

Bible

The Gospel of John

Chapter One

Before beginning your study of the Book of John, please make sure to pray with your student. Ask the Lord to help you understand His Word and show you anything He desires for you to learn this week!

READ

Parent

Read a good introduction to the Book of John, either in your own bible or use a commentary. Share with your student the background of the books, known author, date of writing, and any other pertinent historical information about this book.

Student

Read chapter one of the Book of John. Look up any words that you do not understand in your Bible's concordance or dictionary. Write words and their definitions on your chapter chart.

LEARN AND DISCOVER

Day One

Using colored pencils, read today's text and underline or mark (make a symbol or picture) for the following:

God (or any other name of God the Father), color purple or (^)
Jesus (or any other name of Jesus, Son of God), color red or (+)
Holy Spirit (or any other name for God the Spirit), color blue or (S)

Day Two

Read the text again and underline or mark the following:

Special words that are used frequently (not including and, the, etc.) Examples: praise, help, pray, brethren.

Day Three

Read the text today and write on your chapter chart the most often words by frequency. Example: God (10 times), Jesus (12 times), pray (5 times)

Day Four

Read the text today and try to identify the theme of this chapter. Hint: Look at your list of words to help you figure out what the author of this chapter thinks is most important. Write this theme in your chapter chart.

Ex. Rejoice in the Lord Always!

Day Five

Read the text today and try to identify the key verse. This will be the verse that sums up the theme of the chapter. Write this verse on your chapter chart.

MEDITATE

The Bible tells us that we are to meditate on God's word daily and meditate simply means to recite or repeat a word or phrase over and over again. As the week draws to a close, you should have carefully read the entire chapter 6 times! Review your chapter chart and recite your key verse several times!

PRAY

Spend time with God each day and thank Him for His Holy Word. Tell Him how much you desire to read and understand His Words. Thank God for the Bible and that you live in freedom and can read and study His word without fear of persecution.

IN THE beginning [before all time] was the Word ([a]Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [b]Himself.(A)

2He was present originally with God.

3All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

4In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.

5And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].

6There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.(B)

7This man came to witness, that he might testify of the Light, that all men might believe in it [adhere to it, trust it, and rely upon it] through him.

8He was not the Light himself, but came that he might bear witness regarding the Light.

9There it was--the true Light [was then] coming into the world [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] that illumines every person.(C)

10He came into the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him [did not know Him].

11He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own--His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him and did not welcome Him.

12But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name--(D)

13Who owe their birth neither to [c]bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]

14And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.(E)

15John testified about Him and cried out, This was He of Whom I said, He Who comes after me has priority over me, for He was before me. [He takes rank above me, for He existed before I did. He has advanced before me, because He is my Chief.]

16For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift.

17For while the Law was given through Moses, grace ([d]unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ.(F)

18No man has ever seen God at any time; the only [e]unique Son, or [f]the only begotten God, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him [He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can

be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known].(G)

19And this is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you?

20He confessed (admitted the truth) and did not try to conceal it, but acknowledged, I am not the Christ!

21They asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not! Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No!(H)

22Then they said to him, Who are you? Tell us, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?

23He said, I am the voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness [the voice of one shouting in the desert], Prepare the way of the Lord [level, straighten out, the path of the Lord], as the prophet Isaiah said.(I)

24The messengers had been sent from the Pharisees.

25And they asked him, Why then are you baptizing if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?

26John answered them, I [only] baptize [g]in (with) water. Among you there stands One Whom you do not recognize and with Whom you are not acquainted and of Whom you know nothing.(J)

27It is He Who, coming after me, is preferred before me, the string of Whose sandal I am not worthy to unloose.

28These things occurred in Bethany (Bethabara) across the Jordan [[h]at the Jordan crossing], where John was then baptizing.

29The next day John saw Jesus coming to him and said, Look! There is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!(K)

30This is He of Whom I said, After me comes a Man Who has priority over me [Who takes rank above me] because He was before me and existed before I did.

31And I did not know Him and did not recognize Him [myself]; but it is in order that He should be made manifest and be revealed to Israel [be brought out where we can see Him] that I came baptizing [i]in (with) water.

32John gave further evidence, saying, I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and it dwelt on Him [never to depart].

33And I did not know Him nor recognize Him, but He Who sent me to baptize [j]in (with) water said to me, Upon Him Whom you shall see the Spirit descend and remain, that One is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

34And I have seen [that happen--I actually did see it] and my testimony is that this is the Son of God!

35Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,

36And he looked at Jesus as He walked along, and said, Look! There is the Lamb of God!

37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Him.

38But Jesus turned, and as He saw them following Him, He said to them, What are you looking for? [And what is it you wish?] And they answered Him, Rabbi--which translated is Teacher--where are You staying?

39He said to them, Come and see. So they went and saw where He was staying, and they remained with Him [k]that day. It was then about the tenth hour

(about four o'clock in the afternoon).

40One of the two who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41He first sought out and found his own brother Simon and said to him, We have found (discovered) the Messiah!--which translated is the Christ (the Anointed One).

42Andrew then led (brought) Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, You are Simon son of John. You shall be called Cephas--which translated is Peter [Stone].

43The next day Jesus desired and decided to go into Galilee; and He found Philip and said to him, Join Me as My attendant and follow Me.

44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the same city as Andrew and Peter.

45Philip sought and found Nathanael and told him, We have found (discovered) the One Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote about--Jesus from Nazareth, the [legal] son of Joseph!

46Nathanael answered him, [Nazareth!] Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Philip replied, Come and see!

47Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said concerning him, See! Here is an Israelite indeed [a true descendant of Jacob], in whom there is no guile nor deceit nor falsehood nor duplicity!

48Nathanael said to Jesus, How do You know me? [How is it that You know these things about me?] Jesus answered him, Before [ever] Philip called you, when you were still under the fig tree, I saw you.

49Nathanael answered, Teacher, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!

50Jesus replied, Because I said to you, I saw you beneath the fig tree, do you believe in and rely on and trust in Me? You shall see greater things than this!

51Then He said to him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you all, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man!(L)

Footnotes:

1. [John 1:1](#) In John's vision (Rev. 19), he sees Christ returning as Warrior-Messiah-King, and "the title by which He is called is The Word of God... and Lord of lords" (Rev. 19:13, 16).

2. [John 1:1](#) Charles B. Williams, The New Testament: A Translation in the Language of the People: "God" appears first in the Greek word order in this phrase, denoting emphasis--so "God Himself."

3. [John 1:13](#) Literal translation.

4. [John 1:17](#) Richard Trench, Synonyms of the New Testament.

5. [John 1:18](#) James Moulton and George Milligan, The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament.

6. [John 1:18](#) Marvin Vincent, Word Studies in the New Testament: This reading is supported by "a great mass of ancient evidence."

7. [John 1:26](#) The Greek can be translated "with" or "in;" also in verses

31 and 33. The KJV prefers "with," while the ASV prefers "in."

8. [John 1:28](#) George M. Lamsa, The New Testament According to the Ancient Text.

9. [John 1:31](#) See footnote on John 1:26.

10. [John 1:33](#) See footnote on John 1:26.

11. [John 1:39](#) George M. Lamsa, Gospel Light from the Aramaic: In accordance with Oriental hospitality, the guests would be invited to remain that night also.

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