*Rock Solid Series - Gospel of John*

**4 Questions for the passage (self-study):**

*What is God teaching us about Himself?*

*What is God teaching us about our self?*

*What is God teaching us about others?*

*So what?*

[Cite your source here.]

*Ch 1-2- Discover Truth, Ch 3-4 – Ask Questions, Ch 4-5 Build on Evidence*

**Start Right & Finish Strong – Deepen Your Faith**

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” 20:31

August 7, 2022 – Pastor Matt

July 17 – God has a plan

July 24 – Maturity looks beyond self-interest

July 31– Luke

**Aug 7 – Be a “No-Fail” Follower**

Aug 14 – Dig Deep

Aug 21 – Why is it so hard to believe

**Focus Text: John 6:60-71**

Introduction:

* Will a “No fail” follower sin – **YES** - A “No Fail” follower will **NOT QUIT**
* The strength of a person/relationships is seen in what it takes to **STOP** them – people quit – God doesn’t

Personal Insights:

**A “No Fail” follower will WRESTLE**

* Wrestling with the teaching of Christ is not a **ONE**-**TIME** experience
* Crisis **REVEALS** the commitment

Personal Insights:

**A “No Fail” follower will DECIDE**

* What are the **ALTERNATIVES**?
* Can you trust **YOURSELF**?
* Can you trust another **TEACHING**?

Personal Insights:

**A “No Fail” follower will GROW**

* Experiences and challenges to our faith create a **CONTEXT** to grow
* Growth is the result of being **SETTLED**
* John calls for **DECISIVENESS** in commitment

Personal Insights:

Every person must personally decide – What will I do when the going gets tough – Hard times are coming for the Church in America – If what you are living for is not worth dying for it is not worth living for! Commit to follow Jesus with me!

**SO What – NOW What**

Tasks to be done later – write them down, leave them, and get back to the message!

# Prayer Concerns:

# Notes for Personal Study:

Diagram

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SERMON NOTES

The Church that Jesus commissioned is a Church that must be a Disciple-Making Church! The Bible shows a disciple is one who has encountered Christ, been changed by Christ and is following Christ with other believers.

I see the Sunday message as one part of the disciple-making process, so I am intentional with sermon notes. Please note:

1. The blanks that are provided are intended to provide a framework for God’s message to you.
2. The personal insight blanks are intended for you to reflect on what God is saying to you.
3. The sermon notes and your notes are intended for us to move through an intentional, discipleship process.

I pray today’s message strengthens you in your walk with Jesus and the overflow impacts others!

Pastor Matt

even though they “heard” *(akouein)* Jesus, they failed to “accept” *(akouein)* the word *(logos)* of Jesus. The wordplay here is important because it reminds the reader that the mere hearing of words is not enough. It is “obedience,” the implied meaning of *akouein*[[1]](#footnote-1)

The Gospel of John is a book that calls for decisiveness in Christian commitment[[2]](#footnote-2)

Passover is marked by the death of the lamb, and the disciple is one who receives Jesus and is marked by his death[[3]](#footnote-3)

pseudobelieving (cf. 2:23–25[[4]](#footnote-4)

This chapter is brought to a close with the theme of rejection. Those disciples who found it hard to stomach the claims of Jesus in fact joined the opponents by withdrawing from Jesus. They were no longer willing to walk alongside him (*peripatein*, the word used to epitomize discipleship[[5]](#footnote-5)

This confession in the Fourth Gospel is parallel to the confession of Peter at Caesarea Philippi in the Synoptics (cf. Matt 16:16; Mark 8:29; Luke 9:20),[[6]](#footnote-6)

It does not mean “hard to be understood,” but difficult to accept or be content with[[7]](#footnote-7)

their unwillingness to accept the bloody death of their Messiah, or to entrust themselves to a Divine Personality whose most distinctive act would be his sacrifice. This was the gross and terrible offence which made the cross a stumbling-block to the Jew (see ch. 12:34; 1 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 5:11; Matt. 16:21, etc.).[[8]](#footnote-8)

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