

“John: The Gospel of With”

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Bible-First Lifestyle reading: John 1-18; Ps. 136-141

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen His glory...” John 1:1, 14

“In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” John 1:4-5

“Loneliness is the most terrible poverty, and the feeling of being unloved.” Mother Teresa

“It is strange to be known so universally and yet to be so lonely.” Albert Einstein

“A city is a place where hundreds of people are lonely together.” Henry David Thoreau

Why do people feel lonely?

“The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone...” Gen. 2:18

God’s remedy for Loneliness: He is with us

1. God **invites you** to come with Him.

“The two disciples followed Jesus. Turning around Jesus saw them following and said, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi, where are you staying?” “Come,” He replied, and you will see.” Jn. 1:35-42

2. God is willing to be with you amidst your **greatest failures**.

““I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband...” Jn. 4:1-26

“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” Jn. 8:1-11

3. God is with you when you have **no one to turn to**.

“Jesus saw him lying there... “Do you want to get well?” “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred....” Jn. 5:1-9

4. God is with you when you have **lost all hope**.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died...” Jn. 11:1-44

5. Jesus is **coming again** and you’ll never, ever be lonely again.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust God; trust also in Me. In My Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not true I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you with Me that you also may be where I am...” Jn. 14:1-4