



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 20:1-10

Lord Jesus, we praise You and thank You for demonstrating Your power over death, evil, and sin when You rose from the dead as King of kings and Lord of lords. We thank You for calling disciples who refused to be led or misled by false evidence. Mary jumped to the conclusion that Your body had been removed from the tomb when she saw that the stone was rolled away. Peter and John ran to the tomb to see the evidence for themselves, and after seeing, they believed that You were no longer in the tomb, but they must have marveled when they saw that Your grave clothes were left in the tomb. Lord Jesus, please teach us the truth from the Scriptures as Your Holy Spirit gives us understanding, and please help us not to jump to false conclusions from reading what we do not yet understand. Please give us the right understanding of the Word of Truth, the Holy Bible, that we need so we will not be misled or mislead others. Please help us remember that You will give us the right understanding that we need when Your time is right and not always according to our timetable. When we learn the truth, please help us teach others the truth in the power and wisdom of Your Holy Spirit. Please aid their understanding and our understanding as we speak about the truth, so they will come to believe in You as their Lord and Savior. Even as John first had to believe the tomb was empty, though he did not yet understand why, please help us believe all the truths we need to believe and please teach us more truths as we study, believe, and obey Your commandments to love You and others. 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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