



The Gospel According to John - Video 12

Thoughts from Tyler Johnson on the Reading for Week of March 30: John 15:18 - 16:33

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Video Transcript:

I was a product of the church. My parents were RA and GA leaders, and I knew the Gospel without actually having to *read* the Gospel. So reading through it *this* time, was actually pretty eye-opening.



When I come across scripture that I don't understand, I like to sit in silence and just meditate on it for a little bit. Somewhere in the scripture it talks about "ask and it will be given to you." I like to sit in a prayerful state, and just ask God what this means--what this means to me--and how does this context fit my life. I think we spend a lot of times in prayer *talking*, but we forget that prayer is a two-way conversation and that we need to listen as much as we talk. And so, I like to sit in silence, and I like to meditate on the scripture.

When I read this passage, I was amazed with how much Jesus told them--how much He *prepared* them for what was about to happen and what was about to go on for them.

It's challenging because I thought that choosing the Christian road, the Christian walk, would be a lot *easier* than what it is. I didn't know it would require a daily relationship with Christ. It even says in the scriptures, and reading through it, I'm reminded that the road's tough, but joy is coming.

The promise that this is going to get better is really comforting. The fact that we are told we *are* going to struggle.

It says here in verse 33 "I have told you these things, so that, in Me, you will have peace in these world. You will have trouble, but take heart. I have overcome the world."

I think that is Jesus' thesis statement of this whole passage.

