is his reason for writing?
- Belief is a vital theme in this Gospel - what are obstacles or challenges for people to believe in Jesus in 2025? Include examples you've heard!

Read John 1:1-14 - John's opening statements

- Several important themes for John are introduced in these verses:
 - Jesus is the God of Creation, believing in Jesus moves us from spiritual darkness to light, Jesus is the true Messiah (NOT John the Baptist), we can become children of God by faith, and that Jesus was God dwelling in flesh with us (like a living Tabernacle).
- Which of these themes speaks to you, perhaps in a new way, in reading these verses?

Pray!

- In the next sermon series, we will focus on prayer - and our groups will also practice prayer in new ways. Pray for the upcoming Marriage Retreat Weekend, for the Ash Wednesday Worship, and for our newly elected EagleNaz Church Board!

Share your requests and pray for each other!



A DISCIPLE'S WALK THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



John wrote to two groups of believers at the end of the 1st Century that he was ministering to in Ephesus: Jews who believed in Jesus as their long-awaited Messiah, and Gentiles who believed in the saving Son of God. For each group, he includes 7 reasons to believe that Jesus is truly God, and that He is more powerful than Greek & Roman deities.

7 Miracles of Jesus:

- 1 - Water to wine 2:1-10
- 2 - Heals Nobleman's son 4:46-54
- 3 - Heals Paralytic 5:1-9
- 4 - Feeds 5,000 6:1-14
- 5 - Walks on water 6:15-21
- 6 - Heals blind man at Siloam 9:1-41
- 7 - Raises Lazarus 11:1-44

7 "I Am" Statements:

- 1 - I am the bread of life - 6:35, 48, 51
- 2 - I am the light of the world - 8:12 & 9:5
- 3 - I am the door for the sheep - 10:7,9
- 4 - I am the Good Shepherd - 10:11, 14
- 5 - I am the Resurrection & the life - 11:25
- 6 - I am the way, truth, life - 14:6
- 7 - I am the vine, you are branches - 15:1,5

