



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 20:19-25

Lord Jesus, though You are the Word of God and Creator of all that is, You chose to come into our world in human flesh, and You chose to not only teach us the truth of God, reality, and our situation, but You also chose to suffer and die sacrificially on a cross to enable our forgiveness. Lord Jesus, we praise and thank You because Your death on the cross was not the end of You but a new beginning for all who would repent of their sins and trust in You as their Lord and Savior. Indeed, in some sense, Your death and resurrection was a new beginning for You, because after You rose from the dead and cleansed us from all sin by grace through faith in You, You came to live within us through the Holy Spirit, and our bodies became the temple of the one true God. We cannot hope for any closer relationship with You until we see You face to face and receive our resurrected, glorified human bodies. Lord Jesus, You have done so much for us that we do not have enough words in all the world to describe completely the results of Your wonderful love for us and what Your love means to us. As we study Your Word written in the Holy Bible, please help us come to know You more personally. Please grant us grace, wisdom, and power to avoid situations that will lead us into sin. Please help us overcome all our temptations for Your sake—that we might continue to bring glory and honor to You before others—that others might see You are truly worthy to be loved and served by everyone. Please work through us in some way so others might come to believe in You and trust Your promises. 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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