

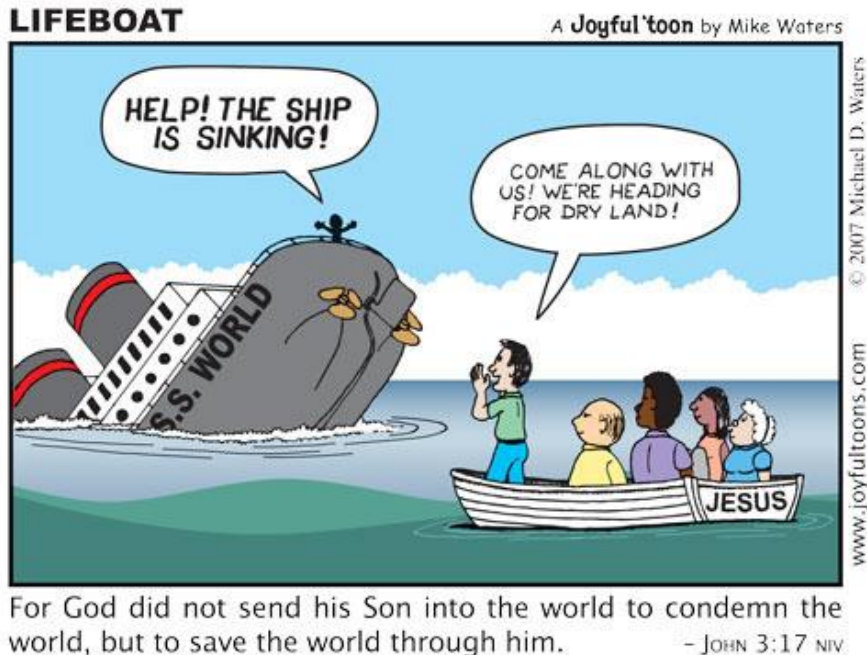


## Bible Books Chapter by Chapter Series

# JOHN

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart."

### Course Text: John



This book is about Jesus Christ. As you read this book try to answer the questions, "Who is Jesus?" and "Why did He do and say the things that He did?" If you come to a blank in the lesson materials try to fill it in. The answers are on the next page. Your answer does not have to be exactly like mine as long as its meaning is similar. It is strongly recommended that you read my notes with the answers. Of course, on those questions asking for an opinion, your answer is as good as mine, maybe better. Try to imagine what it would have been like to be the one of the various people mentioned. For instance, what would it have been like to be John the Baptist? What would you have done differently if you had been Peter? What was Pilate probably thinking? What would you have felt like if you had been the woman caught in adultery?

On the final lesson, try to leave enough time to answer the last two questions on page 44.

### Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's chapter aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

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## John Chapter 1

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[1A] John 1:1-5 What was in Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[1B] John 1:6-13 Those who receive Jesus Christ get what right? \_\_\_\_\_

[1C] John 1:14-18 Who has explained God? \_\_\_\_\_

[1D] John 1:19-23 Did John the Baptist claim to be the Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

[1E] John 1:24-28 What did John the Baptist baptize with? \_\_\_\_\_

[1F] John 1:29-34 Who baptizes in the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

[1G] John 1:36 What did John the Baptist call Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[1H] John 1:35-42 What are the names of the two disciples who follow Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[1I] John 1:40-42 Who did Andrew lead to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[1J] John 1:43 Which is the first disciple Jesus found and called? \_\_\_\_\_

[1K] John 1:40-42 Who did Philip lead to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[1L] John 1:43-49 Who did Philip say wrote about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[1M] John 1:50-51 What did Jesus promise the disciples would see? \_\_\_\_\_

[1N] In John 1:38-39 two disciples ask Jesus a question and instead of telling them the answer, He shows them the answer. This is usually how He answers me as well. I am shown more than I am told. Is this how He answers you? Why do you think He does things this way?

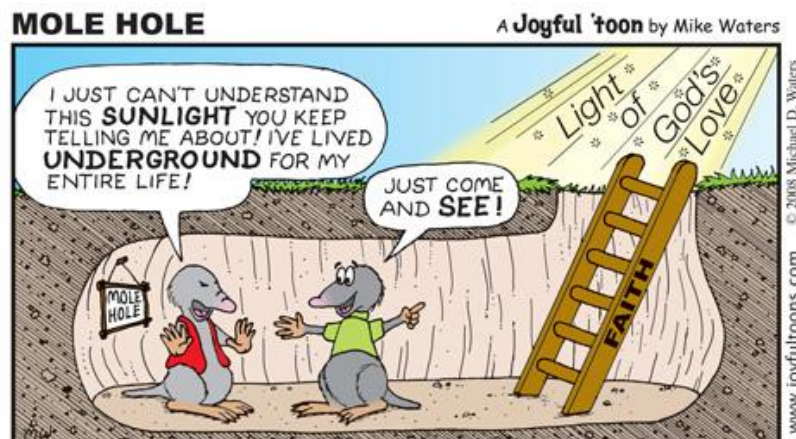
[1O] How do we know that "the Word" in John 1:1 is Jesus Christ? (Hint: John 1:14-15, 29-30)

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Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. — JOHN 1: 45-46 NIV

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## John Chapter 1

- [1A] John 1:1-5 What was in Him? The life, the light of men Jn 1:4
- [1B] John 1:6-13 Those who receive Jesus Christ get what right? The right to be children of God Jn 1:12
- [1C] John 1:14-18 Who has explained God? The only begotten god who is in the bosom of the father Jn 1:18
- [1D] John 1:19-23 Did John the Baptist claim to be the Christ? No Jn 1:20
- [1E] John 1:24-28 What did John the Baptist baptize with? Water Jn 1:26
- [1F] John 1:29-34 Who baptizes in the Holy Spirit? The one on Whom the Spirit descends Jn 1:33
- [1G] John 1:36 What did John the Baptist call Jesus? the Lamb of God Jn 1:36
- [1H] John 1:35-42 What are the names of the two disciples who follow Jesus? Andrew and Unknown. . Only one of them is named. It was probably John.
- [1I] John 1:40-42 Who did Andrew lead to Jesus? Simon Peter
- [1J] John 1:43 Which is the first disciple Jesus found and called? Philip
- [1K] John 1:40-42 Who did Philip lead to Jesus? Nathaniel.
- [1L] John 1:43-49 Who did Philip say wrote about Jesus? Moses and the Prophets Jn 1:45
- [1M] John 1:50-51 What did Jesus promise the disciples would see?  
The heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on Jesus. Jn 1:51
- [1N] Why? For the simple reason that we remember better when we are shown.
- [1O] **The Word** In John 1:29-30 John the Baptist saw Jesus and said that He has higher rank than him and existed before him. John said the same thing about "the Word" in John 1:14-15 so the Word is Jesus. It is important to notice the phrase "He existed before me." If you followed carefully the story of Jesus' and John's births in Luke 1 and 2 in lesson 1 you know that John the Baptist was born about six months after Jesus. It is also clear that John started preaching publically before Jesus, because Jesus did not start His public ministry until after John baptized Him. So "existed before me" has to mean the same thing as John 1:1 – the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, has always existed. We should listen to His words very carefully.

### For further thought:

- (1p) Thinking about John 1:1: Does the fact that the Word was both with God and was God at the same time suggest the Trinity? Why or why not?
- (1q) What does John 1:4-5 mean by "light" and "life?"
- (1r) What does John 1:14 mean when it says, "The word became flesh."
- (1s) What does John 1:18 mean by "only begotten God?"
- (1t) Compare John 1:23 with Isaiah 40:3. What did you learn?
- (1u) If someone asked you what John chapter 1 was about what would you tell them?
- (1v) What did you learn about John chapter 1 that you would like to remember?
- (1w) What verse or passage from John chapter 1 would be best to memorize? Why?
- (1x) Compare John 1:1-5 with Genesis 1:1-5 and Genesis 1:26-31. What did you learn?

### Greek Notes:

**John 1:5** says "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it," but it loses something in translation that only the Greek tenses reveal. To get the sense of the Greek tenses you have to add a lot of words in the English that are not there in the Greek, so translators are reluctant to do that. Most of the time it does not matter, and when it does, they add words in italics. It doesn't matter here either, but without it, the English reader misses something pretty. Here it is with the extra words to reveal the Greek tense: "The Light shines continually in the darkness, but the darkness does not comprehend it at all, ever, not even one little moment." Do you agree with me that this is prettier?

**John 1:11** says, "He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him." Here the gender and number of the pronouns in the Greek are hidden in the English. Again a more wordy translation to try to capture the thought more fully, "He came into His own (as in He came of age to manage His own affairs as an adult and accept His inheritance) and His own people did not recognize Him or accept Him." Does this help our understanding of the verse?

## John Chapter 2

In John chapter 2 Jesus performs his first miracle reported in this Gospel, changing water into wine. Eight of Jesus miracles are reported by John. Seven of those are not reported in the other three Gospels. John is very unique from Matthew, Mark and Luke in other ways as well:

- (I) John omits the birth, boyhood, genealogy, youth, baptism, temptation, transfiguration and ascension and begins with the fact that Jesus is the Lord.
- (II) While the others report many parables John reports only one (the Parable of the Good Shepherd) in Chapter 10 (Some scholars say the Good Shepherd is not technically "a parable.")
- (III) Only about 20 days of Christ's life are recorded. The days recorded are might not be in order.
- (IV) John uses the doubled term "Truly, truly" 25 times. The other Gospels use just "truly." The word being translated is the Hebrew word *amen*, which roughly means "that which does not change."
- (V) John uses 13 unique names for Jesus such as "Lamb of God." Keep an eye out for them.

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[2A] Matthew 10:2 Who were John's father and brother? \_\_\_\_\_

[2B] Matthew 4:18-21 What profession was John? \_\_\_\_\_

[2C] Luke 6:14-16 How far down on the list is John? \_\_\_\_\_

[2D] John 1:35-37 How many disciples of John followed Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[2E] Mark 3:17 What was Jesus' nickname for James and John? \_\_\_\_\_

[2F] Mark 1:20 Besides their father who was left in the boat? \_\_\_\_\_

[2G] John 18:15 How did "that disciple" get in? \_\_\_\_\_

[2H] John 2:1-12 What happens to the water in the pots? \_\_\_\_\_

[2I] John 2:13-17 What did He use to chase them out? \_\_\_\_\_

[2J] John 2:18-22 How many days will it take Jesus to rebuild the temple? \_\_\_\_\_

[2K] John 2:23-25 What does Jesus know? \_\_\_\_\_

[2L] In John 2:4, Jesus says to His mother, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." What was He talking about?

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## John Chapter 2

- [2A] Matthew 10:2 Who were John's father and brother? Zebedee was his father, James his brother  
His brother, James, was also a disciple of Jesus. Because James is always listed first whenever the two are named together it is presumed that James was the older of the two.
- [2B] Matthew 4:18-21 What profession was John? Fisherman
- [2C] Luke 6:14-16 How far down on the list is John? Fourth His name is always among the first 4 mentioned. (See also Matt 4:18-21, Matt 10:2)
- [2D] John 1:35-37 How many disciples of John followed Jesus? Two There are two men named John in the New Testament. This Gospel was written by the Apostle John who calls himself "the apostle whom Jesus loved" or just "that disciple." (John 21:24) In the Gospel it also talks about the other John, John the Baptist, who announced Jesus' coming as foretold at the end of the Old Testament (Malachi 3:1 and 4:5, Matthew 11:7-11). Scholars believe the Gospel of John was written by John the Apostle around 95 AD give or take ten years. They also conjecture, and I agree with them, that John the Apostle was one of the two disciples of John the Baptist mentioned in John 1:35-37.
- [2E] Mark 3:17 What was Jesus' nickname for James and John? Sons of Thunder
- [2F] Mark 1:20 Besides their father who was left in the boat? Hired servants That probably means John's family was at least upper middle class, perhaps even wealthy
- [2G] John 18:15 How did "that disciple" get in? He was known to the high priest It is generally believed that "that disciple" means John the Apostle. This is an indication that John's family was wealthy and/or influential.
- [2H] John 2:1-12 What happens to the water in the pots? It becomes very good wine Jn 2:7-10
- [2I] John 2:13-17 What did He use to chase them out? A scourge of cords Jn 2:15
- [2J] John 2:18-22 How many days will it take Jesus to rebuild the temple? Three Jn 2:19
- [2K] John 2:23-25 What does Jesus know? What is in man Jn 2:35

[2L] **A Time of Miracles** Critics often accuse Jesus of being rude to his mother here; by calling her "woman," however, as other phrases in the Bible and other Greek literature show, this is not a phrase of derision or rudeness but of loving respect. The term here is Jesus' normal, public way of addressing women. (See John 4:21, 8:10, 19:26, 20:31; Mt. 15:28; Lk. 13:12). It is also a common address in Greek literature, and never has the intent of disrespect or hostility. As for the second part of the response, it reads literally: "What to me and to you?" This phrase in the original Greek says that the speaker is being unjustly bothered or is being asked to get involved in a matter that is not their business. It can be impolite, but not always. The intent must be determined by the context. Considering He did as she wished He clearly did have respect for her.

As for the phrase, "My hour has not yet come," theologians speculate a lot about this. It could mean he was not ready to start performing miracles, but out of respect and obedience to His mother did anyway. It could mean that they were not entirely out of wine, and He was waiting until they were. (Verse 3 could also be validly translated, "when the wine was running out," or something of the sort.) It could have been that he was not yet ready to make His ministry public, and He was cautioning her to keep quiet about it until later. The fact that nobody seemed to be able to figure out where the wine came from suggests this last might be the right explanation.

### For further thought::

- (2m) In His first Miracle Jesus turns water into wine. One of the last things He did was to turn wine into blood at the last supper. Do you think there is any connection? Why or why not? (For extra fun compare this with Exodus 7:14-25 and Matthew 26:26-29)
- (2n) This is often called the first miracle of Jesus. However, there is question begging for an answer. If it is His first miracle how did Mary know He could do anything about the wine running out? (Hint: John 2:11)
- (2o) Did the wine Jesus created have any alcohol content? How do you know?
- (2p) If someone asked you what John chapter 2 was about what would you tell them?
- (2q) What verse or passage from John chapter 2 would be best to memorize? Why?

### John Chapter 3

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[3A] John 3:1-2 What was Nicodemus? \_\_\_\_\_

[3B] John 3:3 Jesus said the requirement for seeing the kingdom of God was what? \_\_\_\_\_

[3C] John 3:4-5 Jesus said the requirement for entering the kingdom of God was what?  
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[3C] John 3:6-8 That which is born of flesh is what? \_\_\_\_\_

[3D] John 3:6-8 That which is born of Spirit is what? \_\_\_\_\_

[3E] John 3:9-15 Why must the Son of Man (Jesus) be lifted up?  
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[3F] John 3:16-21 Why do men love the darkness? \_\_\_\_\_

[3G] John 3:22-30 One can receive nothing unless what? \_\_\_\_\_

[3H] John 3:31-36 What has the Father given the Son? \_\_\_\_\_

[3I] Explain John 3:16  
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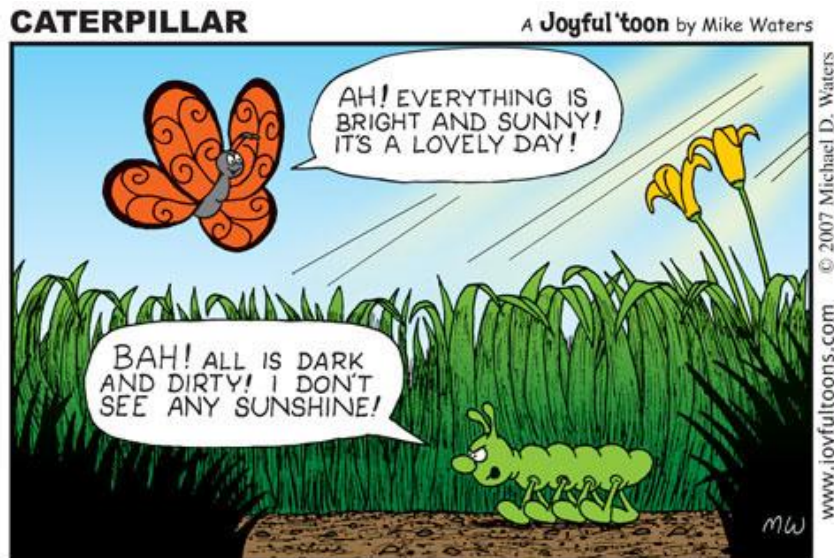
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In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." - JOHN 3:3 NIV

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**John Chapter 3**

[3A] John 3:1-2 What was Nicodemus? Ruler of the Jews Jn 3:1 No other Gospel reports so many personal conversations of Jesus. Nicodemus was a member of the Sanhedrin which was for the Jews a kind of a legislature and Supreme Court all rolled up into one. It was this Sanhedrin that held an illegal trial of Jesus with the High Priest in the middle of the night. (John 18:19-23) Most scholars believe Nicodemus was not present at the trial of Jesus. Nicodemus was also a Pharisee. These were a group within the Jews sort of like a denomination. They tried to be extra religious and follow the Old Testament laws to the letter. That is probably why he came to Jesus at night; to avoid the censure of the other Pharisees.

[3B] John 3:3 Jesus said the requirement for seeing the kingdom of God was what? Being born again

[3C] John 3:4-5 Jesus said the requirement for entering the kingdom of God was what?

Being born of water and the Spirit Jn 3:5

[3C] John 3:6-8 That which is born of flesh is what? Flesh Jn 3:6

[3D] John 3:6-8 That which is born of Spirit is what? Spirit Jn 3:6

[3E] John 3:9-15 Why must the Son of Man (Jesus) be lifted up?

So that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. Jn 3:14-15

[3F] John 3:16-21 Why do men love the darkness? Because their actions are evil Jn 3:19

The serpent story mentioned by Jesus in John 3:14 is found in Numbers 21:4-9. Why not take a look at it now and see if it helps your understanding of what Jesus is saying?

[3G] John 3:22-30 One can receive nothing unless what? It is given from heaven Jn 3:27

[3H] John 3:31-36 What has the Father given the Son? All things Jn 3:35

[3I] **Gospel in a Nutshell** God loves us. He loves us enough to give us His Son, His very special Son. If we trust the Son, we will not die, but have eternal life.

**For further thought:**

(3j) I spent some time looking carefully at the Greek version of John 3:16. Mostly it is clearly the same in Greek and English. The Greek word μονογενής translated "only begotten" or "one and only" has no equivalent in English. This is often used as a proof passage for God being the physical father of Jesus. Although, I believe this is true, that God is the physical father of Jesus, this term does not necessarily mean that here. It can mean that, but it can also mean something like "designated heir." Either way it means Jesus has all the authority over creation that God the Father does. Does it matter to you which of these ideas was meant by John? Why?

(3k) The Greek word and αἰώνιος translated "eternal" or "everlasting" in John 3:16 meant more in Greek than the English used here. We use eternal and everlasting to mean "without a time when it will end." The Greek word also carried the notion of "without a time when it began." ("Timeless" might capture the idea better in English?) Could this mean we had or will become aware of a life before our conception?

(3l) If you haven't already, read the story of Moses lifting up the serpent in Numbers 21:4-9 and consider the parallels to Jesus' teaching here, and why Jesus used it here for an illustration.

(3m) If someone asked you what John chapter 3 was about what would you tell them?

(3n) What did you learn about John chapter 3 that you would like to remember?

(3o) For many, John 3:16 is their favorite verse. Why do you think that is? Besides John 3:16 what verse or passage from John 3 would be best to memorize? Why?





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**John Chapter 4**

- [4A] John 4:1-6 Where was Jesus sitting? Jacob's well near Sychar in Samaria Jn 4:5-6 Here is another personal conversation of Jesus. Samaritans and Jews did not like each other. They had been enemies off and on for a 1,000 years.
- [4B] John 4:7 What did Jesus ask the woman to give Him? A drink of water Jn 4:7
- [4C] John 4:8 Where were the disciples when the conversation started? Grocery shopping Jn 4:8
- [4D] John 4:9-14 What happens to someone who drinks living water? He will never thirst for it again and live forever Jn 4:14
- [4E] John 4:15-18 How many times had the woman been married? Five Jn 4:18
- [4F] John 4:19-23 What is the first thing she asks Him about when she realizes He is a prophet? Where true worship should take place Jn 4:19-20 This goes all the way back to Genesis 33:20 "Then he erected there an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel. When the people came out of Egypt and possessed the land of Canaan this was where they put the tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant until David moved it to Jerusalem several hundred years later. (See Deuteronomy 11:29 & Joshua 8:33) When Solomon's son and Solomon's general led the split of the nations into Northern and Southern kingdoms, this city became the capital of the Northern Kingdom. Clearly this was still a point of division between the Samaritans (the remnant of the Northern Kingdom) and the Jews (the remnant of the Southern Kingdom.)
- [4G] John 4:24-26 Who does Jesus tell her He is? The Messiah Jn 4:26 According to the commonly held beliefs of the time it was time for the Messiah to appear. They made these calculations based on Daniel 9:25.
- [4H] John 4:27-37 What is the food that satisfies Jesus? Doing God's will and work. Jn 4:34
- [4I] John 4:39-42 What convinced the Samaritans to believe? His word Jn 4:41-42
- [4J] John 4:42-45 What did the Samaritans come to know? Jesus is the Savior of the world Jn 4:42
- [4K] John 4:46-48 How sick was the man's son? Close to death Jn 4:47 All we really know about this "nobleman" is that he was a "nobleman." This probably meant he was wealthy, influential, and belonged to the circle of friends and supporters around King Herod.
- [4L] John 4:49-50 What happened when Jesus told the man that his son was going to live? The man believed Him. Jn 4:50
- [4M] John 4:46-54 How was the boy healed? The Bible does not say how the boy was healed. This is a mystery and miracle that happens to us all the time. There are always three things going on with the miraculous answers to prayer: we pray, we trust, and God does His perfect will. The man asked Jesus, He trusted Jesus, and it was God's will that the boy live. More than that we can not say, at least, based on what the Bible says about it here
- [4N] **Testifying:** We should share our first hand testimony of God's salvation soon, enthusiastically, and often.

**For further thought:**

- (4o) What is your testimony? How did you come to know Jesus Christ and how has He changed your life?
- (4p) In John 4:10 Jesus is apparently referring to Jeremiah 2:13, where the Lord says He is the "fountain of living waters." I believe Jesus is claiming divinity here. Do you agree? Why or why not.
- (4q) Compare the conversations Jesus had with the people so far in John (Peter, Philip, Nathanael, His mother, Nicodemus, woman at the well, disciples at the well, nobleman) with conversations you have had with people. Have you ever had any that were similar to these? Are these conversations more similar to conversations you have had with people, or are they more similar to conversations you have had with God?
- (4r) I believe Jesus' knowledge of the Samaritan woman's past and His ability to heal a child from a distance are clear evidence of His Lordship. Jesus knows this history of the Samaritan woman demonstrating His omniscience., and heals the Nobleman's son without going anywhere near him, demonstrating his omnipotence and possibly his omnipresence. Jesus is Lord. Even if you agree with me that Jesus is Lord, you may not agree with my interpretation and application of these passages as good evidence of this belief. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- (4s) If you had a private conversation with Jesus, what would it be about?
- (4t) If someone asked you what John chapter 4 was about what would you tell them?
- (4u) What did you learn about John chapter 4 that you would like to remember?
- (4v) What verse or passage from John chapter 4 would be best to memorize? Why?

## John Chapter 5

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[5A] John 5:1-4 Who would be healed? \_\_\_\_\_

[5B] John 5:5 How long had he been ill? \_\_\_\_\_

[5C] John 5:6-8 What did Jesus ask the man? " \_\_\_\_\_ "

[5D] John 5:9-10 What day was it? \_\_\_\_\_

[5E] John 5:11-13 Did the man know Who had healed him? \_\_\_\_\_

[5F] John 5:14-17 What did Jesus say might happen if the man were to sin? \_\_\_\_\_

[5G] John 5:18 Who did Jesus make Himself equal to? \_\_\_\_\_

[5H] John 5:19-23 To Whom has all judgment been given? \_\_\_\_\_

[5I] John 5:24 What do people who believe God's words get?  
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[5J] John 5:25-32 Who has all authority? \_\_\_\_\_

[5K] John 5:33-38 To what does Jesus compare John the Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_

[5L] John 5:36-38 What do His works do? \_\_\_\_\_

[5M] John 5:39-42 To what do the Scriptures testify? \_\_\_\_\_

[5N] John 5:43-47 Who wrote about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[5O] In John chapter 5:31-47 Jesus calls on the testimony of witnesses for His claim of Lordship. Who are the 4 or 5 witnesses and what are their testimonies? (4 or 5 depending on how you interpret the passage.)

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I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

— JOHN 5:24 NIV

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**John Chapter 5**

- [5A] John 5:1-4 Who would be healed? The first to get in the water Jn 5:4  
[5B] John 5:5 How long had he been ill? 38 years  
[5C] John 5:6-8 What did Jesus ask the man? "Do you wish to get well?" Jn 5:6  
[5D] John 5:9-10 What day was it? Sabbath Jn 5:9  
[5E] John 5:11-13 Did the man know Who had healed him? No Jn 5:13  
[5F] John 5:14-17 What did Jesus say might happen if the man were to sin? Something worse Jn 5:14  
[5G] John 5:18 Who did Jesus make Himself equal to? God Jn 5:18  
[5H] John 5:19-23 To Whom has all judgment been given? the Son Jn 5:22  
[5I] John 5:24 What do people who believe God's words get?  
They avoid judgment and have eternal life. Jn 5:24  
[5J] John 5:25-32 Who has all authority? The Son of Man Jn 5:27  
[5K] John 5:33-38 To what does Jesus compare John the Baptist? A shining lamp Jn 5:35  
[5L] John 5:36-38 What do His works do? Testify of Him Jn 5:36  
[5M] John 5:39-42 To what do the Scriptures testify? They testify of Jesus. Jn 5:39  
[5N] John 5:43-47 Who wrote about Jesus? Moses Jn 5:46

[5O] **Testimony of Witnesses** In those days when most people were illiterate and there was no such thing a video cameras, witnesses were very important. That is what Jesus is talking about when in verse 31 He says, "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid." Then He calls on the testimony of four or five witnesses:

- [1] John the Baptist (John 5:33-35)
- [2] His own works together with the Father that are too miraculous to be human  
(John 5:36)
- [3] Old Testament. (Moses) (John 5:39 & 46)
- [4] God the Father, perhaps referring to His baptism or the transfiguration  
(John 5:37)
- [4 continued OR 5] and/or He may have been talking about the still small voice of God that is within us. (John 5:38)

**For further thought:**

- (5p) If you needed to prove you were a Christian in a court of law, who would you call as your witnesses? What evidence would you have?
- (5q) In John 5:24 Jesus makes a promise? Does this promise apply to us. What are the conditions of the promise and what do we get if we meet those conditions? Have you met those conditions? How do you know?
- (5r) Thinking about John 5:6: Why did Jesus ask Him if he wanted to get well? Wasn't that obvious?
- (5s) Thinking about John 5:13: How many people do you know who live in abundance and yet do not seem to know where it comes from?
- (5t) What does John 5:14 mean for us and our Christian walk, if anything?
- (5u) Thinking about John 5:15: Why did this man report Jesus to the authorities? Was he ungrateful?
- (5v) Does the law of testimony in Deuteronomy help your understanding of this chapter? Deut 19:15-17
- (5w) Compare the witnesses in John 5 with the witnesses in Deut 31:19-28. What did you learn?
- (5x) If someone asked you what John chapter 5 was about what would you tell them?
- (5y) What did you learn about John chapter 5 that you would like to remember?
- (5z) What verse or passage from John chapter 5 would be best to memorize? Why?

## John Chapter 6

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[6A] John 6:1-7 Why did Jesus ask Philip the question about the nearest grocery store? \_\_\_\_\_

[6B] John 6:8-14 How many baskets of left overs did they have? \_\_\_\_\_

[6C] John 6:15 What were they going to make of Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[6D] John 6:16-25 How long after He got in the boat did they arrive at their destination? \_\_\_\_\_

[6E] John 6:26-29 How may we work the works of God? \_\_\_\_\_

[6F] John 6:30-34 The bread of God comes down from heaven and does what? \_\_\_\_\_

[6G] John 6:35-36 What did Jesus say He was? \_\_\_\_\_

[6H] John 6:37-40 Who will raise believers on the last day? \_\_\_\_\_

[6I] John 6:41-44 Who will come to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[6J] John 6:45-51 What kind of bread is He? \_\_\_\_\_

[6K] John 6:52-58 Who has no life? \_\_\_\_\_

[6L] John 6:59-60 What did His disciples say about the last statement above? \_\_\_\_\_

[6M] John 6:61-65 Who gives life? \_\_\_\_\_

[6N] John 6:66-68 Why did Peter continue to follow Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[6O] John 6:69-71 What did Peter call Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[6P] When Jesus said we must eat His flesh and drink His blood, what was He talking about?

(Hint: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 20-24)

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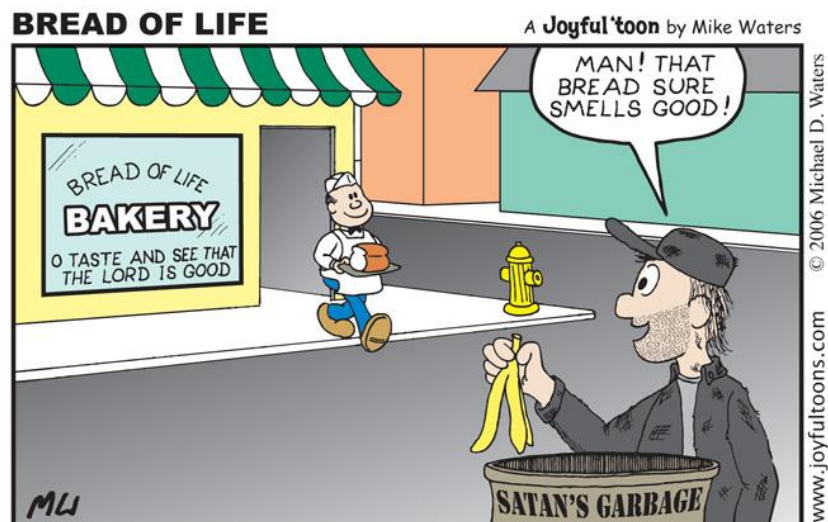
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But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. - 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 NIV

----- ANSWERS -----

**John Chapter 6**

- [6A] John 6:1-7 Why did Jesus ask Philip the question about the nearest grocery store?  
To test him Jn 6:6
- [6B] John 6:8-14 How many baskets of left overs did they have? Twelve Jn 6:13
- [6C] John 6:15 What were they going to make of Him? King
- [6D] John 6:16-25 How long after He got in the boat did they arrive at their destination?  
Instantly Jn 6:21
- [6E] John 6:26-29 How may we work the works of God?  
Believe in Him Whom He has sent. (i.e. Jesus) Jn 6:29
- [6F] John 6:30-34 The bread of God comes down from heaven and does what?  
Gives life to the world Jn 6:33
- [6G] John 6:35-36 What did Jesus say He was? The bread of life Jn 6:35 (and Jn 6:48)
- [6H] John 6:37-40 Who will raise believers on the last day? Jesus Jn 6:39
- [6I] John 6:41-44 Who will come to Jesus? Those drawn to Him by the Father Jn 6:44
- [6J] John 6:45-51 What kind of bread is He? Living bread Jn 6:51
- [6K] John 6:52-58 Who has no life? Those who do not eat His flesh and blood Jn 6:53
- [6L] John 6:59-60 What did His disciples say about the last statement above?  
It is a difficult statement Jn 6:60
- [6M] John 6:61-65 Who gives life? The Spirit Jn 6:63
- [6N] John 6:66-68 Why did Peter continue to follow Jesus?  
Because Jesus had the words of eternal life Jn 6:68
- [6O] John 6:69-71 What did Peter call Jesus? The Holy One of God Jn 6:69
- [6P] **Life and Death** He meant His death and resurrection are the means of our eternal life.

**For further thought:**

- (6q) Explain John 6:35.
- (6r) Thinking about John 6:6: What kind of test? Did Philip pass the test? Is it the same kind of test mentioned in Exodus 16:4?
- (6s) What have you already given up to follow Jesus? What has your discipleship cost you? Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing some of your closest friends? Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means alienation from your family? Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means the loss of your reputation? Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your job? Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your life?
- (6t) Compare John 6:31 with Exodus 16:15, Psalm 78:24, Psalm 105:40 and Nehemiah 9:15. What did you learn?
- (6u) Thinking about John 6:15-21: Does Psalm 107:23-32 answer the question that the disciples ask in Matthew 8:27 "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"
- (6v) Compare John 6:1-14 with 1 Kings 17:8-16, 2 Kings 4:42-44. What did you learn?
- (6w) If someone asked you what John chapter 6 was about what would you tell them?
- (6x) What did you learn about John chapter 6 that you would like to remember?
- (6y) What verse or passage from John chapter 6 would be best to memorize? Why?

**John Chapter 7**

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[7A] John 7:1-5 Did the brothers of Jesus believe in Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[7B] John 7:6-9 Why did most people hate Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[7C] John 7:10-13 Why weren't people speaking openly about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[7D] John 7:14-18 How can we know that Jesus speaks for God? \_\_\_\_\_

[7E] John 7:19-24 Jesus understood their anger to be about what? \_\_\_\_\_

[7F] John 7:25-27 Was Jesus hiding Himself from public view? \_\_\_\_\_

[7G] John 7:28-31 Who is true? \_\_\_\_\_

[7H] John 7:32-36 Who sent officers to seize Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[7I] John 7:37-39 Why was the Spirit not yet given? \_\_\_\_\_

[7J] John 7:40-44 Where did they think Jesus had been born? \_\_\_\_\_

[7K] John 7:45-53 Why did the officers not seize Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[7L] There are a number of different characters in the story in this chapter -- Jesus, His brothers, the Jews (a.k.a chief priests and Pharisees), the crowd against Him, the crowd for Him, the officers sent to arrest Him, and Nicodemus. Which one of them is most like you? Why?

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John 7:37-38

**John Chapter 7**

- [7A] John 7:1-5 Did the brothers of Jesus believe in Him? No
- [7B] John 7:6-9 Why did most people hate Jesus? Because He testifies of their evil deeds
- [7C] John 7:10-13 Why weren't people speaking openly about Jesus? Fear of the Jews
- [7D] John 7:14-18 How can we know that Jesus speaks for God? By being willing to obey God
- [7E] John 7:19-24 Jesus understood their anger to be about what? Healing on the Sabbath
- [7F] John 7:25-27 Was Jesus hiding Himself from public view? No
- [7G] John 7:28-31 Who is true? The One who sent Jesus Christ
- [7H] John 7:32-36 Who sent officers to seize Jesus? Chief priests and Pharisees
- [7I] John 7:37-39 Why was the Spirit not yet given? Christ was not yet glorified
- [7J] John 7:40-44 Where did they think Jesus had been born? Galilee but He was born in Bethlehem
- [7K] John 7:45-53 Why did the officers not seize Jesus? The way He spoke

[7L] **Life is a Stage** I want to be like Jesus, but I'm not yet. I have played all the other roles at different times in my life. I've been like His brothers and challenged the Lord to do things my way instead of His. I have been like the Jews and verbally attacked the beliefs of Christians. I've never been sent to arrest Him, but I have certainly been amazed by Him at times I least expected. I have been all across the different kinds of people in the crowd, against Him, ambivalent about Him, indifferent towards Him, confused about Him, and believing in Him, which is where I am now. I sometimes speak boldly for Him, but sadly I am still sometimes more like Nicodemus, offering only a tepid half-hearted defense of my belief in Jesus Christ.

**For Further Thought:**

- (7m) Thinking about John 7:7; Is this why the world still hates Jesus? Explain.
- (7n) In my answer above to 1D, I changed it to present tense and claimed that willingness to obey God leads to a better understanding of His word. Do you agree? Why?
- (7o) John 7:28 says, "...but He who sent Me is true..." What does that mean?
- (7p) In John 7:38 Jesus refers to the Old Testament. Scholars differ as to which scripture He meant. In your opinion was He talking about Isaiah 44:3, Isaiah 55:1 or Isaiah 58:11? (See also John 4:10)
- (7q) Explain John 7:39.
- (7r) In John 7:27, John 7:41-43 and John 7:52 it is apparent that it is not generally known where Jesus was born. Instead of clearing up this mystery Jesus talks about Who He is from instead of Where He was from. Why do you think He did this?
- (7s) In John 7:46 the officers explain why they did not arrest Jesus. What did they mean?
- (7t) The Feast of Booths is described in Deuteronomy 16:13-17. Does reading that passage help your understanding of John chapter 7? Explain.
- (7u) The Feast of Booths also appears in the prophecy of Zechariah 15:16-19. Does reading that passage help your understanding of John chapter 7? Explain.
- (7v) In John 7:42 it is seen that they knew where The Christ would be born. How did they know this? (Hint: Micah 5:2)
- (7w) If someone asked you what John chapter 7 was about what would you tell them?
- (7x) What did you learn about John chapter 7 that you would like to remember?
- (7y) What verse or passage from John chapter 7 would be best to memorize? Why?



## John Chapter 8

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[8A] John 8:1-5 What was the woman accused of doing? \_\_\_\_\_

[8B] John 8:6-11 What did Jesus do? \_\_\_\_\_

[8C] John 8:12 What will those who follow Jesus have? \_\_\_\_\_

[8D] John 8:13-18 The Pharisees were referring to Deuteronomy 17:6 here but their accusation of false testimony had a logical flaw. What? \_\_\_\_\_  
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[8E] John 8:19-20 Where was Jesus speaking? \_\_\_\_\_

[8F] John 8:21-25 Where was Jesus from? \_\_\_\_\_

[8G] John 8:26-30 When will they know Who He is? \_\_\_\_\_

[8H] John 8:31-32 What will set us free? \_\_\_\_\_

[8I] John 8:33-37 Who is the slave of sin? \_\_\_\_\_

[8J] John 8:38-40 Who do the Jews claim is their father? \_\_\_\_\_

[8K] John 8:41-43 Who do the Jews claim is their father? \_\_\_\_\_

[8L] John 8:44 Who does Jesus say is their father? \_\_\_\_\_

[8M] John 8:45-50 Who can hear God's word? \_\_\_\_\_

[8N] John 8:51-55 Who will never see death? \_\_\_\_\_

[8O] John 8:56-59 Before Abraham was born, what was Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[8P] How can we apply John 8:11 to our own lives? \_\_\_\_\_

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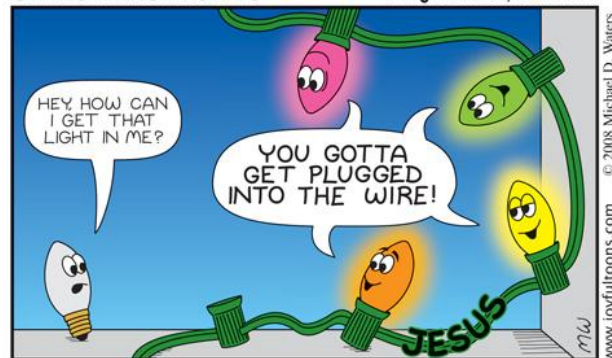
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To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."  
— JOHN 8:31-32 NIV

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
— JOHN 8:12 NIV

## John Chapter 8

- [8A] John 8:1-5 What was the woman accused of doing? Adultery The trap the Pharisees were laying here had to do with Roman law, not Mosaic law. The Romans allowed nations in their empire to govern themselves except for capital punishment. Only the Romans were allowed to execute people. Since Roman rule was almost universally hated by the Jewish people if Jesus had said to not stone her for that reason, the Pharisees believed that it would turn His followers against Him. On the other hand if He said to stone her He would be breaking Roman law and that would have given them an excuse to turn him over to Roman authorities.
- [8B] John 8:6-11 What did Jesus do? Wrote on the ground
- [8C] John 8:12 What will those who follow Jesus have? The light of life
- [8D] John 8:13-18 The Pharisees were alluding to Deuteronomy 17:6 here but their accusation of false testimony had a logical flaw. What? A single witness might be telling the truth or he might not. The Pharisees were claiming a single witness would necessarily give false testimony.
- [8E] John 8:19-20 Where was Jesus speaking? In the treasury of the temple
- [8F] John 8:21-25 Where was Jesus from? Above There are a lot of other "right" answers here.
- [8G] John 8:26-30 When will they know Who He is? When He is lifted up Crucifixion?
- [8H] John 8:31-32 What will set us free? The truth
- [8I] John 8:33-37 Who is the slave of sin? Those who commit sin
- [8J] John 8:38-40 Who do the Jews claim is their father? Abraham
- [8K] John 8:41-43 Who do the Jews claim is their father? God
- [8L] John 8:44 Who does Jesus say is their father? The devil, the murdering father of lies and liars
- [8M] John 8:45-50 Who can hear God's word? He who is of God
- [8N] John 8:51-55 Who will never see death? Those who keep the word of Jesus Christ
- [8O] John 8:56-59 Before Abraham was born, what was Jesus? I am
- [8P] **Transformation** God does not want us to feel guilty and ashamed. He wants us to quit sinning. He wants repentance not remorse. He expects real change not a just good intentions wrapped in tears.

### For Further Thought:

- (8q) Thinking about John 8:5; The law of Moses in Deuteronomy 22:22 states that a man and a woman caught in adultery should both be put to death. Why didn't the Pharisee's bring the man?
- (8r) Over the years there has been a lot of speculation about what Jesus wrote on the ground in John 8:6-8. What is your speculation and why?
- (8s) What does John 8:12 mean?
- (8t) Please explain John 8:21.
- (8u) John 8:31 says, "... the truth will make you free." The truth about what will make you free from what?
- (8v) Thinking about John 8:34; Are you the slave of sin or the slave of righteousness? How do you know?
- (8w) What are "the deeds of Abraham" that Jesus mentions in John 8:39?
- (8x) Compare John 8:58 with John 6:35; John 6:41; John 6:48; John 8:12; John 10:7-14; John 10:36; John 11:25; John 13:13; John 14:6; John 15:5; and John 18:37. What did you learn?
- (8y) If someone asked you what John chapter 8 was about what would you tell them?
- (8z) What did you learn about John chapter 8 that you would like to remember?

**John Chapter 9**

John 9:1-41. Here we have the story of a man born blind receiving his sight. This story contains an important truth about our walk with the Lord and how to deal with that vast area of knowledge we do not have. Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[9A] (John 9:1-2) What do you believe is the connection between sin and events in our lives?

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[9B] (John 9:3-5) Is your nature and circumstances designed for God's purpose?

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[9C] (John 9:6-7) What did Jesus use to heal the man? \_\_\_\_\_

[9D] (John 9:8-12) Has this formerly blind man ever seen Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[9E] (John 9:13-17) To whom do they take the man? \_\_\_\_\_

[9F] Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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[9G] (John 9:17-23) Has this formerly blind man ever seen Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[9H] What impact does this have on his belief? \_\_\_\_\_

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[9I] (John 9:24-34) Whose disciple do the Pharisees claim to be? \_\_\_\_\_

[9J] Why don't their attacks change the man's point of view? \_\_\_\_\_

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[9K] (John 9:35-38) Has this formerly blind man ever seen Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[9L] What is revealed to the man because of his faithfulness? \_\_\_\_\_

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[9M] (John 9:39-41) The Pharisees claimed to be the disciples of Moses. They read Moses and the Prophets. What impact does it have on the Pharisees to study these scriptures? What does that teach us about ourselves?

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**For Further Thought:**

(9n) What did you learn in John Chapter 9 that you would like to remember?

(9o) If someone asked you what John Chapter 9 was about, what would you tell them?

(9p) What scripture from John Chapter 9 would be best to memorize? Why?

**John Chapter 9**

[9A] (John 9:1-2) First the disciples ask Jesus whose sin caused the man to be blind. They had a false belief that whenever anything bad happened to someone it was because either the person or his ancestors had sinned for which God cursed them and/or their family. Yes, sin leads to evil consequences, but evil consequences are not always because of your own sin, or that of some loved one.

[9B] (John 9:3-5) Jesus answers in the most remarkable way saying the man's blindness is not caused by sin. He says the man is blind so that the disciples can learn something about God. This man has been placed on the earth to carry out God's purpose. His condition and circumstances were designed by God to make it possible for him to complete that purpose. Doesn't this imply that each of us was put here to fulfill some purpose of God? Doesn't it also imply that our nature and circumstances are also designed around that purpose?

[9C] (John 9:6-7) *What did Jesus use to heal the man?* spit and dirt mixed into mud Jesus heals the man in such a way, that when his eyes begin to see, Jesus is no longer around. In that way, Jesus makes sure that the man could not and did not see Jesus. This becomes important later in the story.

[9D] (John 9:8-12) *Has this formerly blind man ever seen Jesus?* No His friends and neighbors, after some trouble believing it is really him who was once blind, want to know where to find Jesus. The man being blind at his last meeting with Jesus cannot know. Jesus has made sure of that.

[9E-F] (John 9:13-17) *To whom do they take the man?* Pharisees Some of the blind man's neighbors know the Pharisees. (God arranged that.) The Pharisees are upset because the healing was on the Sabbath day which is against Jewish law, at least, according to their interpretation. On the other hand it is clear, even to them, that a God sized miracle has occurred. Finally they ask the once blind man his opinion.

[9G-H] (John 9:17-23) *Has this formerly blind man ever seen Jesus?* No Even though he has never seen Jesus, he believes that Jesus is a prophet of God based on what He has done. The Pharisees call the man's parents to testify, and everything is confirmed. The parents are afraid of being thrown out of the synagogue so they are opinionless.

[9I-J] (John 9:24-34) *Whose disciple do the Pharisees claim to be?* Moses' Again they question the man. This time they try to change his opinion of Jesus. Because Jesus does not match their ideas of what God should be like, they reject the clear evidence of Who He is. Every time you do not know the answer to a question unbeliever's will try to twist that into evidence that you are wrong. If you are not careful, they will maliciously and unintentionally turn your lack of an answer into doubts in your mind.

How this once blind man responds is very interesting. Instead of focusing on what is not known and on their doubts and accusations, he looks at what he does know. He knows that once he was blind, and that now he sees. You know what you once were and, what you have become in the hands of almighty God. You were lost, and now you are saved. You can focus on the evidence you do have -- your own salvation and spiritual growth.

[9K-L] (John 9:35-38) *Has this formerly blind man ever seen Jesus?* No Jesus finds the once blind man and reveals Himself to him. The man, understanding Jesus is Lord, responds with worship. He was obedient in a little, and was faithful with what had been revealed to him so he is rewarded with more revelations. Obey what you understand about God, and more understanding will be given to you. (See Ps 119:33-34, 100, 129-130 & Matt 7:24)

[9M] (John 9:39-41) **Known and Unknown** Perhaps some of the arrogant Pharisees may be beginning to understand. "We are not blind too, are we?" They think they have God all figured out. Instead, they are always learning but never able to come to knowledge of the truth. They use what knowledge they have of God as a tool to manipulate and control others instead of using it to more faithfully obey God. As a result they see nothing about God's reality. The lesson for us is simple. Trust what we know to be true. Do not expect that you will ever have all the answers. Be willing to say, "I do not know." Like the once blind man, you and I have never seen Jesus but we know by what He has done in our lives that He is our Savior.

Do not let a lack of knowledge block you from speaking for Jesus Christ. Just because you do not know everything, does not mean you are wrong what you do know. The people asking you questions do not know everything either. This does not mean we should be happy with not knowing, or that we should not try to learn more in order to answer questions. It simply means that we should remain confident in what we do know, while we gain even more knowledge.

You and I are walking proof of the truth of Christianity. You know what you were like before you met Christ, and you know what you are like now. You have learned many things and changed greatly during your walk with Christ. Often this difference is so deep inside of us that it is impossible for others to see it. That does not mean it is not real.

## John Chapter 10

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[1A] John 10:1-5 Whose voice to the sheep obey? \_\_\_\_\_

[1B] John 10:6 Who were His listeners who did not understand this figure of speech? \_\_\_\_\_

[1C] John 10:7-8 What is Jesus in this figure of speech? \_\_\_\_\_

[1D] John 10:9-10 Why did Jesus come? \_\_\_\_\_

[1E] John 10:11-15 What is Jesus in this figure of speech? \_\_\_\_\_

[1F] John 10:16-18 Why does the Father love Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[1G] John 10:19-21 What did His enemies think of Him after this explanation? \_\_\_\_\_

[1H] John 10:22-25 What were the Jews asking Jesus to clarify? \_\_\_\_\_

[1I] John 10:26-30 What explanation did Jesus give for their lack of belief? \_\_\_\_\_

[1J] John 10:31-35 What can not be broken? \_\_\_\_\_

[1K] John 10:36-39 What happened when they tried to seize Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[1L] John 10:40-42 Where did He go? \_\_\_\_\_

[1M] In John 10:33 the Jews understood Jesus to have claimed to be God. Did He claim to be God?

What leads you to believe that?

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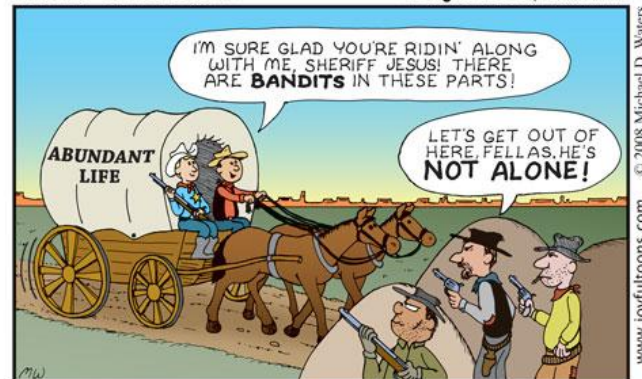
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My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.  
- JOHN 10:27 NIV

### RIDIN' SHOTGUN

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.  
- JOHN 10:10 NIV

## John Chapter 10

[10A] John 10:1-5 Whose voice to the sheep obey? Their own shepherd

[10B] John 10:6 Who were His listeners who did not understand this figure of speech?

Pharisees & Jews (See John 9:40 & John 10:19)

[10C] John 10:7-8 What is Jesus in this figure of speech? The gate, the door of the sheep

[10D] John 10:9-10 Why did Jesus come? "That they may have life, and have it abundantly."

[10E] John 10:11-15 What is Jesus in this figure of speech? The Good Shepherd

[10F] John 10:16-18 Why does the Father love Him? Because He lays down His life to take it up again

[10G] John 10:19-21 What did His enemies think of Him after this explanation?

That He was crazy or demon possessed

[10H] John 10:22-25 What were the Jews asking Jesus to clarify? Whether He was Christ or not

[10I] John 10:26-30 What explanation did Jesus give for their lack of belief? They were not His sheep

[10J] John 10:31-35 What can not be broken? The Scripture

[10K] John 10:36-39 What happened when they tried to seize Him? He eluded their grasp

[10L] John 10:40-42 Where did He go? Beyond the Jordan

[10M] **Jesus is Lord** Yes. If there is any other way to understand John 10:30, I cannot imagine any other reasonable understanding. "I and the Father are one." Those that try to understand it some other way point to John 10:34-36, saying that Jesus was clarifying His meaning. They believe these verses suggest He only meant the Holy Spirit within, just like all believers, or that He was talking about how all humans are made in the image of God. I disagree. Jesus is Lord.

### For Further Thought:

(10n) How can Jesus be both the door of the sheep (John 10:7-8) and the good shepherd (John 10:11&14)?

(10o) In John 10:10 what is meant by having abundant life?

(10p) In John 10:16 who are the sheep "not of this fold?"

(10q) Compare John 10:34 with Psalm 82:1-8. What did you learn?

(10r) In John 10:39 it says, "He eluded their grasp." What do you think this means? Did He run and hide? Did His disciples form a human shield around Him? Did He vanish into thin air? Did they try to grab Him but their hands passed through Him? Was He slippery with some kind of oil? Did He dodge in and out among the crowd until they got tired of chasing Him? Does it matter?

(10s) Compare John 10 with Psalm 23. What did you learn?

(10t) If someone asked you what John chapter 10 was about what would you tell them?

(10u) What did you learn about John chapter 10 that you would like to remember?

(10v) What verse or passage from John chapter 10 would be best to memorize? Why?

## John Chapter 11

This is not the same Lazarus found in Luke 16:20-25. We know this because the Lazarus in Luke 16 was poor and stayed dead, and the Lazarus in John 11 was at least well off enough to have a house and a gravesite, and did not stay dead. "Lazarus" is a form of the Hebrew name Eleazar and means "whom God helps."

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[11A] John 11:1-5 What did Jesus say about Lazarus' sickness? \_\_\_\_\_

[11B] John 11:6-10 How long did Jesus delay answering the call of Mary and Martha? \_\_\_\_\_

[11C] John 11:11-16 How did Jesus say He felt about the death of Lazarus? \_\_\_\_\_

[11D] John 11:17-27 Who did Jesus say He was? \_\_\_\_\_

[11E] John 11:28-29 What did Martha call Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[11F] John 11:30-37 Who wept? \_\_\_\_\_

[11G] John 11:38-44 Why did they object to opening the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_

[11H] John 11:45-46 After witnessing such a mighty miracle everyone became believers, right? \_\_\_\_\_

[11I] John 11:47-53 For whom was Jesus to die? \_\_\_\_\_

[11J] John 11:54 Where did Jesus go? \_\_\_\_\_

[11K] John 11:55-57 Who had given orders to report the whereabouts of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[11L] What do you suppose would have happened if instead of saying, "Lazarus, come forth," Jesus had just said, "Come forth"? What is the significance of this story?

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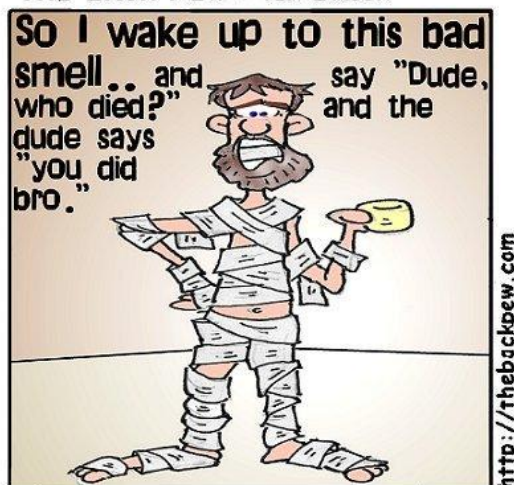
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THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



**John 11:** Lazarus recalls his first thoughts after Jesus raised him from the dead.

## John Chapter 11

- [11A] John 11:1-5 What did Jesus say about Lazarus' sickness? That it would not end in death  
 [11B] John 11:6-10 How long did Jesus delay answering the call of Mary and Martha? Two days  
 [11C] John 11:11-16 How did Jesus say He felt about the death of Lazarus? He said He was glad  
 [11D] John 11:17-27 Who did Jesus say He was? The resurrection and the life John 11:25  
 [11E] John 11:28-29 What did Martha call Jesus? The Teacher  
 [11F] John 11:30-37 Who wept? Mary, the Jews who came with her, and Jesus  
 [11G] John 11:38-44 Why did they object to opening the tomb? The stench  
 [11H] John 11:45-46 After witnessing such a mighty miracle everyone became believers, right? No  
 [11I] John 11:47-53 For whom was Jesus to die? The children of God scattered abroad  
 [11J] John 11:54 Where did Jesus go? Ephraim A city near the wilderness  
 [11K] John 11:55-57 Who had given orders to report the whereabouts of Jesus? Chief priests and Pharisees It may be important to notice that the Chief Priests were Sadducees who had strong doctrinal disputes with the Pharisees. Enmity against Jesus had united them

[11L] **Resurrection** In light of what He said in John 11:25, I think every tomb in the graveyard would have given up their dead. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Then He proved it. Do we have any other viable hope of eternal life other than to listen to what Jesus promises? So why aren't we all listening more carefully?

### For Further Thought:

- (11m) Thinking about John 11:35: Why did Jesus weep? Didn't He say He was glad about Lazarus' death in John 11:14?
- (11n) Thinking about John 11:44: If Lazarus was bound head and foot, how did he come forth?
- (11o) In John 11:41-42 why did Jesus pray aloud?
- (11p) The question about whether God speaks through evil people is answered in John 11:49-52. What is the significance of this revelation?
- (11q) Compare John 11:45-46 with Luke 16:31. What is the same? What is different?
- (11r) Compare John 11 with 1 Kings 17:17-24, 2 Kings 4:32-37. What did you learn?
- (11s) If someone asked you what John chapter 11 was about what would you tell them?
- (11t) What did you learn about John chapter 11 that you would like to remember?
- (11u) What verse or passage from John chapter 11 would be best to memorize? Why?



## John Chapter 12

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[12A] John 12:1-3 What did Mary do?

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[12B] John 12:4-8 Who objected and why? \_\_\_\_\_

[12C] John 12:9-11 Why were the chief priests jealous? \_\_\_\_\_

[12D] John 12:1-19 When did Jesus enter Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_

[12E] John 12:20-26 What must we do to serve Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[12F] John 12:27-31 What were the theories regarding the heavenly voice? \_\_\_\_\_

[12G] John 12:32-33 What kind of death is indicated by "lifted up?" \_\_\_\_\_

[12H] John 12:34-36 How can we become sons of Light? \_\_\_\_\_

[12I] John 12:37-43 Why did some fail to declare their belief publically? \_\_\_\_\_

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[12J] John 12:44-47 What did Jesus call Himself? \_\_\_\_\_

[12K] John 12:48-50 Whose words did Jesus speak? \_\_\_\_\_

[12L] In John 12:27-28 Jesus is tempted to pray for deliverance, but instead prays for something else? What? What can this teach us about our own prayers?

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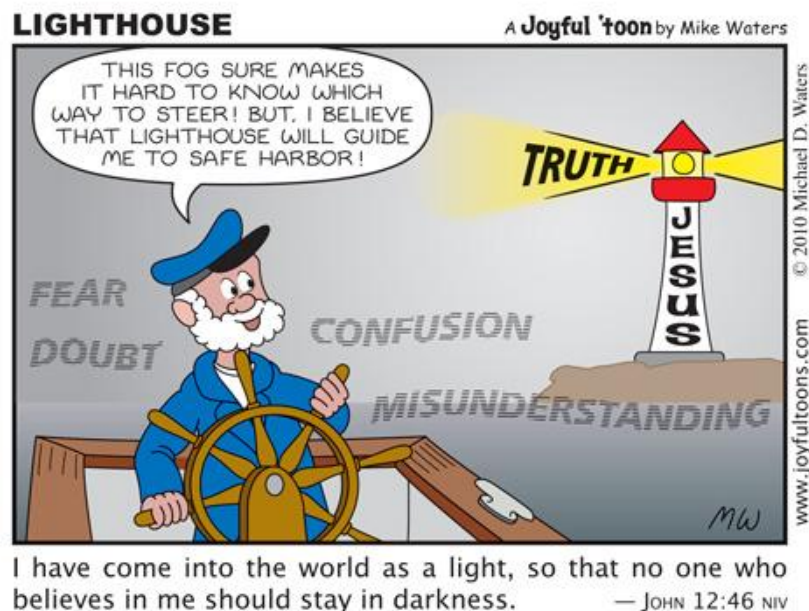
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## John Chapter 12

[12A] John 12:1-3 What did Mary do?

Anointed Jesus feet with costly perfume and wiped the excess with her hair.

[12B] John 12:4-8 Who objected and why? Judas Iscariot, because he wanted the money

[12C] John 12:9-11 Why were the chief priests jealous? Because so many were believing in Jesus

[12D] John 12:1-19 When did Jesus enter Jerusalem? 5 days before Passover John 12:1 and 12:12

[12E] John 12:20-26 What must we do to serve Jesus? Follow Him

[12F] John 12:27-31 What were the theories regarding the heavenly voice?

Thunder and angels speaking

[12G] John 12:32-33 What kind of death is indicated by "lifted up?"

Crucifixion or hanging by the neck, but they didn't do that then

[12H] John 12:34-36 How can we become sons of Light? Believe in the light

[12I] John 12:37-43 Why did some fail to declare their belief publically?

Because they loved the approval of people more than that of God

[12J] John 12:44-47 What did Jesus call Himself? A Light into the world

[12K] John 12:48-50 Whose words did Jesus speak? The Father Himself

[12L] **Praying God's Will** Instead of praying, "Father, save Me from this hour," Jesus prays, "Father, glorify Your name." I think if we will decrease our prayers about ourselves, our troubles, our concerns, our relationships, and our comfort, and increase our prayers about His glory, His victory, His purposes, His people and His desires, we will see a huge increase in our prayer power.

1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14 "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything *according to His will*, He hears us."

### For Further Thought:

(12m) The chief priests and Pharisees were angry because Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 12:9-11, John 12:19) Wouldn't it have made more sense for them to make friends with Jesus? What was wrong with these people?

(12n) What does John 12:24 mean?

(12o) Compare John 12:25 with Matthew 10:39, Matthew 16:25, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24, Luke 17:33. What did you learn?

(12p) Read Zechariah 9:9. Do you think it is a prophecy fulfilled in John 12:1-19? Why or why not?

(12q) If someone asked you what John chapter 12 was about what would you tell them?

(12r) What did you learn about John chapter 12 that you would like to remember?

(12s) What verse or passage from John chapter 12 would be best to memorize? Why?

### John Chapter 13

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[13A] John 13:1-4 What 3 things does John say Jesus knew as He prepared to wash the disciples feet? \_\_\_\_\_

[13B] John 13:5-7 What did He wipe their feet with? \_\_\_\_\_

[13C] John 13:8-11 What is it that someone who has bathed needs? \_\_\_\_\_

[13D] John 13:12-15 What do they call Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[13E] John 13:16-20 Who receives Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[13F] John 13:21-26 Who did Jesus give the morsel of bread? \_\_\_\_\_

[13G] John 13:27-30 What box did Judas have? \_\_\_\_\_

[13H] John 13:31-35 How will people know we are His disciples? \_\_\_\_\_

[13I] John 13:36-38 How many times did Jesus say Peter would deny Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[13J] Thinking about John Chapter 13: In reading Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; and 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; we discover a lot of very important things went on at the Last Supper that John does not include in his account. Why do you guess John left them out?

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THE LAST SUPPER

Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. . . . (John 13:31)

## John Chapter 13

[13A] John 13:1-4 What 3 things does John say Jesus knew as He prepared to wash the disciples feet?

God had given Him all things, He had come forth from God, He was going back to God. Jn 13:3

[13B] John 13:5-7 What did He wipe their feet with? The towel He was wearing Jn 13:5

[13C] John 13:8-11 What is it that someone who has bathed needs? His feet washed Jn 13:10

[13D] John 13:12-15 What do they call Him? Teacher and Lord Jn 13:13

[13E] John 13:16-20 Who receives Jesus? Those who receive His messengers Jn 13:20

[13F] John 13:21-26 Who did Jesus give the morsel of bread? Judas Iscariot Jn 13:26

[13G] John 13:27-30 What box did Judas have? the money box Jn 13:29

[13H] John 13:31-35 How will people know we are His disciples? Our love for each other Jn 13:35

[13I] John 13:36-38 How many times did Jesus say Peter would deny Him? Three Jn 13:38

[13J] **Different Details** Matthew, Mark, Luke and First Corinthians were written many years before John wrote his gospel. John took an entirely different perspective than the other writers and he did not explain why. I think he probably saw no need in duplicating what had already been written except as necessary to give his gospel some context. I think it was also possible that he specifically was writing in response to the gnostic heresy which was claiming Jesus was just a spirit, not a man at all. John's gospel shows a very personal side to Jesus not seen as much in the other gospel accounts.

### For further thought:

(13k) Thinking about John 13:35: How easy is it for people to tell that you are a disciple of Jesus? Does His love show through you with such abundance that there is no doubt that you are His disciple? Why or why not?

(13l) Some say Judas was not present during the foot washing. What do you think about this theory? Why? See John 13:11 & John 13:27.

(13m) Does your church practice foot washing? How? Why?

(13n) Some say that what John and Jesus said to each other in John 13:25-26 was in a whisper unheard by the others at the table. What do you think and why? What difference does it make?

(13o) Compare John 13:18 with Psalm 41:8. What did you learn?

(13p) Compare John 13 with Joshua 3:7-17. Do you see a relationship between the men dipping there feet in the Jordan river and the washing of feet by Jesus? Why or why not?

(13q) If someone asked you what John chapter 13 was about what would you tell them?

(13r) What did you learn about John chapter 13 that you would like to remember?

(13s) What verse or passage from John chapter 13 would be best to memorize? Why?

## John Chapter 14

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[14A] John 14:1 Who are we to believe in? \_\_\_\_\_

[14B] John 14:2 How many dwelling places are in our Father's house? \_\_\_\_\_

[14C] John 14:3-4 What did He go to do? \_\_\_\_\_

[14D] John 14:5-6 What three things did Jesus say He is? \_\_\_\_\_

[14E] John 14:6 How do come to the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

[14F] John 14:7 If we know Jesus, Who do we know? \_\_\_\_\_

[14G] John 14:8-11 If you see Jesus, Who do we see? \_\_\_\_\_

[14H] John 14:12 If we believe in Jesus what will we be able to do? \_\_\_\_\_

[14I] John 14:13-14 If we ask in Jesus name, what can we expect? \_\_\_\_\_

[14J] John 14:15 What will we do if we love Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[14K] John 14:16-17 Who is the Helper? \_\_\_\_\_

[14L] John 14:18-21 Who keeps His commandments? \_\_\_\_\_

[14M] John 14:22-24 Whose words does Jesus speak? \_\_\_\_\_

[14N] John 14:25-26 Who is the Helper? \_\_\_\_\_

[14O] John 14:27-30 How is the world to know that Jesus loves the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

[14P] In John 14:14 Jesus says, "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it." If this is true, why aren't we all very wealthy and in perfect health?

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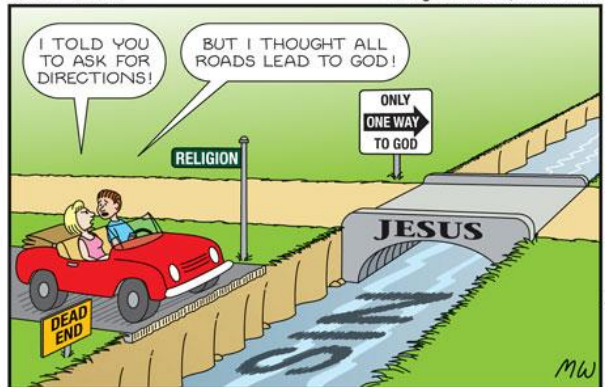
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### ONE WAY

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." — JOHN 14:6 NIV

### ROOM ADDITIONS

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In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

— JOHN 14:2-3 NIV

## John Chapter 14

- [14A] John 14:1 Who are we to believe in? God and Jesus Christ  
 [14B] John 14:2 How many dwelling places are in our Father's house? Many  
 [14C] John 14:3-4 What did He go to do? Prepare a place for us  
 [14D] John 14:5-6 What three things did Jesus say He is? The Way, the Truth, and the Life  
 [14E] John 14:6 How do come to the Father? Through Jesus  
 [14F] John 14:7 If we know Jesus, Who do we know? Our Father  
 [14G] John 14:8-11 If you see Jesus, Who do we see? The Father  
 [14H] John 14:12 If we believe in Jesus what will we be able to do? Greater works  
 [14I] John 14:13-14 If we ask in Jesus name, what can we expect? What we ask for  
 [14J] John 14:15 What will we do if we love Jesus? Keep His commandments  
 [14K] John 14:16-17 Who is the Helper? The Spirit of Truth  
 [14L] John 14:18-21 Who keeps His commandments? Those who love Him  
 [14M] John 14:22-24 Whose words does Jesus speak? The Father Who sent Him  
 [14N] John 14:25-26 Who is the Helper? The Holy Spirit  
 [14O] John 14:27-30 How is the world to know that Jesus loves the Father?  
He did exactly as the Father commanded Him

[14P] **Praying in God's Name** This is a little difficult for us to understand today because of a culture shift in the last hundred years or so. Do you remember watching old movies where the posse' was chasing the bad guys and someone would shout "Stop in the name of the Law!" It meant to speak with the authority of the Law. Or perhaps you have noticed on movies about medieval times the king's men would say, "In the name of the King ..." It meant that you had been commissioned to carry out the will of the King. It was not something they took lightly. To claim to speak with the king's authority when you did not have it was to risk your life.

This authority was given only within certain bounds. They could put a criminal in jail or collect a tax, but they could not arbitrarily tell everyone around them what to do, although under a tyrant they sometimes did. Even then they must be circumspect around the tyrant's friends or favored class. I say all that to say, that if you ask in Jesus name, you must be asking for something He has commissioned you to ask for. Jesus explains this with more clarity in the next chapter when He says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." -- John 15:7

### For further thought:

- (14q) In John 14:2 What does "My Father's house" mean? How do you know?  
 (14r) In John 14:6 What does "the way" mean?  
 (14s) In John 14:6 What does "the truth" mean?  
 (14t) In John 14:6 What does "the life" mean?  
 (14u) In John 14:6 What does "no one comes to the Father but through me" mean?  
 (14v) Thinking about John 14:15: Which commandments?  
 (14w) Thinking about John 14:15, 21, 23-24: Do you love Jesus Christ? How are you doing with that whole "keeping His commandments" part of the equation? Why?  
 (14x) Thinking about John 14:16-17 & John 14:26: Does this mean the Spirit of Truth = the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?  
 (14y) What does John 14:1-31 teach us about the Trinity?  
 (14z) If someone asked you what John chapter 14 was about what would you tell them?  
 What did you learn about John chapter 14 that you would like to remember?  
 What verse or passage from John chapter 14 would be best to memorize? Why?

## John Chapter 15

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[15A] John 15:1 What kind of vine is Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[15B] John 15:2 What happens to the branches that bear fruit? \_\_\_\_\_

[15C] John 15:3 What makes us clean? \_\_\_\_\_

[15D] John 15:4-5 What is required for us to bear fruit? \_\_\_\_\_

[15E] John 15:6 What happens to those who do not abide in Him?

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[15F] John 15:7 If we abide in Him, what can we ask Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[15G] John 15:8 What does bearing fruit do? \_\_\_\_\_

[15H] John 15:9-10 How much does Jesus love us? \_\_\_\_\_

[15I] John 15:11 Why does Jesus say these things? \_\_\_\_\_

[15J] John 15:12 What is Jesus commandment? \_\_\_\_\_

[15K] John 15:13-17 What is Jesus commandment? \_\_\_\_\_

[15L] John 15:18-21 What does the world hate? \_\_\_\_\_

[15M] John 15:22-25 If someone hates Jesus, Who else do they hate? \_\_\_\_\_

[15N] John 15:26-27 Who will the Spirit of Truth testify about? \_\_\_\_\_

[15O] In John 15:1-16 it mentions "fruit" 8 times. What does "fruit" mean in this context?

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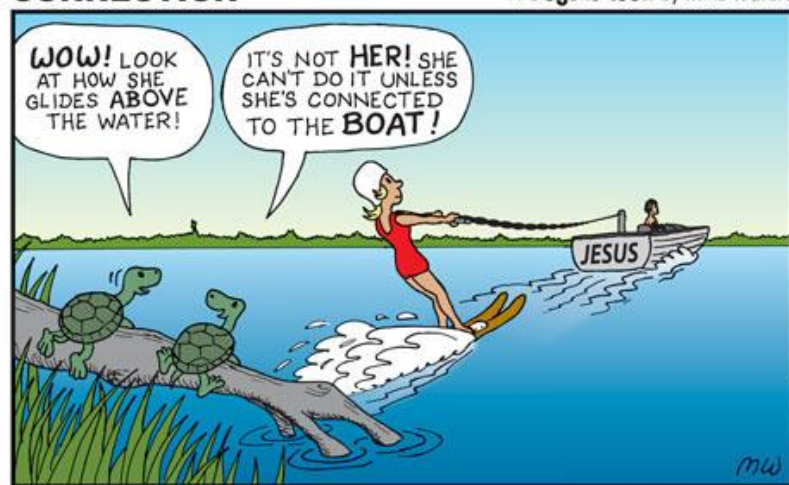
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### CONNECTION

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I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

- JOHN 15:5 NIV

## John Chapter 15

- [15A] John 15:1 What kind of vine is Jesus? The true vine
- [15B] John 15:2 What happens to the branches that bear fruit? They are pruned.
- [15C] John 15:3 What makes us clean? The word which Jesus spoke
- [15D] John 15:4-5 What is required for us to bear fruit? We must abide in Him
- [15E] John 15:6 What happens to those who do not abide in Him.  
They are thrown away, dry up, and are burned.
- [15F] John 15:7 If we abide in Him, what can we ask Him? For whatever we wish.
- [15G] John 15:8 What does bearing fruit do? Glorifies the Father
- [15H] John 15:9-10 How much does Jesus love us? As much as the Father loves Him
- [15I] John 15:11 Why does Jesus say these things? To maximize joy
- [15J] John 15:12 What is Jesus commandment? That we love as we are loved by Him
- [15K] John 15:13-17 What is Jesus commandment? That we love one another Jn 15:17
- [15L] John 15:18-21 What does the world hate? Jesus and His followers
- [15M] John 15:22-25 If someone hates Jesus, who else do they hate? Our Father Jn 15:23
- [15N] John 15:26-27 Who will the Spirit of Truth testify about? Jesus Christ

[15O] **Fruit** Some relate it to the fruit mentioned in Revelation 22:2 suggesting it is a metaphor for eternal life.

Some believe it is the fruit of righteousness mentioned in Phil 1:11, Heb 12:11, James 3:17-18.

Some would have it be the fruit of bringing others in to the kingdom of God which seems to be what Romans 1:13, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:23 & 16:15, and James 1:18 would suggest.

Some say it is the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23.

Some suggest it means an offering or sacrifice as in Romans 15:26-27

I think it means any of this and more. I think in John 15 the term "fruit" means any action, ability, or attitude that gives Him glory.

### For further thought:

- (15p) What does the term "fruit" mean in Romans 7:4-5?
- (15q) What does the term "first fruits of the Spirit" mean in Romans 8:23?
- (15r) Thinking of John 15:2: In practical terms what does it mean when the Father "prunes" us? Has this ever happened to you? Explain.
- (15s) In John 15:4 what does "abide in Me" mean? How would you describe a person who was abiding in Him? What would they be doing and saying?
- (15t) Compare John 13:16 with John 15:20. What did you learn?
- (15u) In John 15:25 is Jesus quoting Psalm 25:19, Psalm 69:4, or is it just the accidental use of a similar phrase in three different places?
- (15v) If someone asked you what John chapter 15 was about what would you tell them?
- (15w) What did you learn about John chapter 15 that you would like to remember?
- (15x) What verse or passage from John chapter 15 would be best to memorize? Why?



## John Chapter 16

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[16A] John 16:1 Why did Jesus speak to us? \_\_\_\_\_

[16B] John 16:2 A time is coming when those who kill us will think they are doing what?  
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[16C] John 16:3-4 Why will they do these things? \_\_\_\_\_

[16D] John 16:5-7 What is the advantage of Jesus going? \_\_\_\_\_

[16E] John 16:8-11 The Helper will convict the world concerning three things. What are they?  
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[16F] John 16:12-13 What will happen with the Spirit of Truth comes? \_\_\_\_\_

[16G] John 16:14-15 Who owns everything of the Father's? \_\_\_\_\_

[16H] John 16:16-19 After a little while what will happen?  
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[16I] John 16:20 What will grief be turned into? \_\_\_\_\_

[16J] John 16:21-22 Our grief will be followed by what? \_\_\_\_\_

[16K] John 16:23-24 What will happen if we ask for anything in His name?  
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[16L] John 16:25 What kind of language is Jesus using? \_\_\_\_\_

[16M] John 16:26-28 Why does the Father love us? \_\_\_\_\_

[16N] John 16:29-33 What has Jesus overcome? \_\_\_\_\_

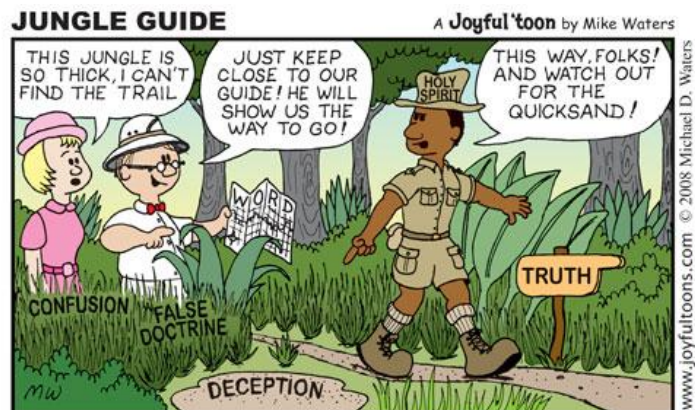
[16O] Compare John 16:25 and John 16:13. What do they tell us about the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Spirit of Truth?

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But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- JOHN 16:13 NIV

## John Chapter 16

[16A] John 16:1 Why did Jesus speak to us? So we might be kept from stumbling

[16B] John 16:2 A time is coming when those who kill us will think they are doing what?

Offering a service to God

[16C] John 16:3-4 Why will they do these things? Because they know neither the Father or Jesus Christ.

[16D] John 16:5-7 What is the advantage of Jesus going? So that He might send the Helper

[16E] John 16:8-11 The Helper will convict the world concerning three things. What are they?

Sin, righteousness and judgment

[16F] John 16:12-13 What will happen with the Spirit of Truth comes? He will guide us into all truth

[16G] John 16:14-15 Who owns everything of the Father's? Jesus

[16H] John 16:16-19 After a little while what will happen?

Jesus will disappear from sight, but only for a little while

[16I] John 16:20 What will grief be turned into? Joy

[16J] John 16:21-22 Our grief will be followed by what? Rejoicing and no one will take our joy from us

[16K] John 16:23-24 What will happen if we ask for anything in His name?

We will receive it and our joy will be made full

[16L] John 16:25 What kind of language is Jesus using? Figurative language

[16M] John 16:26-28 Why does the Father love us? Because we believe in Jesus Christ and love Him

[16N] John 16:29-33 What has Jesus overcome? The world

[16O] **Teacher** I think this reveals that when it comes to teaching us, God is the Father is the Lord Jesus Christ is the Spirit of Truth is the Helper is the Holy Spirit. Yes, they are the Trinity and They are three separate Persons, but when it comes to telling us the truth, the Trinity speaks in unity and unison. Do you agree? Why or why not?

### For further thought:

(16p) Thinking about John 16:1-4 What does "These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you" mean?

(16q) In John 16:5-11 Jesus gives a different reason why the world will be convicted concerning three different things. It is pretty easy to see the connection between sin and a lack of belief (Jn 16:9) and seeing Satan judged convicting us of the coming judgment (Jn 16:11) but what does righteousness have to do with Jesus going to the Father? (Jn 16:10)

(16r) Thinking about John 16:12: Does this mean the theory of "progressive revelation" is true? Charles Hodge (16797-1878) wrote "The progressive character of divine revelation is recognized in relation to all the great doctrines of the Bible... What at first is only obscurely intimated is gradually unfolded in subsequent parts of the sacred volume, until the truth is revealed in its fullness." Do you agree? Why or why not?

(16s) Thinking about John 16:20-22: Other than childbirth can you think of other examples of God turning your grief and sorrow into joy and rejoicing?

(16t) Thinking about John 16:23-24: Why are some of our prayers answered with a, "No."

(16u) In John 16:25 He talks about a day when everything will be said plainly. Has that day arrived for you? How do you know?

(16v) Thinking about John 16:29-32: Have you ever been ashamed of being a Christian?

(16w) If someone asked you what John chapter 16 was about what would you tell them?

(16x) What did you learn about John chapter 16 that you would like to remember?

(16y) What verse or passage from John chapter 16 would be best to memorize? Why?

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**John Chapter 17**

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[17A] John 17:1-2 Who did the Father give authority over all flesh? \_\_\_\_\_

[17B] John 17:3 What is eternal life? \_\_\_\_\_

[17C] John 17:4-5 How long have God and Jesus been together? \_\_\_\_\_

[17D] John 17:6 What had Jesus manifested? \_\_\_\_\_

[17E] John 17:7-8 What did Jesus do with the words given Him by the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

[17F] John 17:9-11 Who is Jesus praying for? \_\_\_\_\_

[17G] John 17:12 Why did the son of perdition perish? \_\_\_\_\_

[17H] John 17:13-15 Why did Jesus speak in the world? \_\_\_\_\_

[17I] John 17:16-19 What are we to be sanctified in? \_\_\_\_\_

[17J] John 17:20-21 Who is Jesus praying for? \_\_\_\_\_

[17K] John 17:22-24 How long has the Father loved the Son? \_\_\_\_\_

[17L] John 17:25-26 Where does Jesus want His love to be placed? \_\_\_\_\_

[17M] In this prayer Jesus calls God, "Father" four times, "Holy Father" once, and "O righteous Father" once. How do you address your prayers? Do you use the same name in private as you do in public?

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## John Chapter 17

- [17A] John 17:1-2 Who did the Father give authority over all flesh? The Son  
 [17B] John 17:3 What is eternal life? Knowing God the Father and God the Son.  
 [17C] John 17:4-5 How long have God and Jesus been together? Since before the world was  
 [17D] John 17:6 What had Jesus manifested? God's name  
 [17E] John 17:7-8 What did Jesus do with the words given Him by the Father? Gave them to us  
 [17F] John 17:9-11 Who is Jesus praying for? His disciples, but later He includes us Jn 17:20  
 [17G] John 17:12 Why did the son of perdition perish? So that the Scripture would be fulfilled  
 [17H] John 17:13-15 Why did Jesus speak in the world? So that we might have His joy  
 [17I] John 17:16-19 What are we to be sanctified in? The truth  
 [17J] John 17:20-21 Who is Jesus praying for? Those who believe through the word of the apostles  
 [17K] John 17:22-24 How long has the Father loved the Son? Before the foundation of the world  
 [17L] John 17:25-26 Where does Jesus want His love to be placed? In us

[17M] **Ever Present** In public I usually call Him "Father," "God" or "Lord." I'm not sure why really, except I followed the example of others and it became a habit. Maybe it is so people around me will realize I'm talking to God and not to them. In private I don't call Him anything. I just start talking. He is always there. It is not like I have to say something to get His attention.

### For further thought:

- (17n) In John 17:1-2 Jesus speaks of Himself in the third person. He says "Your Son" and "Him" when He is clearly talking about Himself. Why?
- (17o) In John 17:4 Jesus said He has accomplished the work He was sent to do. How is this possible since He had not yet been crucified?
- (17p) What does John 17:12 mean?
- (17q) Thinking about John 17:13-16: Are you of this world? How do you know?
- (17r) In John 17:19 what does "sanctified in truth" mean? Have you been sanctified in truth? How do you know?
- (17s) In John 17:21 what does "they all be one" mean?
- (17t) In this lesson I assume that John 17:20 is retroactive to the beginning of the prayer, making the whole thing apply to all Christians. Is my assumption justified? Why or why not?
- (17u) What does John 17:3 mean?
- (17v) If someone asked you what John chapter 17 was about what would you tell them?
- (17w) What did you learn about John chapter 17 that you would like to remember?
- (17x) What verse or passage from John chapter 17 would be best to memorize? Why?

## John Chapter 18

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[18A] John 18:1-6 What happened when Jesus said, "I am He." \_\_\_\_\_

[18B] John 18:7-11 What did Jesus say about the cup which the Father had given Him?  
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[18C] John 18:12-14 Who did they take Him to first? \_\_\_\_\_

[18D] John 18:15-18 What was the temperature? \_\_\_\_\_

[18E] John 18:19-24 What did the officer do to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[18F] John 18:25-27 What happened after Peter's final denial? \_\_\_\_\_

[18G] John 18:28-32 What accusation did they have to bring when they brought him to Pilate?  
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[18H] John 18:33-37 Did Jesus deny or affirm that He was a king? \_\_\_\_\_

[18I] John 18:38-40 What was Pilate's verdict? \_\_\_\_\_

[18J] During His arrest Jesus had at least two opportunities to escape.  
What were they and why didn't He escape?

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ST. PETER DENYING CHRIST

And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He dressed it, and said, I am not.  
... (John 18: 25)

**John Chapter 18**

[18A] John 18:1-6 What happened when Jesus said, "I am He." They drew back and fell to the ground.  
Jn 18:6

[18B] John 18:7-11 What did Jesus say about the cup which the Father had given Him? "Shall I not drink it?" Jn 18:11 It was a rhetorical question indicating that He should drink it.

[18C] John 18:12-14 Who did they take Him to first? Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas. Jn 18:13. This was illegal. Annas had no official standing. Interrogation was only to be carried out by those in authority.

[18D] John 18:15-18 What was the temperature? At least chilly, perhaps even cold Jn 18:18

[18E] John 18:19-24 What did the officer do to Jesus? Struck Him Jn 18:22. This was illegal. Prisoners were not to be physically punished during interrogation

[18F] John 18:25-27 What happened after Peter's final denial? A rooster crowed Jn 18:27

[18G] John 18:28-32 What accusation did they have to bring when they brought him to Pilate? None mentioned. They called him an "evil doer" but made no specific charge here. Context (vs 33) suggests they accused him of sedition for claiming to be king instead of Caesar. You have to look in the other gospels to find the detail that they changed the charge from blasphemy to sedition when they brought him to Pilate. Changing the charge was also illegal.

[18H] John 18:33-37 Did Jesus deny or affirm that He was a king? He said that He is king. Jn 18:37

[18I] John 18:38-40 What was Pilate's verdict? Not guilty Jn 18:38

[18J] **Exit** Jesus could have escaped at least three times, but only two are mentioned in John 18:

1. When they fell down after He said "I am He."
2. When the fight broke out.
3. He could have called down twelve legions of angels. (Matthew 26:53)

He explained why He did not escape in Matthew 26:56, Mark 14:49, and John 18:11. Being arrested was an necessary step in what He was here to do, as the Scriptures said.

**For further thought:**

(18k) John does not report the trial before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin reported in Matthew 26:57-68. Why do you guess he does not include it? (By the way, it was illegal for the Sanhedrin to hold a trial in the middle of the night.)

(18l) Which of the people in this chapter most closely matches you? Besides Jesus is there anyone here to admire?

(18m) In John 18:4 there is no "he" in the Greek. It just says "ego eimi" or "I am." "He" is added by translators to add understanding, but I think they ought to leave it off. What do you think and why?

(18n) Malchus had his ear healed by Jesus. Do you think he continued on with those arresting Jesus? How do you stand up for your Christianity in the face of pressure from our culture?

(18o) What is the answer to Pilate's question in Jn 18:38?

(18p) If someone asked you what John chapter 18 was about what would you tell them?

(18q) What did you learn about John chapter 18 that you would like to remember?

(18r) What verse or passage from John chapter 18 would be best to memorize? Why?

## John Chapter 19

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[19A] John 19:1-5 What did Pilate have done to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[19B] John 19:6-7 Did Pilate think Jesus was guilty of anything? \_\_\_\_\_

[19C] John 19:8-12 What did the Jews accuse Jesus of doing? \_\_\_\_\_

[19D] John 19:13-15 Who was the king of the chief priests? \_\_\_\_\_

[19E] John 19:16-22 What did the sign above Jesus say? \_\_\_\_\_

[19F] John 19:23-25 Why did the soldiers cast lots for His clothing? \_\_\_\_\_

[19G] John 19:25-27 Who did Jesus have take care of His mother? \_\_\_\_\_

[19H] John 19:28-29 What did Jesus have to drink? \_\_\_\_\_

[19I] John 19:30 What did Jesus say? " \_\_\_\_\_ "

[19J] John 19:31-35 Why didn't they break His legs? \_\_\_\_\_

[19K] John 19:36-37 Why didn't they break His legs? \_\_\_\_\_

[19L] John 19:38-42 Who buried Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[19M] Why does it matter who buried Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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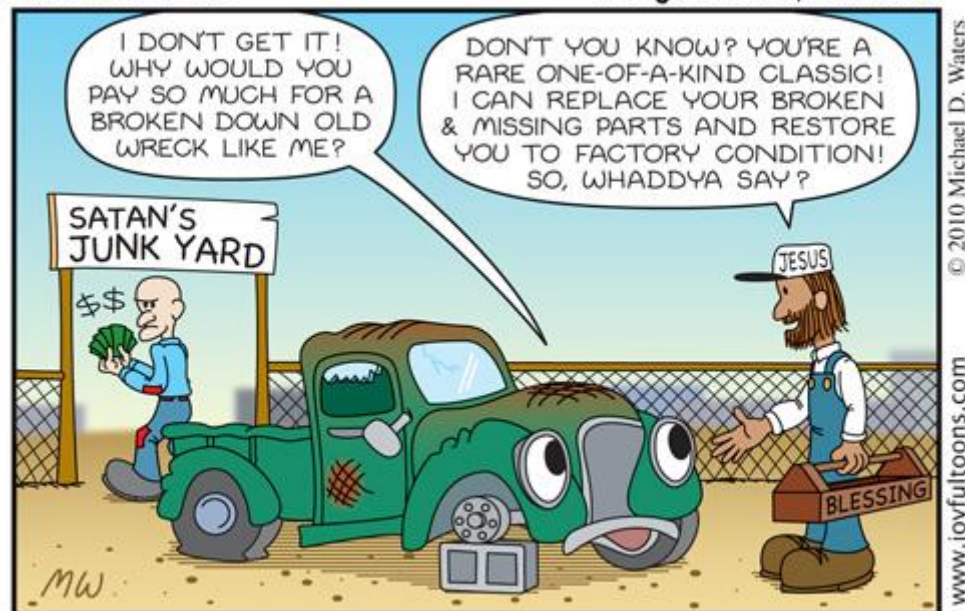
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### SALVAGER

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For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

— LUKE 19:10 NIV

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**John Chapter 19**

[19A] John 19:1-5 What did Pilate have done to Jesus? Scourged Jn 19:1 This was illegal under Roman law because Pilate had just found Jesus not guilty at the end of the previous chapter.

[19B] John 19:6-7 Did Pilate think Jesus was guilty of anything?

No Jn 19:6 But he had Him killed anyway

[19C] John 19:8-12 What did the Jews accuse Jesus of doing?

Opposing Caesar Jn 19:12 Which is not the same thing they accused him of in verse 7.

[19D] John 19:13-15 Who was the king of the chief priests? Caesar Jn 19:15

[19E] John 19:16-22 What did the sign above Jesus say?

The King of the Jews in three languages Jn 19:19-20

[19F] John 19:23-25 Why did the soldiers cast lots for His clothing? To fulfill prophecy

[19G] John 19:25-27 Who did Jesus have take care of His mother? The Apostle John See John 21:20-24

[19H] John 19:28-29 What did Jesus have to drink? Sour wine Vinegar

[19I] John 19:30 What did Jesus say? "It is finished."

[19J] John 19:31-35 Why didn't they break His legs? He was already dead Jn 19:33

[19K] John 19:36-37 Why didn't they break His legs? To fulfill prophecy Jn 19:36

[19L] John 19:38-42 Who buried Jesus? Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

[19M] **Undertakers** Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus were under tremendous peer pressure to not believe in Jesus as the Messiah. If Jesus had not been dead, as some claim, (the swoon theory) their testimony would later put the lie to the whole resurrection story. However, no such testimony was forthcoming because He really was dead, and there was no doubt of Who He was once He rose again.

**For further thought:**

(19n) Thinking about John 19:1: It sounds like Pilate did the scourging himself. Most scholars believe he had his soldiers to it. This is based on what it says in verse 2 and also on what was normally done. What do you think and why?

(19o) Compare Psalm 22:18 with Matthew 27:35, Mark 15:24 and John 19:24. How many other references to the crucifixion can you find in Psalm 22?

(19p) Compare John 19:36 with Exodus 12:46 and Number 9:12. Does this suggest that the Passover Lamb was a symbol of Jesus Christ?

(19q) Compare John 19:36 with Psalm 34:20. What did you learn?

(19r) Compare John 19:37 with Zechariah 12:10 and Revelation 1:7. Are these verses related to each other? Why or why not?

(19s) Compare John 19 with Mark 15. What did you learn?

(19t) If someone asked you what John chapter 19 was about what would you tell them?

(19u) What did you learn about John chapter 19 that you would like to remember?

(19v) What verse or passage from John chapter 19 would be best to memorize? Why?



## John Chapter 20

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[20A] John 20:1-5 Which disciple ran faster? \_\_\_\_\_

[20B] John 20:6-10 What did they not understand from the Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_

[20C] John 20:11-16 When did she recognize Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[20D] John 20:17-18 Why did He tell her to quit clinging to Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[20E] John 20:19-21 What did Jesus say? " \_\_\_\_\_ "

[20F] John 20:22 As He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" what did He do? \_\_\_\_\_

[20G] John 20:23 What authority did Jesus give? \_\_\_\_\_

[20H] John 20:24-25 Which disciple had doubts? \_\_\_\_\_

[20I] John 20:26-27 What evidence did He offer the doubting one? \_\_\_\_\_

[20J] John 20:28-29 Who did Jesus bless? \_\_\_\_\_

[20K] John 20:30-31 Why did John write this book? \_\_\_\_\_

[20L] Are you convinced of what John said he wanted you to be convinced of in John 20:31? Why or why not?

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### EASTER EGGS

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But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- JOHN 20:31 NIV

----- ANSWERS -----

**John Chapter 20**

[20A] John 20:1-5 Which disciple ran faster?

The other disciple whom Jesus loved Jn 20:4 (John the Apostle)

[20B] John 20:6-10 What did they not understand from the Scripture?

That He must rise again from the dead Jn 20:9

[20C] John 20:11-16 When did she recognize Him? When He called her name Jn 20:16

[20D] John 20:17-18 Why did He tell her to quit clinging to Him?

He had not yet ascended to the Father

[20E] John 20:19-21 What did Jesus say? "Peace be with you."

[20F] John 20:22 As He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" what did He do? He breathed on them.

[20G] John 20:23 What authority did Jesus give? The authority to forgive or not forgive sins

[20H] John 20:24-25 Which disciple had doubts? Thomas

[20I] John 20:26-27 What evidence did He offer the doubting one? Touching his hands and side

[20J] John 20:28-29 Who did Jesus bless? Those who did not see and yet believed

[20K] John 20:30-31 Why did John write this book? So that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we may have life in His name.

[20L] **Lost and Found** Yes, I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and I have the life He promised. I was convinced because nothing else worked and I came to the end of myself. John 6:68 "Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.'" Other than following Jesus Christ there are no other reasonable alternatives to death. All the other so-called religions are mystical nonsense about working our way up to God. We are helpless. Either God saves us or we are forever lost.

**For further thought:**

(20m) Compare John 20:21 with Luke 24:44-49. What is the same? What is different?

(20n) Compare John 20:22 with Genesis 2:7. What did you learn?

(20o) What was Jesus talking about in 20:17-18? What did her clinging to Him have to do with ascending to the Father?

(20p) Thinking about John 20:23: Do we have the authority to not forgive others? (Hint: Matt 6:12-15, 7:2)

(20q) Does Jesus' blessing in John 20:29 apply to us? Why or why not?

(20r) Compare John 20 with Luke 24. What did you learn?

(20s) If someone asked you what John chapter 20 was about what would you tell them?

(20t) What did you learn about John chapter 20 that you would like to remember?

(20u) What verse or passage from John chapter 20 would be best to memorize? Why?

## John Chapter 21

To make better sense of this chapter you need to know that "the disciple that Jesus loved" was John the Apostle, the author of this book. Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[21A] John 21:1-3 How many fish did they catch? \_\_\_\_\_

[21B] John 21:4 Did the disciples recognize Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[21C] John 21:5 How did Jesus address them? \_\_\_\_\_

[21D] John 21:6 When He told them to fish off the right side of the boat, what did they do?  
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[21E] John 21:7 When John told Peter it was the Lord, what did Peter do?  
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[21F] John 21:8 About how far out were they? 100 \_\_\_\_\_

[21G] John 21:9-11 Did Jesus already have some fish? \_\_\_\_\_

[21H] John 21:12-14 Did the disciples recognize Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[21I] John 21:15-17 How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[21J] John 21:18-19 What was this prophecy about? \_\_\_\_\_

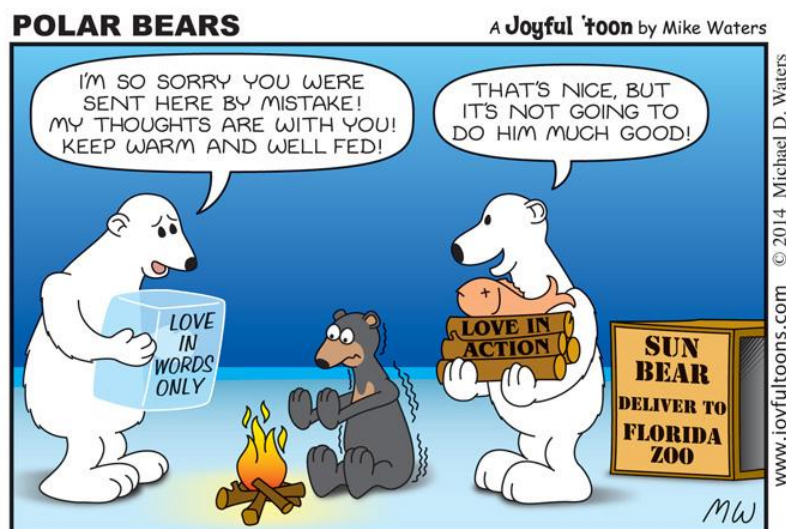
[21K] John 21:20-23 What was Jesus *not* talking about? \_\_\_\_\_

[21L] John 21:24 What did the author know? \_\_\_\_\_

[21M] John 21:25 How much of what Jesus did is included in this book? \_\_\_\_\_

[21N] John 21:15-17 Why did Jesus ask Peter the same question three times?  
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Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.  
- 1 JOHN 3:18 NIV

## John Chapter 21

[21A] John 21:1-3 How many fish did they catch?

None. This is how they earned a living, it wasn't just for fun

[21B] John 21:4 Did the disciples recognize Jesus? No

[21C] John 21:5 How did Jesus address them? Children

[21D] John 21:6 When He told them to fish off the right side of the boat, what did they do?

Fished off the right side

[21E] John 21:7 When John told Peter it was the Lord, what did Peter do?

Got dressed and threw himself in the sea.

[21F] John 21:8 About how far out were they? 100 yards

[21G] John 21:9-11 Did Jesus already have some fish? Yes

[21H] John 21:12-14 Did the disciples recognize Jesus? Yes

[21I] John 21:15-17 How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? Three

[21J] John 21:18-19 What was this prophecy about? Peter's death

[21K] John 21:20-23 What was Jesus *not* talking about? The length of John's life

[21L] John 21:24 What did the author know? That the author was telling the truth. It was a form of oath like our "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

[21M] John 21:25 How much of what Jesus did is included in this book? A tiny fraction

[21N] **Love, Love, Love** The Bible doesn't say why Jesus asked Peter three times, but most people who have studied it conclude that Jesus was trying to get a different answer, which He finally did. It is not obvious in English but there are two different words for love being used here – *agape* = love shown in actions, and *phileo* = a feeling of great affection. Briefly:

Do you *agape* me? Yes, I *phileo* you. Feed My sheep.

Do you *agape* me? Yes, I *phileo* you. Feed My sheep.

Do you *agape* me? Yes, I *agape* you. Feed My sheep.

Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ? What are you doing about it?

### For further thought:

(21o) Thinking about John 21:1-8: How do you have a conversation at 100 yards?

(21p) In John 21:4 they did not know Him, but in John 21:12 they did know Him. Was this because they had gotten close enough to see Him or because of the way He fed them, similar to the way the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognized Him in Luke 24:35?

(21q) Thinking about John 21:7: How did John recognize Him? Why did Peter need John to tell him Who He was?

(21r) Why do you suppose John included the detail of how many fish were caught in John 21:11?

(21s) Thinking about John 21:4-6: If they did not know Who He was, why did they follow His advice about where to cast their nets?

(21t) Thinking about John 21:9-10: If Jesus already had fish, why did He tell them to bring theirs?

### The Gospel of John - Conclusion

(21u) What is the Gospel of John about? What title would you give it if you had to go by contents instead of the name of the writer?

(21v) How does the message of the Gospel of John apply to our lives? What impact does it have on how we walk in our Christianity?