



Investigating the Word of God

John



Cana of Galilee

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An Introduction to the Gospel of John

The Author

Although the authorship of the fourth gospel is anonymous, there exists a preponderance of evidence, both external and internal, which points to the apostle John as its writer.

John is a familiar figure in the New Testament. His name is mentioned almost twice as many times in it as those of the other three writers of the gospels combined (35 times). A son of Zebedee, along with his brother James he was chosen by Jesus to serve as an apostle (Matthew 4:21). Prior to following Jesus he had been a disciple of John the Baptist (John 1:35-40) and a fisherman (Matthew 4:21).

John was a member of the special inner circle of three disciples, Peter and James being the other two, who were with Jesus at the raising of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:37), on the the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:2) and in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:33). In spite of having been called one of the "*sons of thunder*" because of his angry outburst (Mark 3:17), his association with Jesus transforms him into a gentle disciple of love. In fact, he refers to himself as "*the disciple whom Jesus loved*" (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20, 24). Present at Calvary, Jesus entrusts his mother to him (John 19:25-27).

In addition to the fourth gospel, John also wrote three epistles which bear his name and the book of Revelation. The only apostle to die of natural causes, tradition states that he was banished to the island of Patmos by the Roman emperor Domitian. Nerva, who succeeded Domitian, allowed John to return to Ephesus about 96 A.D. He stayed at Ephesus until he died sometime during the reign of Trojan (98-117 A.D.).

The Message of the Book

The gospel of John was written to generate and reinforce belief in Jesus as the Christ so that his readers might gain life. This purpose is clearly seen in John 20:30-31 which states, "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." Three key words which reveal his purpose are seen in this passage. They are "signs," "believe" and "life."

Some Exclusive Things in the Book

John was the most selective of all the writers of the gospels. Over ninety percent of his content is exclusive to his book. Since he had such a distinct purpose, he was very selective in what he included in his writing. He was not seeking to produce an exhaustive biography of Jesus. Instead, he recorded only those miracles, sermons and interviews which suited his purpose.

Parables. To illustrate how selective he was, even though the teaching of Jesus was full of them, John did not record a single one of them.

Miracles. Of the seven miracles John uses, five of them are unique to his gospel— the turning of the water into wine (2:2-11), the healing of the nobleman’s son (4:46-54), the healing of the impotent man (5:1-15), the healing of the blind man (9:1-41) and the raising of Lazarus from the dead (11:1-44).

Sermons or topical discourses. The new birth (3:1-13), the water of life (4:6-29), the defense of His deity (5:19-47), the bread of life (6:22-71), the light of the world (8:12-59), the good shepherd (10:1-30) and the discourse in the upper room (13:1-17:26).

Special Considerations in the Book

John places great emphasis upon the deity of Jesus through the claims Jesus made about Himself. Included in the many claims Jesus made to be “the bread of life” (6:35), “the light of the world” (8:12; 9:5), “the resurrection and life” (11:25), “the way, the truth, and the life” (14:6) and “the true vine” (15:1), is the claim that “Before Abraham was, I AM” (8:58) by which the Jews understood that Jesus was claiming to be God.

The book of John in the original Greek language is the easiest to read of all four gospels. That is because it is written in a very simple style. Though written in a simple style, it contains truths of great depth and complexity.

Much of the narrative of the book centers around the visits that Jesus made to Jerusalem for various festivals—the first Passover (2:23), an unnamed feast (5:1), the Feast of the Tabernacles (7:2), the Feast of Dedication (10:22) and the last Passover (13:1).

John Chapter One

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Key People

The Word (Jesus Christ)
John (the Baptist)
Moses
The Jews
Priests
Levites
Elijah
Isaiah
Pharisees
Andrew
Simon Peter
Jonah
Cephas
Philip Nathanael

Key Places

Jerusalem
Bethabara
The Jordan
Galilee
Bethsaida
Nazareth

Key Words

Witness
Right
Preferred
Grace
Begotten
Bosom
Testimony
Confessed
Baptized
Rabbi
Messiah
Deceit

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who was in the beginning with God? According to verse one, what was He?
2. Through whom were all things made?
3. Why was John sent from God? (v. 7)
4. What was given to those who received “the Light?” (v. 12)
5. What was given through Moses? What came through Jesus? (v. 17)
6. When John saw Jesus approaching him, what did he say about Him? (v. 29; cf. v. 36)
7. After following Jesus, what did Andrew tell his brother Simon Peter? (v. 41)
8. What name did Jesus give Simon? What does it mean?
9. What did Philip say to Nathanael after Jesus told him to follow Him? What was Nathanael’s response? (vv. 45-46)
10. What did Nathanael declare about Jesus? (v. 49) What prompted him to make that statement?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Moses | A. The Light. |
| _____ 2. Andrew | B. Baptizing in Bethabara. |
| _____ 3. John | C. Law given through. |
| _____ 4. Nathanael | D. Brother of Simon Peter. |
| _____ 5. Jesus | E. Israelite in whom is no deceit. |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. The Word was God. |
| T | F | 2. The Word became flesh. |
| T | F | 3. John was baptizing with the Holy Spirit. |
| T | F | 4. Philip was from Nazareth. |
| T | F | 5. Angels would ascend and descend upon the Son of God. |

Discussion Question

Why do you think Nathanael asked if any good thing could come out of Nazareth? (cf. Micah 5:2)

John Chapter Two

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 19

“Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’”

Key People

Mother of Jesus

Jesus

The disciples

The Jews

Jesus’ brothers

Key Places

Cana of Galilee

Capernaum

Jerusalem

Key Words

Purification

Inferior

Signs

Passover

Merchandise

Commit Testify

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What problem was there at a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee? (v. 3)
2. Who told Jesus of this problem? What was His response?
3. What command did the mother of Jesus give to the servants? (v. 5)
4. How did Jesus solve this problem?
5. What observation was made in verse ten?
6. Where did Jesus go after leaving Cana of Galilee?
7. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem?
8. What did Jesus find in the temple? How did He correct the situation?
9. What did the Jews ask of Jesus? What was His response? How did they reply to His response? To what was Jesus referring? (vv. 18-21)
10. Even though many believed in Him during the feast, why did Jesus not commit Himself to them?

Matching

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| ___ 1. Mother of Jesus | A. Tasted the water that was made wine. |
| ___ 2. Master of the feast | B. Made a whip of cords. |
| ___ 3. Jesus | C. Filled waterpots to the brim. |
| ___ 4. The Jews | D. Asked for a sign. |
| ___ 5. The servants | E. Said, “They have no wine.” |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. Jesus told His mother, “My hour has come.” |
| T | F | 2. The seven waterpots were for purification. |
| T | F | 3. Jesus stayed in Capernaum many days. |
| T | F | 4. The disciples remembered, “Zeal for Your house has eaten me up.” |
| T | F | 5. Jesus knew what was in man. |

Discussion Question

Why did Jesus not commit Himself to those in Jerusalem who believed in His name? What does it mean to believe in His name?

John Chapter Three

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 5

“Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’”

Key People

The Pharisees

Nicodemus

The Jews

Jesus

Moses

John (the Baptist)

Key Places

Judea

Aenon near Salim

The Jordan

Key Words

Rabbi

Signs

Kingdom

Testify

Witness

Condemn

Exposed

Baptized

Dispute

Purification

Testimony

Measure

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who was Nicodemus? Why did he visit Jesus?
2. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus was necessary if one was going to “see the kingdom of God?”
3. What did Jesus mean when He said He must be “lifted up?”
4. What did God send His Son into the world? (vv. 16-17)
5. Why did men love “darkness more than light?”
6. Why was John baptizing at Aenon near to Salim?
7. What, in verse 27, did John say about himself in relation to the Christ?
8. How did John compare himself to Jesus in verse 30?
9. What does the one whom God has sent speak? (v. 34)
10. Who, according to verse 36, has everlasting life?

Matching

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| _____ 1. Nicodemus | A. Lifted up the serpent. |
| _____ 2. Jesus | B. Baptized in Aenon near Salim. |
| _____ 3. Moses | C. Not given by measure. |
| _____ 4. John | D. Did not come to condemn the world. |
| _____ 5. The Spirit | E. A ruler of the Jews. |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. One must be born of water and the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God. |
| T | F | 2. The wind blows where it wishes but you cannot hear the sound of it. |
| T | F | 3. Whoever believes in the only begotten Son should not perish. |
| T | F | 4. Men loved light more than darkness. |
| T | F | 5. A dispute arose between the disciples of John and Jesus’ disciples. |

Discussion Question

What does it mean to be “born of water and the Spirit?”

John Chapter Four

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 24

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Key People

The Pharisees
Jesus
John (the Baptist)
Jacob
Joseph
The Jews
Samaritans
The disciples
Galileans
Nobleman

Key Places

Judea
Galilee
Samaria
Sychar
Cana of Galilee
Capernaum

Key Words

Wearied
Journey
Fountain
Prophet
Messiah
Savior
Implored

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Why did Jesus leave Judea? (vv. 1-3)
2. Why did Jesus sit by Jacob’s well in Samaria?
3. Who did Jesus meet at Jacob’s well? What did he ask her? What was her reply? Why was Jesus given such a reply?
4. What did Jesus, in verse ten, say he could give to her? What request did she make in response to Jesus’ offer? (v. 15)
5. Why did she think Jesus was a “prophet?”
6. How, according to Jesus in verse 23, will “true worshipers” worship?
7. Who did Jesus tell the woman He was? (v. 26)? Upon hearing this, what did she then do? (vv. 28-29) What was the result? (vv. 30, 39-41)
8. What had His disciples been doing while Jesus was at the well? (v. 8) What did they urge Jesus to do? (v. 31) What was Jesus’ response to them? (v. 34)
9. Who did Jesus meet in Cana of Galilee? What was his problem? (v. 46) What did he ask of Jesus? (v. 47)
10. How did Jesus solve the problem of this person? What did the man then do? (v. 50) Who met him on the road? What did they tell him? What did he then realize? (vv. 51-53)

Matching

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| _____ 1. The Pharisees | A. Received Jesus having seen all things He had done in Jerusalem. |
| _____ 2. The Samaritans | B. Salvation is of them. |
| _____ 3. The Jews | C. Marveled that Jesus talked to a woman. |
| _____ 4. The Galileans | D. Heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John. |
| _____ 5. The disciples | E. Urged Jesus to stay with them. |

True - False

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| T | F | 1. One His way to Galilee from Judea, Jesus needed to go through Samaria. |
| T | F | 2. Joseph had given Jacob a plot of ground in Samaria near Sychar. |
| T | F | 3. The woman to whom Jesus spoke had been married five times. |
| T | F | 4. Jesus told His disciples the fields were white for harvest. |
| T | F | 5. The son of a nobleman was healed by Jesus. |

Discussion Question

What is involved in worshiping in spirit and truth?

John Chapter Five

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 28-29

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

Key People

The Jews

Jesus

Infirm man

John (the Baptist)

Moses

Key Places

Jerusalem

Pool of Bethesda

Key Words

Paralyzed

Infirmity

Sabbath

Judgment

Authority

Execute

Resurrection

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What brought Jesus to Jerusalem?
2. What was by the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem? Why were a number of infirm people present there?
3. What did Jesus ask an infirm man? What was his infirmity? How long had he had it? (vv. 5-6)
4. Why, according to verse seven, had this infirm man not been healed?
5. What did Jesus command the infirm man to do? What was the result? (vv. 8-9)
6. Why did the Jews object to what Jesus had done? What did it prompt them to do? (vv. 10, 16)
7. What additional motive did the Jews have for seeking to kill Jesus? (v. 18)
8. Who, in verse 24, did Jesus say would have everlasting life?
9. Who will come forth from their graves at the resurrection? How will they be divided? (vv. 28-29)
10. Whose “will” did Jesus seek? (v. 30)
11. Who, according to verses 32 through 35, gave witness of Jesus?
12. What gave witness of Jesus in verse 36?
13. Who, in verses 37 and 38, gave witness to Jesus? How was His witness received?
14. What testimony did the Scriptures give? (v. 39)
15. Who accused unbelievers to the Father? (v. 45)

Matching

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| ___ 1. Jesus | A. Has borne witness to the truth. |
| ___ 2. John | B. Have not seen His form or heard His voice. |
| ___ 3. Works | C. If bear witness of Himself, His witness is not true. |
| ___ 4. The Father | D. Jews thought they had eternal life in them. |
| ___ 5. Scriptures | E. Witness that the Father sent Jesus. |

Discussion Question

How was it possible that Jesus’ witness of Himself would not be true?

John Chapter Six

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 66-68

“From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’ But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’”

Key People

Jesus
Great Multitude
The disciples
The Jews
Philip
Andrew
Simon Peter
A lad
Moses
Joseph
Judas Iscariot
Simon

Key Places

Sea of Galilee
Sea of Tiberias
Capernaum
Tiberias

Key Words

Passover
Denarii
Fragments
Rabbi
Manna
Murmur
Quarreled
Synagogue
Offend
Betray

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Why was a great multitude following Jesus? (v. 2)
2. What did Jesus use to feed a multitude of 5,000 men? (v. 9) How many fragments remained after the multitude ate as much as they wanted?
3. After gathering up what was left from the meal, what did those who witnessed the miracle want to do with Jesus? Knowing this, what did Jesus do? (vv. 14-15)
4. What did the disciples do at evening? How did Jesus join them? (vv. 16, 19)
5. Seeing that the multitude had sought him out at Capernaum, why, according to Jesus, were they seeking Him? What did He say that they should be doing instead? (vv. 26-27)
6. In verse 29, what did Jesus say is “the work of God?”
7. How did Jesus identify Himself in verse 35? What does that mean to those who come to Him?
8. According to verse 38, why did Jesus come to earth?
9. Who, according to verse 44, can come to Jesus? What does verse 45 say as to who can come to Him?
10. According to verse 54, who has eternal life?
11. What did Jesus say were the words He was speaking? (v. 63)
12. According to verse 65, who can come to Jesus?
13. Why did many of His disciples no longer walk with Jesus?
14. What did Jesus ask the twelve? (v. 67) What was Simon Peter’s response to Him? (vv. 68-69)
15. What did Jesus say one of the twelve was? Who was it? (vv. 70-71)

Matching

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| _____ 1. Philip | A. “You have the words of eternal life.” |
| _____ 2. Andrew | B. The devil. |
| _____ 3. Simon Peter | C. Followed Jesus because of the signs He performed. |
| _____ 4. The great multitude | D. “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient.” |
| _____ 5. Judas Iscariot | E. “There is a lad who has five barley loaves and two small fish.” |

Discussion Question

How can a person eat the flesh and drink the blood of Jesus?

John Chapter Seven

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 38

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

Key People

Jesus
The Jews
Jesus’ brothers
The disciples
Moses
The Pharisees
Chief priests
Officers
Greeks
David
Rulers
Nicodemus

Key Places

Galilee
Judea
Jerusalem
Bethlehem

Key Words

Feast of Tabernacles
Deceives
Authority
Demon
Circumcision
Sabbath
Dispersion
Glorified

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Why did Jesus stay away from Judea?
2. What, in verses two through four, were Jesus’ brothers encouraging Him to do? Why? (v. 5) What was Jesus reply to them? (v. 6)
3. How did Jesus go to the feast? (v. 10)
4. What two views did the people have of Jesus? (v. 12) Why did they not openly voice their opinions? (v. 13)
5. What caused the Jews to marvel at the teaching of Jesus? (v. 15) What was His explanation? (v. 16)
6. What did the people say Jesus had? Why did they say that? (v. 20)
7. How is one not to judge? How is one to judge? (v. 24)
8. Why did the Jews seek to take Jesus? Why did they not take Him? (vv. 28-30)
9. What question did those who believed in Jesus ask in verse 31? Upon hearing it, what did the Pharisees and chief priests do?
10. When Jesus said they would seek Him but not find Him, where did the Jews think He was going? (vv. 34-36)
11. What did Jesus cry out on the last day of the feast? (vv. 37-38) Of what was He speaking? (v. 39)
12. What caused a division among the people in relation to Jesus? (vv. 40-43)
13. Why had the officers failed to bring Jesus to the chief priests and Pharisees? (vv. 45-46) What did the chief priests and Pharisees ask of them? (v. 47-48)
14. What did Nicodemus ask of the chief priests and Pharisees? (vv. 50-51)
15. What did the chief priests and Pharisees answer Nicodemus? (v. 52)

Matching

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|--------------------------|---|
| _____ 1. The Jews | A. “No man ever spoke like this.” |
| _____ 2. Jesus’ brothers | B. “Does our law judge a man before it hears him?” |
| _____ 3. The Pharisees | C. “Depart from here and go into Judea.” |
| _____ 4. The officers | D. “Sought Him at the feast and said, ‘Where is He?’” |
| _____ 5. Nicodemus | E. Heard the crowd murmuring. |

Discussion Question

What does it mean when it says in reference to Jesus that “His hour had not yet come?”

John Chapter Eight

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 24

“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

Key People

Jesus
The Scribes
The Pharisees
A woman
Moses
The Jews
Abraham

Key Places

(Jerusalem)
Mount of Olives
The temple

Key Words

Adultery
Testing
Stoned
Conscience
Witness
Testimony
Descendants
Bondage
Fornication
Samaritan
Demon

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who was brought to Jesus as He taught in the temple? Who brought this person? Why was this person brought to Him? (vv. 2-4)
2. What did those who brought the woman say should be done to her? (v. 5)
3. What, according to verse six, was the real reason this person was brought to Jesus?
4. What did Jesus tell the accusers of this woman to do? (v. 7)
5. What did Jesus tell the woman to do? (v. 11)
6. How did Jesus identify Himself in verse 12?
7. Why, when Jesus bore witness of Himself, was it true? (vv. 13-18)
8. According to verse 20, why did no one lay hands on Jesus?
9. What, according to verse 24, can keep one from dying in his sins?
10. What, in verse 29, did Jesus say He always did?
11. Who are Jesus' disciples? (v. 31)
12. What can make one free? (v. 32)
13. What is one who commits sin? (v. 34)
14. Who did the Jews claim as their Father? (vv. 39, 41) Who did Jesus say was their real father? Why was that the case? (v. 44)
15. What did the Jews say Jesus was in verse 48?
16. Who, in verse 51, did Jesus say would never die? Why did this anger the Jews? (vv. 52-53)
17. Who did Jesus say honored Him? (v. 54)
18. Who, according to verse 56, rejoiced to see Christ's day?
19. What did Jesus say about Himself in relation to Abraham? (v. 58)
20. What were the Jews wanting to do to Jesus? How did He escape? (v. 59)

Discussion Question

Was Jesus condoning the sin of adultery when He allowed the woman who had been taken in the very act of it to go free? Explain your answer.

John Chapter Nine

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 4

“ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”

Key People

Jesus

Blind man

The disciples

The Pharisees

The Jews

Moses

Key Places

(Jerusalem)

Pool of Siloam

Key Words

Rabbi

Saliva

Anointed

Sabbath

Prophet

Reviled

Marvelous

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who did Jesus pass by as He was leaving the temple? (v. 1)
2. What did the disciples ask about the man? What was Jesus' reply to them? (vv. 2-4)
3. How did Jesus refer to Himself in verse five?
4. How did Jesus heal the man He had passed by? (vv. 6-7)
5. On what day did Jesus heal this man? (v. 14) What conclusion did the Pharisees reach about that fact? (v. 16)
6. Why were the parents of the healed man called by the Jews? (v. 18) What were they asked? (v. 19) What was their response? (vv 20-21) Why did they answer in this manner? (v. 22)
7. After his parents had testified, what was the healed man told about Jesus by the Jews? (v. 24) What was his reply? (v. 25)
8. Why did the Jews revile the healed man? (vv. 27-28)
9. According to verse 30, who does God hear?
10. What did the healed man say had never been done before since the world began? (v. 32)
11. What did the healed man say about Jesus in verse 33?
12. Why did Jesus search to find the man He had healed? What did He ask him? (v. 35) What was His response? (v. 36)
13. How did Jesus identify Himself in verse 37? (cf. v. 35)
14. According to verse 39, why did Jesus come into the world?
15. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus in verse 40? What was His reply? (v. 41)

True - False

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| T | F | 1. The sins of the parents of the man Jesus healed caused him to be in the condition he was in. |
| T | F | 2. Jesus made clay with saliva and dirt. |
| T | F | 3. Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath. |
| T | F | 4. The parents of the healed man were afraid they would be put out of the synagogue. |
| T | F | 5. Jesus did not come into the world for judgment. |

Discussion Question

Why do you think Jesus healed the man in the manner in which He did instead of healing him by just speaking?

John Chapter Ten

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 11

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

Key People

Jesus

The Jews

Solomon

Key Places

Jerusalem

Solomon’s porch

Jordan River

Key Words

Sheepfold

Doorkeeper

Illustration

Abundantly

Hireling

Feast of Dedication

Blasphemy

Sanctified

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who, according to verse one, is a thief? According to verse two, who is a shepherd?
2. What, according to verses three and four, do the sheep do in relation to the shepherd?
3. Did the people understand what Jesus was teaching? (v. 6)
4. How did Jesus identify Himself in:
 - a. Verses seven and nine?
 - b. Verses eleven and fourteen?
5. Why did Jesus say He had come to earth in verse ten?
6. According to verses 11 and 15, what does the good shepherd do for the sheep.
7. What, according to verse 17, does the Father love Jesus?
8. What was said by the Jews about Jesus? (vv. 19-21)
9. What request did the Jews make of Jesus in verse 24?
10. What does Jesus say about His “sheep” in verses 27-29?
11. Why did the Jews say they wanted to stone Jesus? (vv. 31-33)
12. What, according to verse 38, was the purpose of the works Jesus did?
13. Where did Jesus go after leaving Jerusalem? (v. 40)

True - False

- T F 1. The one who enters the door of the sheepfold is the shepherd.
T F 2. The sheep will follow a stranger.
T F 3. Jesus is the door of the sheepfold.
T F 4. Jesus is the good shepherd.
T F 5. The hireling flees because he does not care about the sheep.
T F 6. Jesus walked on Solomon’s porch in the summer at the Feast of Dedication.
T F 7. John the Baptist had performed many signs.

Discussion Question

How are Jesus and the Father one?

John Chapter Eleven

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 25

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.’”

Key People

Lazarus
Mary
Martha
Jesus Thomas
The disciples
The Jews
The Pharisees
Chief priests
The Romans
Caiaphas

Key Places

Bethany
Judea
Jerusalem
Ephraim
The temple

Key Words

Anointed
Fragrant
Glorified
Rabbi
Resurrection
Stench
Council
Expedient
Plotted
Passover
Purify
Seize

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who was sick? Where did he live? Who were his sisters?
2. What had Mary previously done for Jesus? (v. 2)
3. When the sisters sent for Jesus, what was His reaction? (vv. 3-4)
4. When did Jesus leave to go to Lazarus? (v. 6)
5. Why did His disciples not want Jesus to go to Judea? (v. 8)
6. Why was Jesus “glad” Lazarus had died? (vv. 14-15)
7. When Jesus arrived at Bethany, how long had Lazarus been in the tomb? (v. 17)
8. What did both sisters say to Jesus about their brother’s death? (vv. 21, 32)
9. When Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise again, what was her response? (vv. 23-24)
10. How did Jesus identify Himself in verse 25?
11. When Jesus saw Mary and the Jews weeping, what was His reaction? (v. 33)
12. When Jesus arrived at Lazarus’ tomb, what did He initially do? (v. 35)
13. Why did Martha not want the stone rolled away from the tomb of Lazarus? (v. 39)
14. Why, according to verse 42, did Jesus pray to the Father on this occasion?
15. What did Jesus command Lazarus to do? What was his response? (vv. 43-44)
16. What was the reaction of many of the Jews to what they had just seen? (v. 45) What was the reaction of other Jews? (v. 46)
17. What did the Pharisees and chief priests think would happen if they let Jesus alone? (vv. 47-48)
18. Who was Caiaphas? What was his advice? By what authority did he speak this? (vv. 49-52)
19. What did the chief priests and Pharisees decide they needed to do in relation to Jesus? (v. 53)
20. Because of the Jews’ decision, what did Jesus no longer do?

Discussion Question

Why do you think Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus?

John Chapter Twelve

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 48

“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”

Key People

Jesus
Lazarus
Martha
The disciples
Judas Iscariot
Simon
The Jews
Chief priests
The Pharisees
The Greeks
Philip
Andrew
Isaiah
The rulers

Key Places

Bethany
Jerusalem
Zion
Bethsaida
Galilee

Key Words

Passover
Spikenard
Fragrance
Denarii
Plotted
Hosanna
Glorified
Accomplishing
Synagogue
Authority

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Where did Jesus go before the Passover? Who lived there? (vv. 1-3)
2. What did Mary do for Jesus? (v. 3) Who objected to this act? (v. 4) What was his objection? (v. 5) What was the real reason he objected? (v. 6)
3. What was Jesus' response to the above objection? (vv. 7-8)
4. Why did a great many Jews come to Bethany? (v. 9)
5. What did the chief priests planning to do with Lazarus? Why? (vv. 10-11)
6. What did a great multitude do when they heard when Jesus was coming to Jerusalem? Why did they cry out? (vv. 12-13)
7. How did Jesus fulfill prophecy in verses 14 and 15?
8. Who, according to verse 17, gave testimony of Jesus? What did this cause the people to do? (v. 18) What did it cause the Pharisees to conclude? (v. 19)
9. What did some Greeks who had come to the feast ask of Philip? What did Philip do? What was Jesus' response to this request? (vv. 20-26)
10. Why was Jesus troubled? (v. 27)
11. What did Jesus request of the Father? (v. 28) What was His response?
12. What did people think had happened when the Father spoke to Jesus? Why, according to Jesus, had the Father's voice appeared? (vv. 29-30)
13. Who did Jesus say would be cast out? (v. 31)
14. How, according to verse 32, would Jesus draw all people to Him? What did that mean? (v. 33)
15. Why did the people ask Jesus, "Who is his Son of Man?" (v. 34) What was His response to them? (vv. 35-36)
16. In spite of all the signs, did the people believe in Jesus? What prophecy did that fulfill? (vv. 37-41)
17. Who, according to verse 42, did believe in Jesus? Why did they not confess their belief? (v. 43)
18. If one believes in Jesus, in whom, in verse 44, do they also believe?
19. What, according to verse 48, will judge in the last day?
20. Upon whose authority did Jesus speak? (vv. 49-50)

Discussion Question

How was Jesus "the light" among the people?

John Chapter Thirteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 35

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Key People

Jesus

Judas Iscariot

Simon

The disciples

Simon Peter

The Jews

Key Places

(Jerusalem)

Key Words

Feast of the Passover

Girded

Betray

Example

Perplexed

Glorified

Immediately

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. According to verse one, what did Jesus know?
2. What had the devil put into the heart of Judas Iscariot? (v. 2)
3. At supper, what did Jesus do? (vv. 3-5)
4. Who objected to Jesus' actions? What was His response? (vv. 6-11)
5. What lesson did Jesus teach by His actions? (vv. 12-17)
6. What did Jesus say the one who ate bread with Him would do? (v. 18)
7. What did Jesus say one of the disciples would do? (v. 21)
8. What did one of the disciples ask Jesus? (vv. 23-25) What was His response? (v. 26) What did Jesus then do? (v. 26)
9. What did Jesus say to Judas? (v. 27) What did some of the disciples think He meant by it? (vv. 28-29)
10. What did Jesus say about the Father and Him in verses 31 and 32?
11. What did Jesus tell His disciples in verse 33?
12. What new commandment did Jesus give His disciples? (v. 34)
13. How were people to identify Jesus' disciples? (v. 35)
14. What did Simon Peter say he would do for Jesus? (v. 37)
15. What did Jesus say Simon Peter would do? (v. 38)

True - False

- T F 1. The Father had given all things into Jesus' hands.
T F 2. Jesus washed His disciples hands.
T F 3. A servant is greater than his master.
T F 4. Judas had the money box of the disciples.
T F 5. Peter would deny Jesus three times after the rooster crowed.

Discussion Question

Why do you think it was important to teach the lessons of serving others and loving others to Jesus' disciples?

John Chapter Fourteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

Key People

Jesus

Thomas

Philip

Judas (not Iscariot)

Key Places

(Jerusalem)

Key Words

Sufficient

Authority

Glorified

Orphans

Manifest

Remembrance

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Why did Jesus tell His disciples that they should not be troubled? (vv. 1-4)
2. What did Thomas ask Jesus? What was His reply? (vv. 5-6)
3. What did Philip request of Jesus? What was His reply? (vv 7-8)
4. On whose authority did Jesus say He spoke? (v. 10)
5. What did Jesus say would happen if one would ask in His name? (vv. 12-14)
6. If one loves Jesus, what will he do? (vv. 15, 21)
7. Who was the “Helper” Jesus said He would give? (vv. 16-17)
8. What did Jesus say would happen because He lives? (v. 19)
9. Who, according to verse 21, will love the one who loves Jesus?
10. What did Judas ask of Jesus? What did He reply? (vv. 22-23)
11. What, according to verse 26, would the Helper do for the disciples?
12. What was Jesus leaving His disciples? (v. 27)
13. Where did Jesus say He was going? (v. 28)
14. Who, in verse 30, did Jesus say was coming? What did he have in Jesus?
15. According to verse 31, why did Jesus do what He did?

Matching

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| ___ 1. Jesus | A. “Show us the Father.” |
| ___ 2. Thomas | B. “Will teach all things.” |
| ___ 3. Philip | C. “Where are You going.” |
| ___ 4. Judas | D. “Believe in God, believe also in Me.” |
| ___ 5. The Spirit | E. “How will You manifest Yourself to us and not to the world.” |

Discussion Question

What difference is there between the peace Jesus gives and the peace the world gives?

John Chapter Fifteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 13

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”

Key People

(Jesus)

The disciples

Key Places

(Jerusalem)

Key Words

Vinedresser

Prunes

Glorified

Appointed

Persecuted

Testify

Witness

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. How did Jesus identify Himself in verse one? How did He identify the Father?
2. What happens to the “branch” that does not bear fruit? What happens to the “branch” that bears fruit? (v. 2)
3. What, according to verses three through five, is necessary to “bear fruit” for Jesus?
4. What happens to the one who does not abide in Christ? (v. 6)
5. If one abides in Christ, what will he be able to do? (v. 7)
6. How, according to verse 8, is the Father glorified?
7. What, according to verse 10, is the result of keeping the commandments of Jesus?
8. What commandment did Jesus give His disciples in verse 12?
9. What, according to verse 13, is the greatest love?
10. What are the friends of Jesus? (v. 14)
11. What would be the attitude of the world toward Jesus’ disciples? Why would that be the case? (vv. 18-20)
12. If one hates Jesus, who does he also hate? (v. 23)
13. How could the Jews have no sin? (vv. 22, 24)
14. For what cause was Jesus hated? (v. 25)
15. What would the “Helper” do when He came? (v. 26)

True - False

- T F 1. Jesus is the true vinedresser.
- T F 2. The Father is glorified when one bears much fruit.
- T F 3. Jesus spoke these things so that His joy might remain with the disciples.
- T F 4. The world hated Jesus.
- T F 5. The disciples would bear witness of Jesus because they had been with Him from the beginning.

Discussion Question

What does it mean to bear fruit for Christ?

John Chapter Sixteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 33

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Key People

Jesus

The disciples

Key Places

(Jerusalem)

Key Words

Synagogues

Advantage

Convict

Inquiring

Lament

Anguish

Figurative

Scattered

Tribulation

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Why, in verse one, did Jesus say He had spoken these things to His disciples?
2. What did Jesus say would happen to these disciples? (v. 2) Why would these things be done to them? (v. 3)
3. What was the reaction of the disciples to what Jesus had told them? (v. 6)
4. Why was it to the advantage of the disciples for Jesus to go away? (v. 7)
5. Why would the world be convicted of sin? (vv. 8-9)
6. Why would the world be convicted of righteousness? (vv. 8, 10)
7. Why would the world be convicted of judgment? (vv. 8, 11)
8. According to verses 13 and 14, what would the Spirit do when He came?
9. Where did Jesus say He was going? (v. 16)
10. What did the disciples want to ask Jesus? (vv. 18-19)
11. What did Jesus say the sorrow of the disciples would become? (vv. 20-22)
12. What were the disciples to be given? (v. 23)
13. According to verse 25, in what “language” had Jesus been speaking?
14. Where had Jesus come from? Where was He going? (v. 28)
15. What would the disciples have in the world? Why could they be of good cheer? (v. 33)

True - False

- T F 1. The disciples would be put out of the synagogue.
- T F 2. Those who would kill the disciples will think that in doing it they are serving God.
- T F 3. The Helper would convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment.
- T F 4. The disciples' joy would be turned to sorrow.
- T F 5. The disciples would scatter each to his own.

Discussion Question

What did Jesus mean when He said, “I have overcome the world.”

John Chapter Seventeen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 20-21

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

Key People

Jesus

(The disciples)

Key Places

(Jerusalem)

Key Words

Glorify

Authority

Manifested

Perdition

Sanctify

Perfect

Foundation

Righteous

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What does Jesus ask of the Father in verse one?
2. What had the Father given Jesus? (v. 2)
3. What, according to verse three, is eternal life?
4. How had Jesus glorified the Father on the earth? (v. 4)
5. To whom, according to verse six, had Jesus manifested the Father's name?
6. What had the disciples known? (v. 7) What did it cause them to believe? (v. 8)
7. For whom does verse nine say Jesus was praying?
8. What does Jesus want for His disciples? (v. 11)
9. According to verse 12, who was lost?
10. Why had the world hated Jesus' disciples? (v. 14)
11. For what does Jesus pray in verse 15?
12. What, according to verse 17, is truth?
13. Besides His disciples, for whom was Jesus praying? (v. 20)
14. What was Jesus' prayer for those whom the Father had given Him? (v. 24)
15. Why, according to verse 26, had Jesus declared the name of the Father to His disciples?

True - False

- T F 1. Jesus, in prayer, said His hour had come.
T F 2. Eternal life is to know God and Jesus Christ.
T F 3. The world had hated Jesus.
T F 4. Disciples are sanctified by the word of God.
T F 5. The Father and the Son are one.

Discussion Question

What did Jesus mean when He prayed that all who will believe in Him be one?

John Chapter Eighteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 37

“Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a king then?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’”

Key People

Jesus
The disciples
Judas
Troops and officers
Chief priests
The Pharisees
Simon Peter
Malchus
Annas
Caiaphas
Servant girl
Pilate
Barabbas

Key Places

(Jerusalem)
Brook Kidron
Garden (Gethsemane)
Nazareth
Praetorium

Key Words

Detachment
Advised
Expedient
Doctrine
Synagogue
Praetorium
Passover
Accusation
Evildoer
Custom

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who met Jesus in the garden? (v. 3)
2. What did Jesus ask those who met Him in the garden? (v. 4) What was their answer? (v. 5)
3. When Jesus told those who met Him in the garden, what was their reaction? (v. 6)
4. What, according to verse ten, did Simon Peter do? What did Jesus tell him to do? (v. 11)
5. What happened to Jesus? Where was He taken? (vv. 12-13)
6. Who was Caiaphas? What had he done? (vv. 13-14)
7. Who, according to verse 15, followed Jesus?
8. What was Peter asked? Who asked it of him? What was his reply? (v. 23)
9. What did the high priest ask Jesus? What was his response? (v. 19-21)
10. What happened to Jesus in verse 22? What was He asked? What was His reply? (v. 23)
11. Where was Jesus sent? (v. 24)
12. What was Peter asked in verses 25 and 26? What were his responses? (vv. 25, 27) What then happened?
13. Where was Jesus taken in verse 28? Why did the Jews not enter there?
14. Who met the Jews in verse 29? What question did he ask them? What was their response? (v. 30)
15. What, according to verse 31, did the Jews say was not lawful for them to do?
16. What was asked of Jesus in verse 33? Who asked it of Him? What was His response? (v. 34)
17. What was Jesus asked in verse 35? What was His response? (v. 36)
18. What was Jesus asked in verse 37? What was His response?
19. What was said of Jesus in verse 38? Who said it?
20. What custom did the Jews have? (v. 39) Who did the Jews want released to them? (v. 40)

Discussion Question

What did Jesus mean when He said His kingdom was not of this world?

John Chapter Nineteen

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 19

“Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

Key People

Pilate
Jesus
Chief priests
Officers
The Jews
Caesar
Jesus' mother
Jesus' mother's sister
Mary the wife of Clopas
Mary Magdalene
The disciple Jesus loved
Joseph of Arimathea
Nicodemus

Key Places

(Jerusalem)
The Pavement
Golgotha
Nazareth

Key Words

Scourged
Praetorium
Preparation Day
Passover
Tunic
Vessel
Hyssop
Sabbath
Myrrh
Aloes

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. What did Pilate do to Jesus? (v. 1)
2. What did the soldiers do to Jesus? What did they say to Him? (vv. 2-3)
3. What did Pilate say about Jesus in verse four?
4. What did Pilate say to the chief priests and officers about Jesus? (v. 6)
5. Why, according to verse seven, did the Jews believe Jesus had to die? What did that cause Pilate to be? (v. 8)
6. When Jesus would not answer Pilate, what did he ask Him? (v. 10) What was Jesus' reply? (v. 11)
7. Though Pilate wanted to release Jesus, what did the Jews tell he would be if he let Jesus go? (v. 12)
8. While sitting in the judgment seat, what did Pilate finally do with Jesus? (vv. 13-16)
9. Where was Jesus crucified? Who was crucified with Him? (vv. 17-18)
10. What title did Pilate put on the cross of Jesus? In what languages was it written? (vv. 19-20)
11. What did the soldiers do to the garments of Jesus? Why did they not divide the tunic? (vv. 23-24)
12. Who, according to verse 25, were standing by the cross?
13. What did Jesus say when He saw His mother? What arrangements did He make for her? (vv. 26-27)
14. According to verse 28, what did Jesus know?
15. What did Jesus say in verse 30? What did He then do?
16. Why did the soldiers break the legs of those crucified by Jesus? Why did they not break Jesus' legs? (vv. 31-32)
17. When the soldiers pierced the side of Jesus, what came out? (v. 34)
18. What two Scriptures were fulfilled? (vv. 36-37)
19. Who asked for the body of Jesus? Who helped him with it? (vv. 38-39)
20. Where was the body of Jesus placed? (v. 41)

Discussion Question

Why do you think Pilate was unwilling to release Jesus even though He found no fault in Him?

John Chapter Twenty

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verses 30-31

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

Key People

Mary Magdalene

Simon Peter

Disciple Jesus loved

Jesus

The disciples

The Jews

Thomas

Key Places

(Jerusalem)

Key Words

Tomb

Rabboni

Cling

Ascended

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Who went to the tomb of Jesus? When did she go? What did she see there? (v. 1)
2. To whom did she run? What did she say to them? (v. 2)
3. What did the two disciples find at the tomb? (vv. 3-8)
4. What, according to verse nine, did these disciples not know? What did they do? (v. 10)
5. Who stood by the tomb weeping? What did she see when she looked into the tomb? What did they say to her? What was her reply? (vv. 11-14)
6. Upon turning around, what did this woman see? What did He ask her? Who did she think He was? What request did she make? (vv. 14-15)
7. After finally correctly identifying the one she saw, what did He say to this woman? (v. 17)
8. To whom, then, did this woman go? What did she tell them? (v. 18)
9. Who appeared to the disciples? What was their reaction upon seeing Him? What did He do for them? What did He tell them? (vv. 19-23)
10. Who had not been present when this One appeared to the disciples? What did the disciples tell him? What was his response? (vv. 24-25)
11. Who appeared to the disciples after eight days? What did He tell Thomas? What did Thomas say to Him? (vv. 26-28)
12. What did the One who appeared to Thomas say to him in verse 29?
13. According to verse 30, what had Jesus done in the presence of the disciples?
14. Why were the signs found in this book included in it? (v. 31a)
15. What does believing in Jesus bring? (v. 31b)

True - False

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| T | F | 1. Early on the first day of the week, the stone was still on the tomb of Jesus. |
| T | F | 2. The body of Jesus was missing from the tomb. |
| T | F | 3. The grave clothes were still in Jesus' tomb. |
| T | F | 4. Three angels were sitting in the tomb of Jesus. |
| T | F | 5. Thomas wanted to see the nail prints in Jesus' hands and the wound in His side. |

Discussion Question

Why would the signs Jesus did cause one to believe in Him?

John Chapter Twenty-One

Keys to This Chapter

Key Passage: Verse 25

“And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.”

Key People

Jesus

The disciples

Simon Peter

Nathanael

Sons of Zebedee (James and John)

Two unnamed disciples

Jonah

Key Places

Sea of Tiberias

Cana of Galilee

Key Words

Multitude

Plunged

Cubits

Girded

Signifying

Glorify

Testifies

Testimony

Key Lesson

Questions on the Text

1. Where did Jesus appear to His disciples? (v. 1)
2. Which disciples were present? (vv. 2, 7)
3. What were these disciples doing? What is said of their “success?” (v. 3)
4. What did Jesus ask these disciples? After their reply, what does He tell them to do? What resulted from following His instruction? (vv. 4-6)
5. Who identified Jesus? What, then, did Peter do? What did the other disciples do? Why? (vv. 7-8)
6. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do in verse 12?
7. How many times had Jesus appeared to the disciples? (v. 14)
8. What does Jesus ask Peter in verse 15? What is Peter’s reply? What does Jesus then tell him to do?
9. What does Jesus ask Peter in verse 16? What is Peter’s reply? What does Jesus then tell him to do?
10. What does Jesus ask Peter in verse 17? What did it cause Peter to do? How does Peter answer? What, then, does Jesus tell him to do?
11. What does Jesus tell Peter will happen to him? (v. 18) Why did He say this? (v. 19)
12. What did Peter ask Jesus in verses 20 and 21? What was His reply?
13. What misunderstanding was among brethren? (v. 23)
14. What disciple wrote this book? (v. 24)
15. What would result if all the things Jesus had done were written one by one? (v. 25)

True - False

- T F 1. Nathanael was from Bethsaida.
T F 2. Peter came to shore in a boat with the other disciples.
T F 3. Peter’s net contained 153 fish.
T F 4. Jesus told Peter to feed His lambs and sheep.
T F 5. The disciple whom Jesus loved would not die.

Discussion Question

Why do you think Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him?

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