

New Testament Seminar & Read-Through (17 weeks)

September 8, 2019 - John 1-11

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YOUR BOOK REPORTS ARE
SURPRISINGLY SIMILAR!



ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY



**PRONOUNCE EVERY NAME IN
THE BIBLE CORRECTLY**

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The Rylands Papyrus the oldest known New Testament fragment, dated from its handwriting to about 125.

Front: (parts of) 7 lines from John 18:31–33

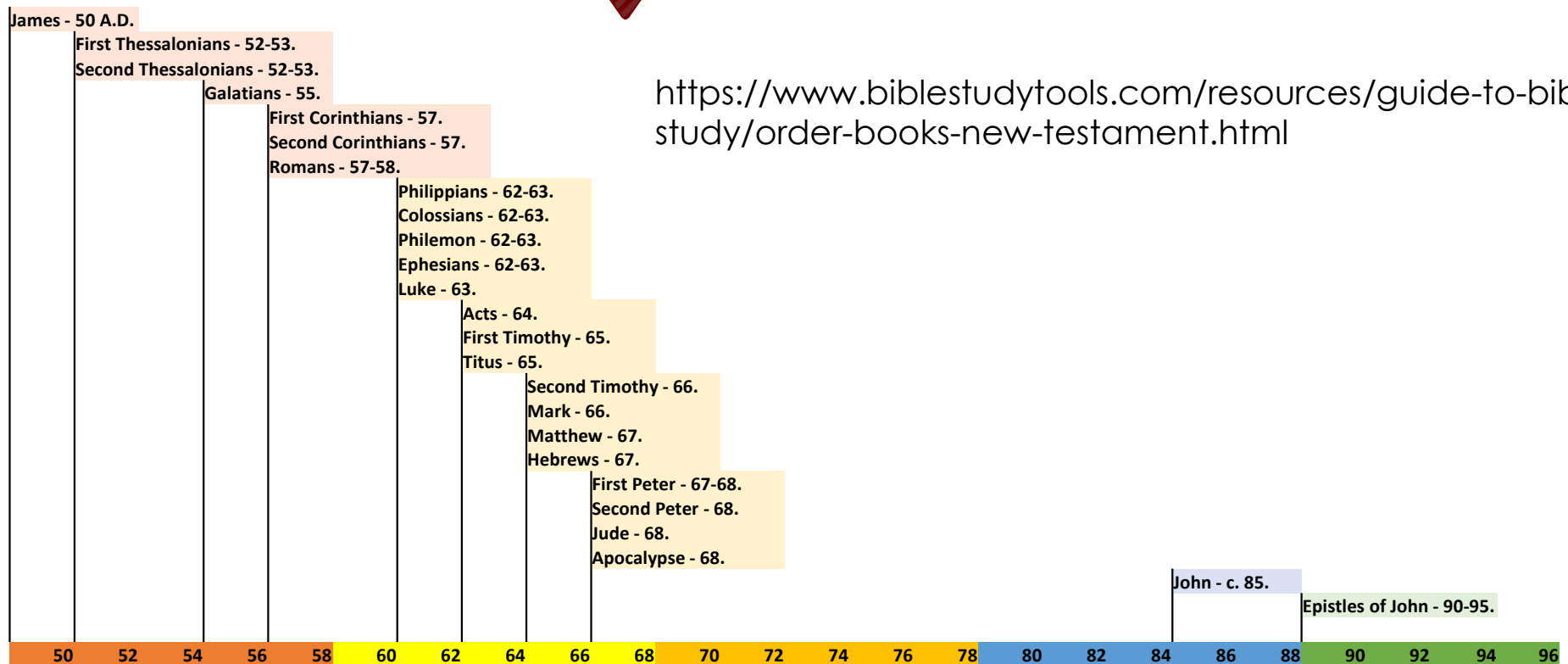
Back: (parts of) 7 lines from John 18:37–38



John Rylands Library in
Manchester, England

John – a different angle

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/resources/guide-to-bible-study/order-books-new-testament.html>



John – Structure & Sections

- 1:1-18 Prologue
- 1:19 – 12:50 'Book of Signs' – account of Jesus' ministry
- 13:1 – 20:31 'Book of Glory' – Jesus' final night, the passion, & resurrection
- 21 Epilogue – post-resurrection appearances

Focuses more on 'theological' rather than 'historical'

John – Jesus IS God

Jesus presents Himself as God incarnate throughout the Gospel of John, often using the phrase “I am” (the memorial name of God revealed in Exodus). John

records several “I am” statements from Jesus throughout this book:

- “I am the bread of life” (Jn 6:35, 41, 48, 51)
- “I am from [God], and He sent Me” (Jn 7:29)
- “I am the Light of the world” (Jn 8:12; 9:5)
- “I am [God]” (Jn 8:58)
- “I am the door” (Jn 10:7, 9)
- “I am the good shepherd” (Jn 10:11, 14)
- “I am the Son of God” (Jn 10:36)
- “I am the resurrection and the life” (Jn 11:25)
- “I am the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6)
- “I am the vine” (Jn 15:1, 5)

only in John's Gospel

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- Invalid in Bethesda (John 5)
- the discourse on the Bread of Life (John 6)
- the references to the living water and the Holy Spirit (John 7:38)
- the raising of Lazarus (John 11)
- the washing of the disciples' feet
- the Prayer of Jesus
- Words to Mary and John at the Cross

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4. The Beginning of Jesus' Public Ministry (According to John)

Pericope	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
The Call of the First Disciples				1:35-51
The Marriage at Cana				2:1-11
The Sojourn at Capernaum				2:12
The First Journey to Jerusalem				2:13
The First Cleansing of the Temple				2:14-22
Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem				2:23-25
The Discourse with Nicodemus				3:1-21
Jesus' Ministry in Judea				3:22
John's Testimony to Christ				3:23-36

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- Jewish converts: Ritual immersion (*tevilah*) is the total submersion of the body in a pool of water (*mikvah*)
- Came into providence after the Babylonian Exile



Tractate Mivaoth, Babylonian Talmud, Mishnah 1-8



There are six degrees of gatherings of water, each superior to the other.

- The water of pits... The same rules apply to the water of pits, the water of cisterns, the water of ditches, the water of caverns, the water of rain drippings which have stopped, and mikwehs of less than forty se'ahs: they are all clean during the time of rain; when the rain has stopped those near to a city or to a road are unclean, and those distant remain clean until the majority of people pass [that way].
- Superior to such [water] is the water of rain drippings which have not stopped.
- Superior to such [water] is [the water of] the mikveh containing forty se'ahs, for in it persons may immerse themselves and immerse others.
- Superior again is [the water of] a fountain whose own water is little but has been increased by a greater quantity of drawn water; it is equivalent to the mikveh inasmuch as it may render clean by standing water, and to an [ordinary] fountain in as much as one may immerse in it whatever the quantity of its contents.
- Superior again are 'smitten waters' which can render clean even when flowing.
- Superior again are 'living waters' which serve for the immersion of persons who have a running issue and for the sprinkling of lepers, and are valid for the preparation of the water of purification.

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Synagogue at Magdala



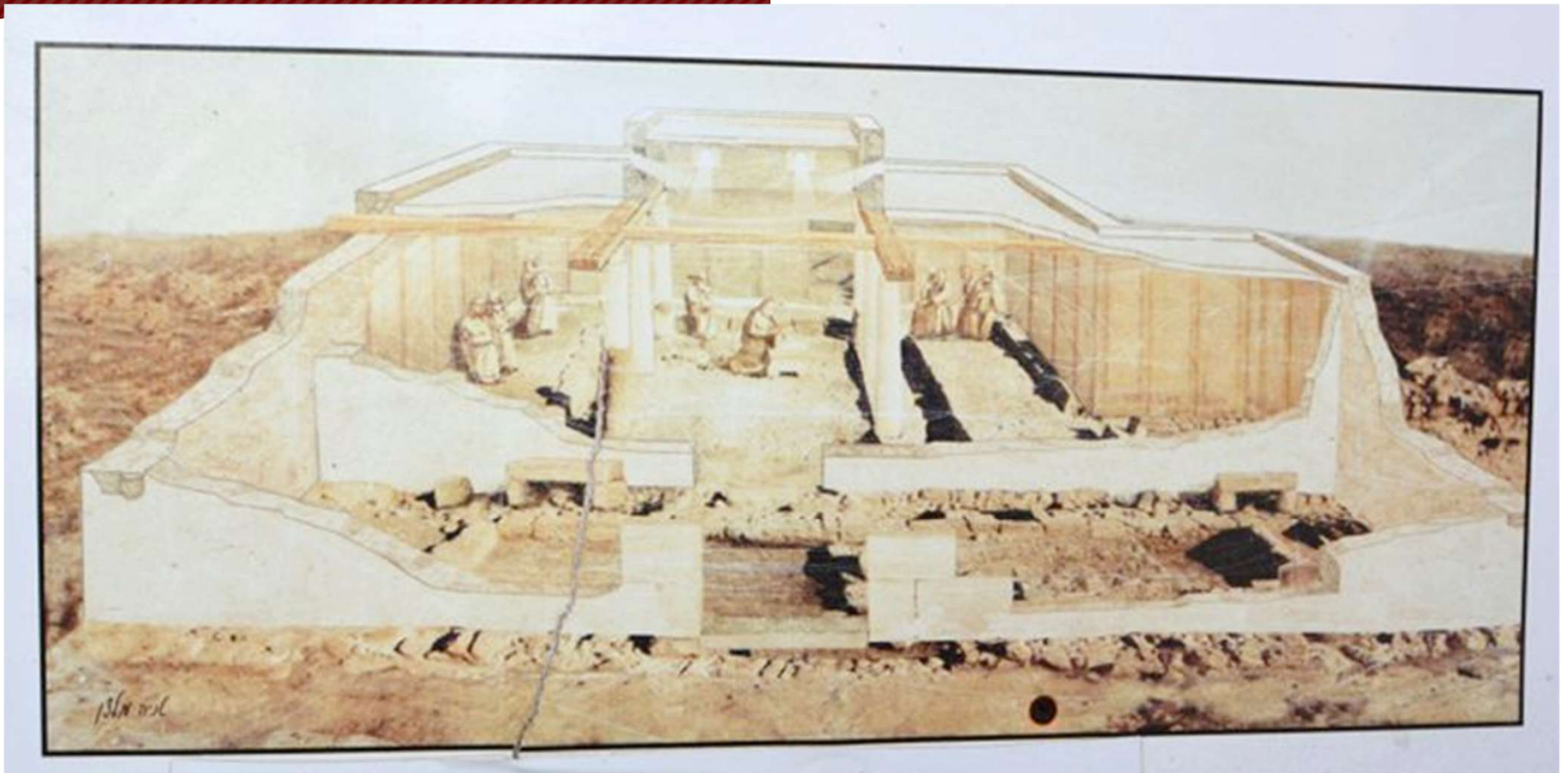
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Mikva'ot, or ritual purification baths, at Magdala. Photo: Marcela Zapata-Meza.

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John 6 – Feeding of 5,000

200 days = $200/365 = 54.8\%$ of year

BUT 'working days' = $52*5 = 260$ days

SO, 200 'working days' wages ==> 76.9% of year wage

if \$100K per year...then 76.9% ==> \$76,923 (IF no taxes)

if 10,000 people - then meal costs ==> \$7.69 each

For Next Week!

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28-Jul	Introduction / Discussion of Plan	
4-Aug	Matthew	1-14
11-Aug		15-28
18-Aug	Mark	
25-Aug	Luke	1-12
1-Sep		13-24
8-Sep	John	1-11
15-Sep		12-21
22-Sep	Acts	1-13
29-Sep		14-28
6-Oct	Romans	