



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 20:26-31

Lord Jesus, we praise and glorify You as our risen Lord and Savior. Please help us love You more as You deserve and help us follow You more closely in obedient faith as an expression of our love for You and others. Thank you for humbling yourself by coming into our world to give us eternal life and to show us how to live. Please help us overcome any doubts that may remain in us about our Father or You, or about the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, or about the truthfulness and reliability of Your written Word, the Bible. Forgive us for doubting You in the past, for doubting Your good will toward us, for doubting Your love, wisdom, and work to bring good out of all the evil things that have happened to us in the past. Please establish and increase our faith in You as You did the faith of Thomas when he doubted. Please help us overcome the sin and temptations that remain within us and come our way. Please help us understand others and how we can help them overcome any doubts that they might have regarding You, Your faithfulness and love, and Your Word. In all circumstances, help us believe and trust in You and not doubt. In all circumstances, help us help others overcome their doubts so they can believe and trust in You too. Though we may not see You as Thomas did, please help us understand that You are as You revealed yourself in history and to us through the Bible. Open our eyes and hearts so we can always see signs of Your work in our lives and Your world today. 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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