



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 11:28-37

Lord Jesus, we praise and honor You as the greatest Teacher to ever walk upon this earth. We seek to glorify Your Name because You came into the world to teach us the truth about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You came to reveal the truth about the Creator, creation, and how best to live in a loving relationship with You and others. More than this, You demonstrated by Your life, deeds, and words what You taught about how to receive and enjoy the gift of eternal life that you give to all who repent of their sins and accept You as their personal Lord and Savior. All that You did came at the sacrifice of Your own life as You taught from place to place, as You suffered on the way to the cross, and as You shed Your own blood and died and rose again so we could be justly and mercifully forgiven by God for our sins. All that we are, have, and hope to be as Your faithful servants and friends, we owe to You and Your gifts freely given. Thank You for calling us to yourself as a You called the disciples, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary to be Your friends. Please fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might be inspired to always run quickly to You whenever You call to do Your will and achieve Your purposes. We know that You love us and all that happens to us You can use to influence others to trust in You for salvation, for You are worthy to be loved and served by all. Please help us live our lives in such a way that people will recognize that we love You and want to obey You and the Holy Bible in all we say and do. Help us so live that people will say of us as Christians, "See how they love one another." In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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