

Digging into God's Word



John



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I am so glad you are taking time to dig into the Word of God. What an amazing opportunity we have to grow in our understanding of God Himself and learn about the life and sacrifice of Christ. I hope you enjoy taking time to go verse by verse and chapter by chapter. I pray that you will grow in your faith and experience the love of the Savior whose biggest desire is to have a relationship with you.

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God Bless!

Gospel of John

Written for Christians and non-Christians between 81-96 AD by John, brother of James and son of Zebedee.

Chapter 1:

Vs. 1- In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with _____, and the _____ was _____.

Vs. 2-3- What do these verses declare?

(Bible Notes- The introductory phrase, *in the beginning*, deliberately recalls the opening words of Genesis, implicitly emphasizing the identity of Jesus Christ- the Word-with the God who is the preexistent Creator. The translators have capitalized “word” to reflect their conviction that John is referring to Jesus Christ, whom he later identifies as “the Son” (vs. 14). Verse 2 explicitly reinforces Christ’s divine nature by asserting His integral role in creation both with God (indicating His distinction of identity) and as God (recognizing His equality as deity Himself). Logically, then, “the Word” was *not* created; He already **was** when the beginning occurred. Rather, Christ is the source of all there is.)

Vs. 4- How is He described?

Vs. 5- John says the _____ shines in the _____, yet the darkness did not overcome it.

[What does it mean that the light shines in the darkness \(John 1:5\)? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/John-1-5)

(Bible Notes- Verse 5 previews the victorious outcome of Christ’s work on the cross—overpowering darkness (i.e., the forces of evil in the world) with light (i.e., the truth, who is God Himself). John—both in this Gospel and in his letters—brings into focus the mutual exclusivity of life and death and of light and darkness. Often, “light” and “darkness” metaphorically express the truth, goodness, and holiness of God (“light”) in stark contrast to wickedness and rebellion—anyone and anything opposing to Him.)

Vs. 6-9- Here we learn of John the Baptist. What was the intention behind John’s life?

Vs. 10- The Creator comes into the world, but what happened?

Vs. 11- What happened when He came to His own people?

Vs. 12-13- What blessings came to those who did receive Him?

Vs. 14- Jot this verse down to remember:

[What do John 1:1,14 mean when they declare that Jesus is the Word of God? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 15-17- John the Baptist makes these bold and clarifying statements for his listeners. What does he reveal in each verse?

Vs. 15-

Vs. 16-

Vs. 17-

Vs. 18- What has the Son revealed?

[Is Jesus God? Why should I believe that Jesus is God? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

(The Testimony- Verses 19-51)

Vs. 19-22- John the Baptist: Some Pharisees want to know who he is. First, he clarifies who he is *not*. What does he say?

Vs 23- Then he clarifies who he is. What prophet does he quote and what does he say?

(Read: Isaiah 40:3) [How did John the Baptist fulfill Isaiah's prophecy "to prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight" \(Matthew 3:3\)? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 24- What does John say when asked about why he is baptizing so many people?

[What was the meaning and importance of the baptism of John the Baptist? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 29- John the Baptist sees Jesus coming. What does he proclaim about Him?

Vs. 30-31- Why did John say he came baptizing with water?

Vs. 32-33- What sign was John the Baptist given that would distinguish Jesus as the One?

What kind of baptism did Jesus provide?

Vs. 34- What does John testify?

[What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 35-37- Who left John the Baptist and began to follow Jesus?

Vs. 40-42- Who were the first two disciples?

[Who was Andrew in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](#)

How does Andrew describe Jesus to Simon Peter?

[Who was Peter in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 43- Which disciple did they meet in Galilee?

[Who was Philip in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 44-45- Who does Philip tell and how does he describe Jesus?

Vs. 46- Nathaniel seems a bit skeptical. What does he ask?

Vs. 47-51- Nathaniel is profoundly moved by Jesus upon their meeting. What happened and how is his skepticism completely reversed upon meeting Him?

[Who was Nathanael in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[Who were the twelve \(12\) disciples / apostles of Jesus Christ? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Chapter 1 review of ‘descriptions’ of Jesus as written by John in this gospel:

Vs. 1- The Word

Vs. 7-8- The Light

Vs. 14- The One and Only Son

Vs. 23- Isaiah's prophecy calls Him Lord

Vs. 29 & 36- The Lamb of God

Vs. 34 & 49- Son of God

Vs. 38 & 49 – Rabbi

Vs. 41- Messiah (Which means “Anointed One”)

Vs. 45- “The One Moses wrote about in the Law and so did the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph.”

Vs. 49- King of Israel

Vs. 51- Son of Man

John’s first chapter is full of information, claims, and detail! He leaves no room for speculation as to who Jesus is.

[How many prophecies did Jesus fulfill? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Chapter 2:

Vs. 1-12- Water to wine: Summarize:

Who asks Jesus to help with the problem?

Vs. 11- What is special about this event and what was the outcome?

Vs. 13-16- Upon entering the temple complex in Jerusalem, what did Jesus see and how did He react?

[How many times did Jesus cleanse the temple? Why did He cleanse the temple? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 17- Here John quotes Psalm 69:9 as they remembered what was written. What did this mean?

Vs. 18-What do the Jews ask Him?

Vs. 19- What does Jesus reply?

Vs. 20- The Jews are confused. What do they think he is referring to?

Vs. 21-22- What was Jesus referring to?

When did his disciples put all these things together and fully understand?

Vs. 23-25- Many people began to trust in Jesus seeing His miracles, but Jesus did not entrust Himself to them. Why?

[What does it mean that Jesus knew what was in man \(John 2:25\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Chapter3:

Vs.1- Who came to Jesus and when?

[Who was Nicodemus in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 2- What does he say to Jesus upon meeting Him?

(Something to ponder: Nicodemus says, “we know”. So, I wonder how many other Pharisees questioned in silence believing there was more to Jesus than they were allowed to speak about.)

Vs. 3-8- How does Jesus explain being “born again”?

[What does it mean to be a born again Christian? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 11- Jesus replies to Nicodemus in an interesting way. What does He say?

[What is the meaning of “we speak of what we know” in John 3:11? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 12- How relevant this verse is still today! What is His point?

Vs. 13 – Where does Jesus say he is from?

Vs. 14- This is a reference to Numbers 21:4-9: Read this passage and explain this reference to Moses:

Vs. 15-18- Jesus explains His intentions. What does He say?

Vs. 19-21- Jesus knows the hearts and deeds of people and why some hate and avoid the light and why some will follow the truth and come to the light. The works of those who come to the light “may be shown to be accomplished by _____”.

Vs. 22-29- Jesus is baptizing and some go to John the Baptist, who is still baptizing, and confront him about Jesus now baptizing and many flocking to Him. How does John reply?

Vs. 30- Jot this down:

(We need this same mindset of John the Baptist noted in verse 30. See how you can bring this truth into your daily life).

Vs. 31-36-These are powerful verses. What is revealed in each for us to remember?

Vs. 31-

Vs. 32-

Vs. 33-

Vs. 34-

Vs. 35-

Vs. 36-

Within these verses we see mention the Spirit, Father, and Son. [What does the Bible teach about the Trinity? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[What is the origin of the doctrine of the Trinity? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Chapter 4:

Vs. 1-29- The woman at the well: (Bible Notes- Samaritans, a remnant of Jews who intermarried with Gentiles during the Assyrian captivity of the northern kingdom (2 Kg 17:5-6, 24), and were considered by the Jews to be half-breeds).

Vs. 1-6- Jesus and His disciples have traveled to Samaria, and after a long journey, where does He stop to rest?

[What is the significance of Jacob's well? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 7-9- Jesus sees a woman drawing water there and asks for a drink. Why was the woman questioning Jesus?

Vs. 10- What does Jesus tell her about His living water?

Vs. 13-14- He doubles down on the gift of living water. What does He explain?

Vs. 15- He has her attention now. What does she say?

Vs. 16-17- Why do you think Jesus brings up her personal life, her husbands, and her current situation?

Vs. 19-20- Why was the woman so frustrated with Jews?

Vs. 23-24- Jesus assures her that the time is near when worshipers won't go to a certain place but will worship in _____ and _____.

The woman longs for the Messiah to come and Jesus affirms who He is by saying, "_____".

Jesus does not tell her to keep this a secret. She rushes off to tell everyone! What does she exclaim throughout her town?

Vs. 32-34- The disciples try to persuade Jesus to eat, but what does He say?

Vs. 35- What does He mean when He tells them, "Open your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ready for harvest?"

[What does it mean that the fields are white for harvest \(John 4:35\)? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 39-42- (Another reference to the Samaritan woman). What impact has she had on the community and how?

Vs. 46-54- The faith of the royal official: Word traveled fast about Jesus and as He passed through Cana again, a royal official finds Him and pleads with Him. What was his need?

Vs. 48- Jesus seems a bit frustrated here. Why?

Vs. 50- Jesus speaks and the man _____. No questions asked. Wow! Can we have more faith like this? What did the man do and what happened to his son?

Why do you think this also changed the hearts of his entire household?

How can we be the beacon of faith like the Samaritan woman or live out our faith for our households and families like this official?

Chapter 5:

Vs. 1-16- Jesus approaches the paralyzed man at the Pool of Bethesda who had been there for 38 years. What did He ask?

What was the man's complaint and plea?

Jesus tells him _____! _____.

So, upon seeing this man, who has been paralyzed for 38 years, begin walking with his mat, how did the Jewish religious leaders react?

What!? Have we ever missed a miracle or blessing right before our own eyes because we are too fixated or busy with other things?

Why was this a problem for the Jews?

What does Jesus tell the healed man?

Vs. 16-18- What was causing the Jewish leaders so much rage against Jesus?

Vs. 19-24- Jesus explains His relationship with His Father. What does He say in each verse?

Vs. 19-

Vs. 20-

Vs. 21-

Vs. 22-

Vs. 23-

Vs. 24- Jot this down to remember:

This sounds so simple, yet this has continued to challenge people's will for centuries. Why is this so hard for people to believe or understand sometimes?

Vs. 27-30- The Son will pass judgment. [What does the Bible teach about Jesus as judge? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

(Bible Notes- The parallel between the Son and the Father is continually asserted by John. Never is the Son purported to be in charge of the Father, but He is sent by the Father, obedient to the Father, committed to glorifying the Father (5:23,27,30; 6:44; 8:28-29). The Son was given power by the Father to render judgment (5:27). Jesus describes His relationship with the Father as being one in which He is ontologically (of the same essence or being) equal with the Father yet *functionally* subordinate to Him.)

Why will Jesus, the Son, be the one to pass judgement?

Upon hearing His voice, what does Jesus say will happen?

Vs. 29- When this speaks of good things done and bad things done, some may think this contradicts verse 24 or John 3:16-17, among other verses. [What does it mean that good works are the result of salvation? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

(Bible Notes- Human action is a manifestation of human commitment (vs 29; see also Eph 2:10; Jms 2:14-17). But there is no hint of salvation by works. These verses are among the few eschatological references in John. The idea is that human works simply bear testimony to decisions in the hearts of individuals-whether to follow righteousness or wickedness).

Vs. 30- What does Jesus explain?

In verses 36-37, what does Jesus explain?

Vs. 38-40- What does Jesus tell these leaders?

Vs. 41-43- Back to the heart of the matter: What does Jesus say?

Vs. 45-47- Jesus digs into the core of their beliefs by bringing up who?

Why?

Chapter 6:

Vs. 1-15- Feeding of the 5000:

Why had so many people gathered?

Why did Jesus ask Philip where they could buy bread for the crowd?

Who found the boy and what did he have?

How many baskets of leftovers did they clean up?

The crowd marveled at His power and wanted to take Him by force to be _____.

Knowing this, what did Jesus do?

Vs. 16-21- Jesus walks on water: The disciples boarded their boat while Jesus was away.

Describe what happens:

Vs. 25-33- The crowd finds Him again the next day. Jesus knows why they are searching for Him. What does He say?

So, Jesus met a need. Do we sometimes seek God only to fulfill our needs or wants rather than also to relish in His glory and show gratitude for all He does and for who He is?

Jesus explains that perishable food is not what they need. What does He say?

Vs. 29- This is an important verse: Jot this down:

What is His point, again, in this verse?

Vs. 30-40- Bread of Life:

Vs. 30- What do the people think of Him?

What sign did they bring up from their forefathers?

Vs. 33-Jot this down:

Why do you think Jesus uses the metaphor of 'bread' to the crowd?

Vs. 35- He mentions no one will be _____ or _____ again if they come to Him.

What is He telling them by referencing these needs?

[What did Jesus mean when He said, "I am the Bread of Life" \(John 6:35\)? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 36-37- Jesus points out that many who have seen His signs still do not believe. But what of those who do believe? (Jot verse 37 down).

Vs. 38-39- What is the ultimate plan of God through Jesus? (These verses are huge points!)

Vs. 40- Jot this down:

Vs. 41-42- What was so confusing for some in the Jews?

Vs. 43-45- Who draws people to Jesus? _____ Jesus quotes Isaiah 54:13. What is He claiming here?

Vs. 46- What does Jesus claim?

Vs. 47-48- What is Jesus assuring people of in these verses?

Recognize here: Jesus continually emphasizes that He is life. This is critical to remember when looking at salvation. He is claiming that He is the One who gives eternal life.

Vs. 49-50- What comparison does He give to explain this again?

Vs. 51- Jesus says, “The bread that I will give for the life of the world is _____.”

Vs. 52-58- Jesus freaks out a lot of people saying these things. Some think He is speaking literally about eating His flesh. Jesus continues with the metaphor of food for hunger and drink for thirst (life giving sustenance given through only Himself), but now He gets even more vivid in His explanation. Here is more information pertaining to these verses:

[What did Jesus mean when He said we must eat His flesh and drink His blood? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

(Also, for a review of Levitical Law and why blood was required, read this information).

[Why did the sacrificial system require a blood sacrifice? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

What is His main point in giving this vivid depiction of Himself?

Vs. 58- He, again, contrasts Himself to what? Why?

Vs. 60-62- Jesus, knowing even His disciples were struggling with this message, confronts them with questions and clarification. What does He ask?

Vs. 63- Jesus says, “The _____ is the One who gives life. The _____ doesn’t help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are _____ and are _____.”

Vs. 66- What outcome resulted from this teaching?

Jesus directs a question to the twelve disciples. What does He ask?

Peter may not understand everything Jesus is saying at this moment, but he knows one thing for certain. What does he say?

Vs. 70-71- We get a foreshadowing of things to come. Who is mentioned?

[Why did Jesus choose Judas? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Chapter 7:

Vs. 1-5- Jesus heads back to His home in Galilee since Jews in Judea were trying to _____ Him.

What did Jesus' brothers want Him to do in Judea and why?

Can you understand His brothers' confusion and cynicism? Why or why not?

[Did Jesus have brothers and sisters \(siblings\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

What was happening in Judea?

(Bible Notes- Festival of Tabernacles- celebrated on the 15th day of the seventh month and beginning five days after the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) for seven days. Each family would gather in Jerusalem and build temporary shelters in which they would live the entire festival. These shelters were symbolic of the years spent wandering the desert after leaving slavery in Egypt. These dwellings represent shelter and protection. The festival was a time of thanksgiving for the harvest that marked their transition from nomadic living to more permanent housing in their own land.)

[What are the different Jewish festivals in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 6-13- Why doesn't Jesus go to the festival with His brothers?

He does end up going, but how?

Vs. 12-13- What were the differing views about Jesus?

Vs. 14- So much for secrecy now! When the festival is half over, (a few days in), where did Jesus go and what does He do?

Vs. 15- What amazes people?

Vs. 16- From where did Jesus say His knowledge comes?

Vs. 17-18- So, we should not seek our own _____, but should glorify _____ in what we do.

Vs. 19- Jesus point out their hypocrisy. What does He say?

Vs. 21-23- Jesus points out their hypocrisy regarding the Sabbath. What example does He give?

Vs. 25-27- There is confusion among people in the crowd. What were they asking?

Vs. 28-29- From where does Jesus say He is from and what hard truth does He give this crowd?

Why couldn't He be seized?

Vs. 31- Not everyone was against Him. Many did believe. What convincing point did they make?

Vs. 32- Who beckons the police to have Him arrested?

Vs. 33-34- What does Jesus say to them?

Vs. 37- The last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stands up and makes powerful claims. What does He say?

(Bible Notes- Living water was imagery Jesus took from the Old Testament (Is 32:15; 44:3; Ezk 39:29; Jl 2:28-32) to use as a metaphor for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be poured out on the disciples after Jesus' death and resurrection.)

[How will rivers of living water flow from believers \(John 7:38\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

(Bible Notes- Rituals accompanying the feasts often included the pouring out of water to picture God's provision of water to the people during their wandering in the wilderness (Ex 17:6) and in times of drought in the land (1Kg 18:45). This provision of water was temporary relief to their thirst. Therefore, considering their life in an arid, desert terrain, the people would understand the metaphor of Jesus' offer of their-quenching water as ultimate sustenance and satisfaction.)

Vs. 40-44- The curiosity and questions begin to surge through the crowd. What were some differing viewpoints?

Vs. 43- Division occurred among the crowd. How common has this been throughout history and even today?

Vs. 45-46- Why wouldn't the police arrest Him?

47-49- What was the general attitude of the Pharisees and high priests?

Do we see "intellectuals" treat believers like this today at times?

Vs. 50- Who speaks up to the Pharisees and what does he say?

Chapter 8:

Vs. 1-11- (Some manuscripts omit this bracketed text) The next morning at dawn the crowds arrive to hear Him again. What happens as He is teaching?

What did the Law (Dt. 22:22-24) say should happen for such a sin?

How does Jesus respond?

Wow! What do we learn from this incredible scene?

[Does John 7:53-8:11 belong in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[Does the inerrancy of the Bible only apply to the original manuscripts? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 12- Jesus teaches through metaphor again. What does He claim?

“I am the _____ of the _____. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the _____ but will have the _____ of _____.”

Vs. 13- Confronted by Pharisees again: What do the Pharisees tell Him?

Of what does Jesus accuse them?

Vs. 16-18- Jesus describes how He and the Father _____ together. He refers to Scripture in what way and why?

Vs. 19-20- They ask Him, “Where is Your Father?” What does He say?

Vs. 21-24 - Bad news for these guys: What does Jesus explain to them?

Vs. 25- They are still confused! What do they ask?

Vs. 27- What was confusing them?

Vs. 28- What is Jesus foretelling here?

Vs. 30-32- Jesus acknowledges those who believed Him. What does He say makes a disciple?

Vs. 33-36- What does Jesus say people are slaves to? _____ Who sets people free from sin?

Vs. 39-41- Who do they say is their father?

Jesus rebuts this saying what?

(Read Genesis 15:6- What does the say about Abraham?) What was Jesus' point?

Vs. 40- What does Jesus accuse them of?

Vs. 42- If God were truly their Father, how would they react to Jesus?

Vs. 44- Who does Jesus say is their father? (Ouch!)

Why does He say this?

[Who/what is Satan? Who/what is the devil? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 47- Why does He say they don't listen?

Vs. 48- Of what do they accuse Him?

Vs. 50-51- Jesus makes a powerful claim. What does He say of those who believe in Him?

(Bible Notes- The Jews had no understanding of eternal life and considered that concept ridiculous and nonsensical. Jesus distinguished between physical death and spiritual death and simply affirmed that one who believed in Him would not suffer spiritual death but would in fact inherit life everlasting (v 52; see also Rev 2:11; 20:6)

Vs. 52-53- The Jews reference the deaths of who?

Vs. 54-55- These Jews claim to know God, but what does Jesus say about that and why?

Vs. 56-58- Jesus then refers to Abraham as if He knows him and he is living. This really confuses them. What do they say?

Showstopper: How does Jesus reply?

What is significant about His statement and what was the reaction of the Jews?

(Bible Notes- “I Am” in the Jewish mind was recognized as a title of deity (Ex: 3:14)

Chapter 9:

Vs. 1-12- Healing of the blind man:

Vs. 1-2- As Jesus and His disciples are passing by a blind man and beggar, what do the disciples ask Jesus about his condition?

What did Jesus say?

Have you ever thought of ailments in this way?

Vs. 4-5- Jesus explains, again, His purposes. What was He here to do?

How does Jesus refer to Himself?

Vs. 6- How does Jesus heal this man and where does He tell him to go?

[The Pool of Siloam \(Episode 9\) - City of David: Bringing the Bible to Life - Bing video](#)

The man does exactly what Jesus says and is healed! What did others ask?

Vs. 13-34- People bring the healed man before the Pharisees. The man insists he is the one and tells them exactly what happened. Why is this healing a problem?

Vs. 16- After hearing of this miracle, the Pharisees were divided. What were their different perspectives?

The Jews didn't believe the healed man so who did they bring in for further testimony?

The parents verify he is their son but deferred the questions back to their son. Why?

Vs. 24- Again, they bring the man back in for questioning and the man insists he has already told them the whole story. Who did the Pharisees want him to give glory to?

What did they accuse Jesus of being?

Vs. 25- How does the man reply?

Vs. 28- Who did the Pharisees hold as authoritative?

The man expresses his amazement at a few things in vs. 30-33. List them:

Vs. 34- How do the Pharisees respond?

Vs. 35-41- Jesus hears what has happened to the man. He finds him and what does He ask him?

Jesus clarifies that He is the Son of Man, and what does the man do?

Vs. 39-41-Tough verses: What does Jesus say?

[What is spiritual blindness? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Chapter 10:

Vs. 1-5- The Good Shepherd: Jesus uses the metaphor of shepherd and sheep. Summarize:

Vs. 6-11- Jesus breaks this down to clear up any confusion. Explain:

Vs. 7-

Vs. 8-

Vs. 9-

Vs. 10-

Vs. 11-

Vs. 12-14- Contrary to hired hands who do not have a personal investment in the sheep, how does Jesus describe Himself to the “sheep”?

Vs. 15- When He says, “I know My sheep, as the Father knows Me and I know the Father”, what type of relationship and connection is He explaining?

What will He ultimately do for His sheep?

Vs. 16- Who are the other sheep not of this fold and what must He do for them?

(Bible Notes- The *other sheep that are not of this fold* is a reference to the Gentiles who were not of the “fold” of Judaism (Jn10:16). Gentiles as well as Jews would share in the salvation He brought and would be under one Shepherd.)

Vs. 17- Jesus states why the Father loves Him. What does He say?

Vs. 18- What is Jesus very clear about here?

Vs. 19-21- What do we see happening with the Jews and why?

Vs. 22- Festival of Dedication: [What is the Feast of Dedication? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

[The Deeper Meaning of the Feast of Dedication - Beit Hallel Israel \(beithallel-israel.org\)](http://beithallel-israel.org)

Vs. 24- Jews surround Jesus and what do they ask?

Vs. 25-30- Probably not the answer they wanted: What does Jesus tell them?

What does Jesus give to His sheep, those who hear His voice and recognize Him as their Shepherd?

Vs. 28-29- What does He state specifically about this eternal life for His sheep?

What peace can we rest in when we read these words of Jesus?

Vs. 30- What does He say again here?

Vs. 31- Upon hearing all of this, what is the reaction of the Jews?

Vs. 32-33- Why do they say He should be stoned?

(Side note: Many people and religions around the world will acknowledge Jesus as a “good teacher” or “good prophet”, but they will not acknowledge His deity, as God in human flesh who came to be THE FINAL sacrifice and save all people. In reading verse 33, among many others, how can anyone justify His “goodness” if these were the claims He was making? It’s been written and argued over the years that Jesus could only be one of the following based on His teaching- Liar, Lunatic, or Lord. There is no way to marry all He said and the life He lived by simply calling Him a “good” example, etc. Something to ponder. Either He was who He said He was, or He wasn’t. He cannot just be a “good teacher” or “good prophet”.)

Vs. 37-38 –What does He say to try to make them listen to reason?

Vs. 39-42- Jesus eludes their grasp and departs that region. Crowds continued to come to Him and many _____ in Him there.

Chapter 11: Lazarus, Mary, and Martha:

Vs. 1-6- Who was sick? _____ Which Mary was this?

They send a messenger to Jesus with the news, and what does Jesus do?

(Do you ever feel like Jesus pauses and waits when you bring your prayers to Him? It can be difficult to trust in His timing, but we can rest assured, He knows, He listens, He feels our pain, and He walks in it with us.)

Vs. 8-11- The disciples feared for Jesus if He returned to Judea. Why did Jesus say they were going back?

Vs. 12-15- The disciples did not quite understand so Jesus clears things up. What's the plan?

Vs. 17- When Jesus arrived, how long had Lazarus been in the tomb?

Vs. 21- Martha meets Him and what does she say?

Wow! What strong faith she had! What can we learn from Martha here?

Vs. 22-27- Jesus tells her, "Your brother will _____". Martha thinks He is speaking of eternal resurrection in the last days, but what does Jesus say to her? "I am the _____ and the _____. The one who _____ in Me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and _____ in Me will never die-ever."

Vs. 28-32- Martha goes to tell Mary that Jesus is here. What is Mary's reaction to Jesus?

An emotional scene: Why do you think Jesus felt these emotions if He knew the outcome?

Is this reassuring to see that Jesus is ok with us bringing our frustrations and questions and anger to Him? He can handle it and ultimately has our own good in mind, even when we can't see it. Thoughts?

Vs. 39-46- Jesus asks that the stone be removed. What was Martha's first concern?

Jesus speaks to God in front of everyone. Why does He say He is praying aloud?

Vs. 43-44- He tells Lazarus to come out. Does this seem like a scene from a horror movie?

It doesn't say, but how would you narrate Lazarus' words at this moment?

Many people saw this and _____ in Him. But what did others do?

Vs. 47-57- Upon hearing of this amazing miracle, how did these religious leaders respond?

Who was Caiaphas?

[Who was Caiaphas in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 50-52- How did God use him to prophecy about Jesus?

So, from that day on, the day they heard Jesus raised a man from the dead who had been in the tomb four days, they plotted to _____ Him.

Chapter 12:

Vs. 1-11- Dinner with Lazarus: Why was Mary's use of the fragrant oil such a big deal to Judas?

What information does John include about Judas commenting about concern for the poor?

What does Jesus say Mary is doing?

The chief priests learn of a crowd at Lazarus' house, people wanting to see him and Jesus. (Was probably quite a dinner party given the previous situation Lazarus found himself in). What did the chief priests conspire to do and why?

Vs. 12-18- Entry into Jerusalem: The people are shouting words from Psalm 118:25-26 and John also references the prophecy from Zch. 9:9. As John included these prophecies in his book, what does he openly admit in verse 16?

Vs. 17-19- What is the crowd from Lazarus' resurrection still testifying about?

The Pharisees attempts to dissuade people from Jesus is not working. What do they admit?

(Bible Notes- Upon seeing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the Pharisees exclaimed that *the world has gone after Him!* (v. 19), a unique note from John, which prepares the way for his mention of the Greeks who came to Jesus. These "Greeks" may have been God-fearing men like Cornelius (Ac 10) or proselytes. The designation is one generally inclusive of Gentiles. The raising of Lazarus from the dead had far-reaching effects. Certainly these words offered a prophetic voice of what would come through Jesus' atonement for the sins of the world—Jews and Gentiles (Jn 12:32).

Vs. 20- Word travels fast! Who is mentioned here that wants to meet and worship Jesus?

Vs. 23- As Philip and Andrew go to tell Jesus, what words does He speak?

Vs. 24-25- What metaphor does Jesus use to explain what He must do?

What is significant about it?

How does this explain what Jesus will do?

Vs. 25- Jesus does not mean to literally hate your life. What is His point?

[What did Jesus mean when He said that he who loves his life will lose it \(John 12:25\)? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 26- God will _____ those who follow Jesus.

Vs. 27-28- Here begins the depiction of Jesus' turmoil of knowing what is to come. Despite the pain of what will come, who will be glorified?

Can we learn to believe like this and trust God in ALL circumstances?

Vs. 28-29- Then came a voice from heaven: what does it say?

What did the people think they heard?

Obviously, this was an audible sound. What a powerful moment!

Vs. 30- For whose benefit was the voice from heaven?

Vs. 31- Who is "the ruler of this world" and what will happen to him?

Vs. 32- What does Jesus say will happen to Him and why?

What is significant about Jesus including the phrase "all people"?

Vs. 34-36- The crowd continues to ask Him questions. What did they ask in verse 34?

(Read Daniel 7:13-14- Son of Man)

For those that knew the scriptures, how was the Son of Man described?

[What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of Man? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/What-does-it-mean-that-Jesus-is-the-Son-of-Man?)

This doesn't sit well with the religious leaders. How does Jesus describe Himself in verses 35-36?

Vs. 37-41- What prophecies were fulfilled and why? (Read: Isaiah 53:1 and Isaiah 6:10).

[What are the causes and solutions for a hardened heart? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/What-are-the-causes-and-solutions-for-a-hardened-heart?)

Vs. 42-43- Not everyone questioned Him. Some believed, but what hindered them?

Can you understand their fears?

According to verse 43, maybe their hearts had other issues. What does John say was the bigger concern?

Vs. 44-50- Jesus speaks again: Who does Jesus say sent Him?

Who do they ultimately believe in when they put their belief in Him?

Who do they see when they see Him?

Vs. 47- For what reason did Jesus come into the world?

Whose words does He speak?

Ponder: If you had been in that crowd listening to Jesus, do you think you would have believed Him?

Chapter 13:

Vs 1- Jot down the second half of this verse and let it soak in:

Vs. 2- What is made clear?

Vs. 3- This is important. Jot this verse down:

Vs. 4-10- What act of love and humility did He perform?

Vs. 7- He knew they wouldn't understand yet. Why did Simon Peter initially refuse?

Vs. 8-9- How does Jesus reply to Simon Peter and how does Peter's reaction change?

Vs. 14-15- Jesus explains His reason for this act. What was His point?

Vs. 16-17- Why is this concept so important?

Vs. 18- Psalm 41:9 is referenced here. To whom is He referring?

Vs. 19- Why is Jesus spelling this out?

Does this lead you to think that even His 12 closest followers still didn't understand it all and He knew it?

Vs. 21- What does Jesus announce?

A disturbing dinner moment. What did the disciples do?

Who is revealed as the betrayer of Jesus?

Who enters Judas? _____ So, there is no doubt this is a spiritual battle!

[What does "Satan entered into him" mean regarding Judas in John 13:27? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/John-13-27-Satan-entered-into-him)

Vs. 27- At the end of this verse, what does Jesus tell Judas?

Vs. 28-29- The others who sat at the table and watched this exchange still had no idea why He was saying these things. What did the others assume Jesus was telling Judas to do?

This is the beginning of a very long night!

Vs. 31-38- Jesus explains that He is glorified and God is glorified in Him. He tells them He has little time left with them. How does He address them in verse 33 and why?

What is Jesus' command and why?

Peter asks Jesus where He is going. We get the sense of their confusion here. What does Jesus tell him?

Vs. 37- What does Peter declare?

Vs. 38- Brutal truth: What does Jesus let Peter know?

Now Peter must have been terribly confused and upset!

What does this tell us about Jesus, knowing with certainty what will happen, yet loving Peter (us) anyway?

Chapter 14:

Vs. 1-3- Jesus reassures these followers. What comfort does He offer?

Vs. 5-6- Confused by what Jesus is saying, Thomas expresses concern, not knowing where He is going. What does Jesus say? (Jot this down!)

Vs. 7- To know Jesus is to know who? _____ To see Jesus is to see who? _____

Vs. 8-9- Philip wants Jesus to _____ him the Father. How does Jesus reply?

Vs. 10-11- Jesus explains His unity with God. Summarize:

Vs. 12-14- Why does Jesus do works and allow others to do works through Him?

Vs. 15- What does Jesus expect of those who love Him?

Vs. 16-17- What comfort does Jesus give them?

[What are the names and titles of the Holy Spirit? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 18- A loving promise. What does He say?

Vs. 19- What does Jesus reveal to them?

Vs. 23- What hope does Jesus give those who love Him?

Vs. 25-26- Jesus teaches these things specifically to the disciples, but when He is gone, who will come to teach and remind them of all these things?

Vs. 27- What will He leave them?

Vs. 29- Why is He explaining all of this?

Vs. 30-What does He clarify here?

Vs. 31- Jesus states why He willingly will do this. What does He say?

Chapter 15:

Vs. 1-8- The Vineyard Keeper, the Vine, and the branches: Jesus speaks in metaphors so the disciples will understand. What is the symbolism here?

What happens to those branches that produce fruit, and what enables them to produce such fruit?

When He speaks of those who do not remain in Him it looks bleak. What does this clarify?

[What did Jesus mean when He said, “I am the True Vine” \(John 15:1\)? | GotQuestions.org](#)

Vs. 9-” As the Father has _____ Me, I have also _____ you. _____ in My _____.” This sounds so beautiful and simple. Why is this so hard for mankind?

Why do you think following His commands shows love?

Vs. 11- What does He want for us?

Vs. 12-13- The kind of love Jesus refers to is a deep, personal love. There is no greater love than this: (vs 13-Jot this down)

Vs. 14-15- What does Jesus clarify here?

Vs. 16- He sets the record straight. What does He say?

Vs. 17- What are they (we) to do?

What is His command?

Vs. 18-21- Jesus prepares the disciples (and all believers) for what?

Why will the world treat believers in such a way?

Vs. 22-24- What does Jesus say here that clarifies whom He hold accountable and why?

He quotes Psalm 69:4. What does this reveal?

Vs. 26-27- What will the Spirit do?

What makes the testimony of the disciples so compelling?

Chapter 16:

Vs. 1-4- A tough talk! What types of things does Jesus prepare the disciples for?

Why is He telling them these things?

Vs. 5-6- After Jesus give warning of these bleak outcomes, He understands their emotions. What does He say?

Who will He send once He's gone?

Vs. 8-10- When the Counselor comes, what three things will He come to do and why?

Vs. 12-15- What assurance can the disciples and all believers take away from these verses about the Spirit?

[What does the Holy Spirit do? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 16-18- This pronouncement throws everyone off. None of His followers know what He is talking about. What does this mean?

Vs. 19-Jesus knew their confusion. Does this give you comfort knowing that He already knows what troubles us, our doubts, our fears, and our joys? Why or why not?

What big emotions does He prepare them for?

Vs. 20- What does He mean when He says, "I assure you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice?" What does He mean when He says, "Your sorrow will turn to joy"?

Vs. 22- What assurance does He give them?

[What did Jesus mean when He said He would give us “whatever you ask in my name”? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

Vs. 27-28- Why does the Father love believers?

Vs. 29-32- The disciples feel better for about one minute but then He drops another bombshell. What does He reveal to them?

How does He reassure them?

Vs. 33- Digest that! I love how He speaks in past tense even though He has not finished His task yet. So powerful! Jot this down to remember!

Chapter 17:

Jesus and His disciples continue their meal together in the upper room of the house.

Jesus prays:

Vs. 1-3- Jesus’ prayer: What does He express in each verse?

Vs. 1-

Vs. 2-

Vs. 3-

Vs. 4-

Vs. 5-

Vs. 6-19- Jesus prays for His disciples: What sets the disciples apart?

Vs. 11- What does Jesus pray over them?

Vs. 12- This verse says, “While I was with them, I was protecting them by Your name that You have given Me. I guarded them and not one of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture may be fulfilled.” Who is the son of destruction He refers to?

Vs. 13- What else is very specific here that Jesus wants for them?

Vs. 15- From whom does He pray for their protection?

What is truth according to verse 17?

Vs. 20-22- Jesus prays for all believers. He was thinking of us, too, during this prayer. What does He desire for all believers?

Vs. 23- What is His heart’s desire?

Vs. 24- How does this verse also confirm Jesus’ claim of deity?

Vs. 26- What does Jesus ultimately want to make known?

Pause and reflect on the words Jesus Himself prayed over us as believers. He desires us to be with Him. He desires for us to know Him in all His glory and to know the Father. He wants everyone to have the love of God “in them”, not just an acknowledged love, but a truly immersive love, one that Christ accomplished on the cross. What a gift!

Write down your big take-aways from this prayer and what we should imitate or replicate when we pray:

Chapter 18:

John does not give the details of Jesus' prayer and anguish in the garden but jumps right to Judas' betrayal and the mob's arrival at the garden.

Vs. 4- This verse prefaces the entire narrative with a very important fact. What is it?

Vs. 8-9- Jesus willingly addresses the mob, but who was He seeking to remove from this mob?

Vs. 10- Peter reacts immediately and impulsively. What does he do?

Explain Jesus' reaction:

Vs. 12-14- Jesus is taken by the mob. John's account mention Annas. Who was he?

(Bible Notes- Since Jewish law claimed that the role of high priest was held for life, Annas still exercised authority and influence.)

Vs. 15-17- Peter and another disciple who was an acquaintance of the high priest, follow Jesus.

John also records Peter's denials of Jesus before the rooster crows. As this is happening Jesus is being questioned. This account does mention some comments and questions from Jesus. What does He say?

(Bible Notes: The identity of another disciple (18:15) is not stated in Scripture. Some have speculated that it may have been Joseph of Arimathea or Nicodemus, who helped bury Jesus. However, the person most often identified in this way in the book of John seems to be John himself. In any case, this individual had the distinction of being known by the high priest.)

Vs. 24-27- They transfer Jesus from Annas to Caiaphas. Peter, again, is noticed by servants within the courtyard. Unfortunately, what does he do?

Vs. 28- Caiaphas then sends Him to the governor's headquarters. Who was the governor?

(Bible Notes: Although the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court, had the authority to assess the death penalty, they could not carry out executions without the approval of the Roman government.)

Vs. 29-31- Jesus speaks with Pilate: Why couldn't the high priests just deal with this on their own as Pilate suggests?

Vs. 32- What does John note here?

Vs. 36- What does Jesus reply to Pilate's question?

Vs. 37- What does Jesus explain to Pilate in their brief exchange?

Vs. 38-40- John gives a briefer view of Pilate's proposal of prisoner release and questioning the chief priests. None-the-less, who do they want released?

Chapter 19:

Vs. 1- Jesus was flogged. (Bible Notes- This is a cruel and inhumane punishment in which the victim was bound to a post with the skin of his back fully exposed and then whipped 39 times- 13 blows to the chest and 26 to the back. The leather whip had pieces of bone and lead interwoven. The flesh was torn, and the ordeal served to hasten death.)

[The Roman Act of Flogging - 24 Hours That Changed The World - Bing video](#) (1 min)

Vs. 2-7- Pilate thought that would suffice, but not so. After being mocked, slapped, beaten, flogged, crowned with thorns, and having a purple robe thrown over His open wounds, Jesus is brought out by Pilate again to the crowd. What does Pilate keep saying?

What did the chief priests tell Pilate Jesus' main offense was in vs 7?

Vs. 8-9- How did Pilate respond and what did he do?

Vs. 11- What does Jesus finally say to Pilate?

After several arguments and attempts to release Jesus, Pilate finally turns Him over to be crucified at the urging of the Jews.

Vs. 17-30- The cross: The sign Pilate placed above Jesus' cross was written in what 3 languages?

(Bible Notes: Writing in these three languages only enhanced the importance of Jesus' death having universal influence. Hebrew was the language spoken by the Jews. Latin was the language of Rome, and Greek was the language of the marketplace and eastern provinces of the empire.)

Vs. 23-24- This fulfills the prophecy in Psalm 22:18. What is this regarding?

Vs. 25-27- John writes of Jesus' concern for who? _____ What is beautiful about this brief exchange?

Who did He say was her son now and would have care for her?

What were Jesus' final words?

(Bible Notes: It is finished is from the Greek word *tetelestai*, "accomplished, completed, fulfilled". The verb is the perfect tense, signifying something accomplished in the past with continuing results in the present and future.)

[What did Jesus say on the cross? | 7 Powerful Statements \(soh.church\)](#)

Vs. 31-37- Why did they need to hasten the deaths of these men and how did they traditionally do this?

John specifically says the scriptures were fulfilled so people will know He was telling the truth and so others would believe.

See: Exodus 12:46, Numbers 9:12, Psalm 34:20 - What do these discuss?

See: Zechariah 12:10- What does this say?

Why is it so important to understand the significance of these prophecies being fulfilled?

Vs. 38-42- These verses also verify who helped bury Jesus. Who were they and what did they do?

(Bible Notes: Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in all the Gospels (v. 38; Mt 27: 57-60; Mk 15: 42-46; Lk 23:50-56). He was wealthy, a member of the Sanhedrin, a God-fearing man, and in the end a follower of Christ. His daring request became a public confession of his faith in Christ (Jn 19:38). Joseph and Nicodemus (v. 39), as members of the Jewish “supreme court”, had much more to lose than most of the other followers of Jesus. With the Jews’ hostility toward Jesus, even their lives, not to mention livelihoods and reputations, were on the line.)

Chapter 20:

Vs. 1-2- Early this Sunday morning, while it was still dark, who does John say saw the stone rolled away? _____ What did she immediately do and think?

(Bible Notes: John devotes more space to the resurrection account than any of the other Gospel writers. In this chapter, Peter and John (“the one Jesus loved”) are juxtaposed. Both of them ran to the tomb and found it empty, but only the beloved disciple *saw, and believed* (v3-10). The rest of the chapter spotlights the interaction between Mary and Jesus (v11-18) and between the disciples and Jesus (v19-29). The visit from the women occurred early on Sunday morning. John mentioned only Mary Magdalene, but others are noted in the Synoptic Gospels (v.1; Mt 28:1; Mk 16:1; Lk 24:10). *The other disciple* (Jn 20:3) seems to be the Apostle John, who spoke of himself humbly in this way.)

Vs. 3-10- “The other disciple, the one Jesus loved”; to whom is this referring?

These two men run back to the tomb with Mary and what do they notice?

What does verse 8 tell us about John?

Vs. 9- What did they not yet understand?

Vs. 11-18- Mary could not bring herself to leave and she stayed there facing the tomb and crying. What did she see when she looked inside the tomb again?

Then she turns as another asks her, “Why are you crying?” Who was it?

15-16- She doesn’t immediately recognize Him. When does she finally know it is Jesus?

Vs. 17- Jesus says, “Do not cling to Me for I have not yet ascended to My Father”. (Bible Notes- He was not concerned about being touched since He asked Thomas to touch Him, (vs.27). Rather, He wanted Mary to realize that He was there only temporarily.)

Vs. 18- Who does she immediately go tell?

Vs. 19-22- Why were they sitting behind locked doors?

Jesus suddenly appears to them and what does He show them?

How did He bestow the Holy Spirit onto them?

(Bible Notes: Old Testament Imagery (Gn. 2:7, Ezk 37:9). Christ imparted spiritual life in the same way God gave physical life to Adam). Again, showing His deity.

Vs. 24-25- Doubting Thomas: Despite every one of his closest friends relaying the story of this encounter with the risen Christ, what does Thomas say since he was not a witness to these events?

Do you know people like this, and can you understand this perspective?

Notice, 8 days later, Jesus appears again and confronts Thomas personally. Now what is Thomas’ reaction?

Jesus shows patience and understanding for doubters. Why?

Who does Jesus say are blessed?

Vs. 30-31- John writes his objective here. What is his ultimate purpose?

Chapter 21:

Vs. 1-6- As the disciples were fishing, they experience Jesus’ powerful intervention. What does Jesus ask them to do in order to catch fish and what ends up happening?

(Bible Notes- Important highlights of this section include the similarity of the miracle of the catch of fish and the account of the initial call of the disciples recorded in Lk 5:1-11.)

Vs. 14- How many times had the Lord appeared to them at this point?

Vs. 15-19- What does Jesus ask Peter, and what does He want him to do?

[Why did Jesus tell Peter to “feed my sheep” in John 21? | GotQuestions.org](#)

What does He mean by this?

Vs. 18-19- What does Jesus tell Peter that was tough to hear?

(Bible Notes- Jesus also prophesied that Peter would die as a martyr because of his commitment to follow Christ. Many interpret *stretch out your hands* as a reference to crucifixion. According to tradition, Peter was crucified in Rome between A.D. 64 and 68, and he insisted on being crucified upside down because he did not feel worthy to die as his Savior did.)

Vs. 20-21- What is Peter's initial reaction to this news?

Do you see this as such a typical and realistic response we would have as humans? Why or why not?

Vs. 22-23- What did Jesus answer and what word spread about John?

John clarifies that rumor here. What does he clear up?

Vs. 24- John confirms that he is the one referred to in the writings and his testimony is _____.

Vs. 25- (Jot this one down). Great finisher!

[Can the various resurrection accounts from the four Gospels be harmonized? | GotQuestions.org](#)

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