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This passage moves us on from the Upper Room Discourse into the final moments before the crucifixion. John carefully shows us how Scripture is being fulfilled.

1. What are some things that stick out to you about this passage? Why?
2. In verse 11, Jesus states His commitment to obey God. In what kinds of circumstances do you need Jesus' words here to ring in your ears?
3. What does the Lord specifically want to strengthen in you to help you take the right kind of stand for Him in your life's circumstances?
4. Why do you think John intermingled this story of Peter's denial? What is he wanting to get across to us?
5. What do you admire about Jesus as he gets arrested and is put on trial?

JOHN 18:28-19:16A

Jesus is the ultimate Passover lamb, delivering us from the kingdom of Satan (Colossians 1:13).

1. As you read these verses, what do you see John focusing on? Why do you think he focuses on these things?
2. In 18:40 and 19:15, the story of Israel takes yet another sad twist. What have been some previous sad twists in their story? What pattern of choices have you been making that would suggest God is as important to you as he should be? How can we be reconciled to God in the midst of these choices?
3. John keeps mentioning the Passover. What do you know about the Passover, and how does it connect with Jesus' death? Why is this important to see?
4. What about this section of Scripture builds your trust in Jesus?

JOHN 19:16-42

1. What phrases are repeated throughout this account? Why would John keep repeating them?
2. We all have seen the movies and read this story many times, but what has stuck out to you as you revisit the actual text of the story?
3. What was Jesus' meaning behind his final words, "It is finished"?
4. What's the significance of Nicodemus helping with the burial? Why would John include him in this part of the story?

JOHN 20:1-18

1. What strikes you about these verses that you haven't seen before? Or what questions do you have about these verses?
2. John believes in the resurrection by sight, because he didn't understand the scriptures. Do you understand that the Old Testament predicts the resurrection?
3. Why is it significant that Mary would be the first witness?
4. In John 1:38 (Jesus' first words in the Gospel of John) and 20:15 (his first words after the resurrection), Jesus asks the same question. The word "seeking" could be translated as "desiring" or "wanting." Why does Jesus inquire about what they are seeking?

JOHN 20:19-31

1. In verse 20, Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Why do you think he did this?
2. In verse 28, Thomas declares Jesus to be his Lord and God. When did you make this kind of commitment to Jesus in your life? How has your life demonstrated that He is your Lord and God?
3. John clearly states his purpose for writing this book. As a result of our study through John, do you trust in Jesus more or less? What specifically has impacted you?
4. Why is it more of a blessing to believe without seeing?

JOHN 21:1-25

1. What about this chapter reminds you of other scenes you have seen in Peter's life before?
2. Does this seem like a happy ending of the gospel story to you?
3. What key phrase does Jesus repeat to Peter after the three questions (see verse 19 and 23)? What does this tell us about John's overall message?
4. What fears, circumstances, or people are in the way of you following Jesus? Are you willing to jump?

