



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."

CATERPILLAR

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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

Course Text: The Gospel of 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. If a question appears without a blank you are not supposed to write your answer but just think about what you would answer. Also, 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?

Before reading the Gospel of John read 1st John 1:1-4. Because 1st John was also written by the Apostle John, these verses help make it clear that when the gospel says "In the beginning was the Word..." the word "Word" means Jesus. 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." John the Baptist was born about six months before 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 Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, has always existed.

Suggested methodology for group study:

1. Let the students have a copy of the lesson well before the class meets. (Perhaps the previous meeting)
2. The students read the John and answer the questions in this lesson before the group meets.
3. At the class meeting allow time for greetings and fellowship. (Save most of this for the end)
4. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
5. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
6. In the class meeting, discuss the questions on the pages 13 & 15. Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers, when provided, are just one opinion; you may have a better answer. (It might be good to establish the norm that only those who have actually read the book should discuss it aloud.)
7. Discuss whatever other questions people have on their mind about the Gospel of John.
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on someone else to pray, but try to get 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, this class is expected to take about two hours.

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Introduction to the Gospel of John

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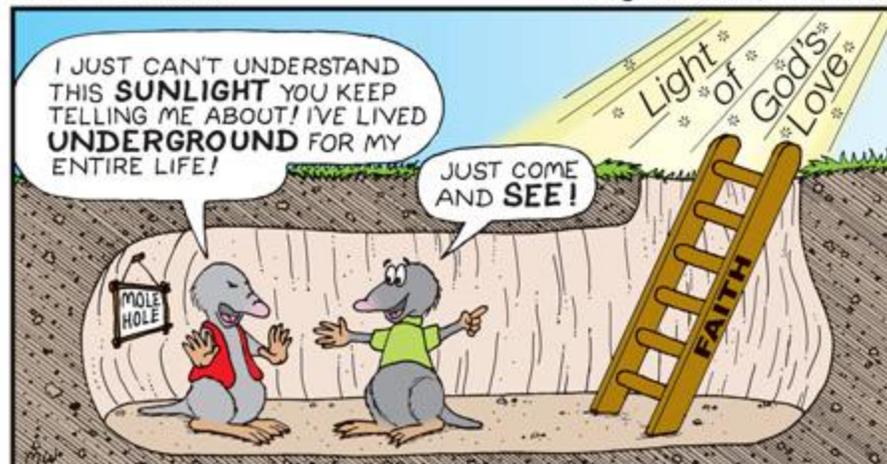
- (A) Matthew 10:2 Who were John's father and brother? _____
- (B) Matthew 4:18-21 What profession was John? _____
- (C) Luke 6:14-16 How far down on the list is John? _____
- (D) John 1:35-37 How many disciples of John followed Jesus? _____
- (E) Mark 3:17 What was Jesus' nickname for James and John? _____
- (F) Mark 1:20 Besides their father who was left in the boat? _____
- (G) John 18:15 How did "that disciple" get in? _____

Read John Chapters 1 and 2 and answer these 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 1:35-51 What four men are made apostles? _____
- [2A] John 2:1-12 What happens to the water in the pots? _____
- [2B] John 2:13-17 What did He use to chase them out? _____
- [2C] John 2:18-22 How many days will it take Jesus to rebuild the temple? _____
- [2D] John 2:23-25 What does Jesus know? _____

MOLE HOLE

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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

----- ANSWERS -----

Introduction to the Gospel of John

- (A) 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.
- (B) Matthew 4:18-21 What profession was John? Fisherman
- (C) 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)
- (D) 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.
- (E) Mark 3:17 What was Jesus' nickname for James and John? Sons of Thunder
- (F) 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
- (G) 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.

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.
Notice that John the Baptist called Jesus the "Son of God" and the "Lamb of God." The Jews understood that the sacrifice of a lamb symbolized the taking away of sin. Exodus 12:1-12 records the sacrificial lamb being offered at the Passover. (Also see the story of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22.)
- [1G] John 1:35-51 What four men are made apostles? Andrew (John 1:40) Simon Peter (John 1:42) Philip (John 1:43) & Nathanael (John 1:47:48)

Chapter 2

- [2A] John 2:1-12 What happens to the water in the pots? It becomes very good wine Jn 2:7-10
- 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.
- [2B] John 2:13-17 What did He use to chase them out? A scourge of cords Jn 2:15
- [2C] John 2:18-22 How many days will it take Jesus to rebuild the temple? Three Jn 2:19
- [2D] John 2:23-25 What does Jesus know? What is in man Jn 2:35

Read John Chapters 3 to 6 and answer these questions.

[3A] John 3:1-8 What was Nicodemus? _____

[3B] John 3:9-21 Why do men love the darkness? _____

[3C] John 3:22-30 One can receive nothing unless what? _____

[3D] John 3:31-36 What has the Father given the Son? _____

[4A] John 4:1-6 Where was Jesus sitting? _____

[4B] John 4:7-38 What happens to those who drink living water? _____

[4C] John 4:39-45 What did the Samaritans come to know? _____

[4D] John 4:46-54 How sick was the man's son? _____

[5A] John 5:1-17 What day of the week was it the man was healed? _____

[5B] John 5:18-24 What has the Father given the Son? _____

[5C] John 5:25-32 When those in tombs hear His voice, what happens? _____

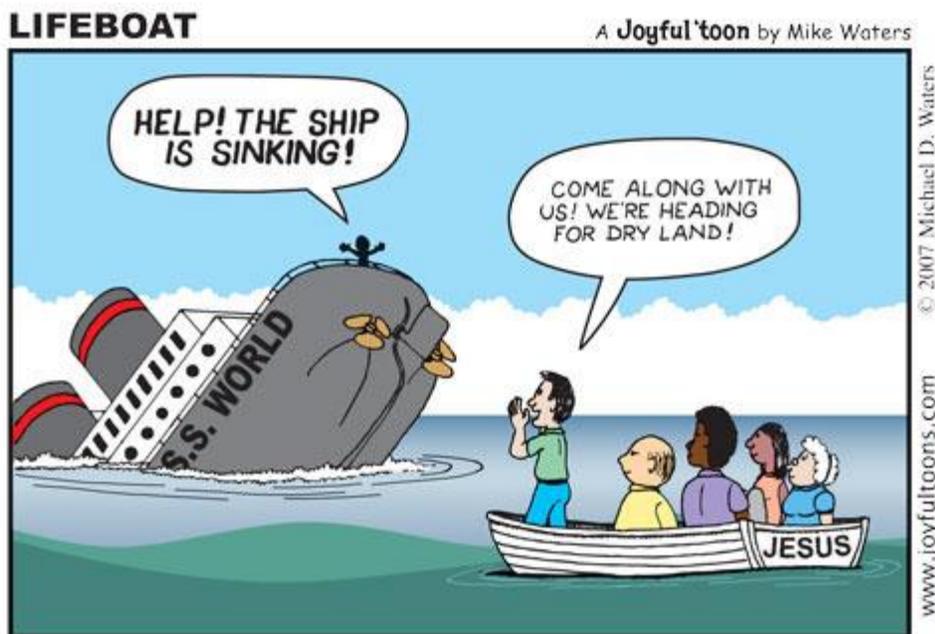
[5D] John 5:33-47 Jesus calls on the testimony of four or five witnesses or pieces of evidence. Who and what? _____

[6A] John 6:1-14 How many people were fed? _____

[6B] John 6:15-25 After Jesus got in the boat when did they reach shore? _____

[6C] John 6:26-58 What does Jesus call His flesh? _____

[6D] John 6:59-71 What words kept Peter following Jesus? _____



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. - JOHN 3:17 NIV

Chapter 3

- [3A] John 3:1-8 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 3:9-21 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?
- [3C] John 3:22-30 One can receive nothing unless what? It is given from heaven Jn 3:27
- [3D] John 3:31-36 What has the Father given the Son? All things Jn 3:35

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 4:7-38 What happens to those who drink living water? They never thirst again Jn 4:14
Have you drunk any of this water? How do you know?
- [4C] John 4:39-45 What did the Samaritans come to know? Jesus is the Savior of the world Jn 4:42
- [4D] John 4:46-54 How sick was the man's son? On the point of death Jn 4:47

Chapter 5

- [5A] John 5:1-17 What day of the week was it the man was healed? Sabbath Jn 5:9
- [5B] John 5:18-24 What has the Father given the Son? All Judgment Jn 5:22 Notice the close relationship between Jesus and God the Father reported in this chapter.
- [5C] John 5:25-32 When those in tombs hear His voice, what happens? They arise Jn 5:28-29
- [5D] John 5:33-47 Jesus calls on the testimony of four or five witnesses or pieces of evidence. Who and what? John the Baptist Jn 5:33-35, His Own works Jn 5:36, the Father Jn 5:37-38
Scriptures (Old Testament) Jn 5:39-44 Moses Jn 5:40-47 (You could take the last 2 as 1)
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?

Chapter 6

- [6A] John 6:1-14 How many people were fed? Five thousand Jn 6:10
There are eight miracles recorded in John's gospel and of them, only the feeding of the five thousand, reported in this chapter, appears in any other gospel. Notice after He feeds them bread He tells them He is the bread of life.
- [6B] John 6:15-25 After Jesus got in the boat when did they reach shore? Immediately Jn 6:21
- [6C] John 6:26-58 What does Jesus call His flesh? Bread Jn 6:51 Bread for eternal life. Notice he had just fed the five thousand miraculously with bread.
- [6D] John 6:59-71 What words kept Peter following Jesus? The words of eternal life Jn 6:68
What have you already given up to follow Jesus? What has your discipleship cost you? Do you have anything in your life that you are not willing to give up?

Read John Chapters 7 to 11 and answer these questions.

[7A] John 7:1-24 Why do people hate Jesus? _____

[7B] John 7:25-39 Officers were sent to do what to Jesus? _____

[7C] John 7:40-53 Who defended Jesus to the chief priests and Pharisees? _____

[8A] John 8:1-11 What did Jesus instruct the woman to do? _____

[8B] John 8:12-30 Who did Jesus say He was? _____

[8C] John 8:31-47 What can the truth do for us? _____

[8D] John 8:48-59 Who did Jesus claim to be born before? _____

[9A] John 9:1-12 Why was the man born blind? _____

[9B] John 9:13-34 Of what was the formerly blind man certain? _____

[9C] John 9:35-41 Why did Jesus come into the world? _____

[10A] John 10:1-21 Jesus said He was two things. What? _____

[10B] John 10:22-42 Who did Jesus say that He was one with? _____

[11A] John 11:1-27 Who did Jesus tell Martha that He was? _____

[11B] John 11:28-46 What did Jesus say that made Lazarus rise? " _____ "

[11C] John 11:47-57 What was the main concern of the chief priests and Pharisees?

BALLOON POPPER

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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

----- ANSWERS -----

Chapter 7

- [7A] John 7:1-24 Why do people hate Jesus? Because He tells them about their evil actions Jn 7:7
Is this why the world still hates Jesus?
- [7B] John 7:25-39 Officers were sent to do what to Jesus? Seize Him Jn 7:32 Why didn't they? 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)
- [7C] John 7:40-53 Who defended Jesus to the chief priests and Pharisees? Nicodemus Jn 7:50-51
Not exactly a strong defense, was it? Why didn't He tell them the truth?

Chapter 8

- [8A] John 8:1-11 What did Jesus instruct the woman to do? Go, and sin no more Jn 8:11 Many people think that what Jesus was writing in verse 8 was a list of sins that the woman's accusers had committed. The Bible does not say that, but it does bring up a question: If Jesus was to make a list of your sins what would it say? I wonder how far He would get with mine before I slunk off in shame.
- [8B] John 8:12-30 Who did Jesus say He was? The Light of the World Jn 8:12 but there are two more intriguing statements of that nature in this passage. See Jn 8:24 and Jn 8:28.
- [8C] John 8:31-47 What can the truth do for us? Make us free Jn 8:32
- [8D] John 8:48-59 Who did Jesus claim to be born before? Abraham Jn 8:58 Read the story of Moses and the burning bush in Exodus 3:1-16. Notice in Exodus 3:14 God says, "I am that I am." When Jesus says the same thing in John 8:58 is He saying that He is God?

Chapter 9

- [9A] John 9:1-12 Why was the man born blind? So the works of God might be displayed Jn 9:3
Why were the Pharisees upset by the healing of the blind man?
- [9B] John 9:13-34 Of what was the formerly blind man certain? He was no longer blind Jn 9:25
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. We should not let a lack of knowledge stop us from speaking for Jesus Christ. Just because we do not know everything, does not mean we are wrong about what you we do know. Are you giving public testimony of Jesus Christ?
- [9C] John 9:35-41 Why did Jesus come into the world? For judgment Jn 9:39

Chapter 10

- [10A] John 10:1-21 Jesus said He was two things. What? Sheep gate Jn 10:7 & 9
The Good Shepherd Jn 10:11 & 14
- [10B] John 10:22-42 Who did Jesus say that He was one with? The Father Jn 10:30 In verse 27 it says that if we are the Lord's sheep we will hear His voice. Do you hear His voice?

Chapter 11

- [11A] John 11:1-27 Who did Jesus tell Martha that He was? The resurrection and the life Jn 11:25
- [11B] John 11:28-46 What did Jesus say that made Lazarus rise? "Lazarus, come forth!" In John 11:43 Jesus called Lazarus from the grave by calling his name. It has been suggested that if He had not said Lazarus' name but had said instead just, "Come forth," that every dead person in the graveyard would have gotten up out of the grave in answer to His command. What do you think and why? (See John 5:28-29)
- [11C] John 11:47-57 What was the main concern of the chief priests and Pharisees?
Losing their position of authority Jn 11:48

Read John Chapters 12 to 16 and answer these questions.

[12A] John 12:1-11 Who objected to Mary anointing Jesus and why? _____

[12B] John 12:12-19 When did Jesus enter Jerusalem? _____

[12C] John 12:20-26 What must we do to serve Jesus? _____

[12D] John 12:27-50 How can we become sons of Light? _____

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

[13B] John 13:5-20 What is it that someone who has bathed needs? _____

[13C] John 13:21-38 How will people know we are His disciples? _____

[14A] John 14:1-6 What did He go to do? _____

[14B] John 14:7-15 If we believe in Jesus what will we be able to do? _____

[14C] John 14:16-31 Who is the Helper? _____

[15A] John 15:1-11 What kind of vine is Jesus? _____

[15B] John 15:12-17 What is Jesus commandment? _____

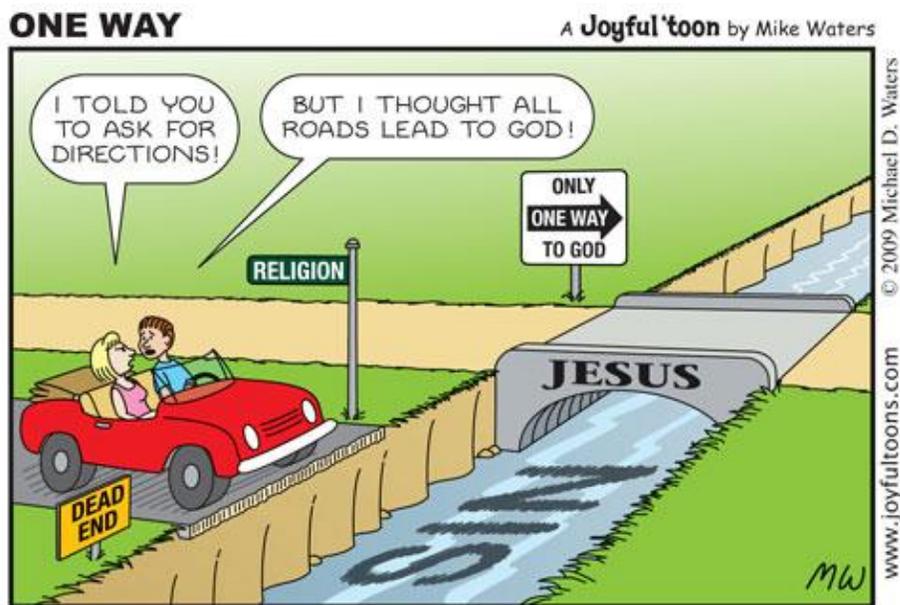
[15C] John 15:18-27 Who will the Spirit of Truth testify about? _____

[16A] John 16:1-4 Why do they do these things? _____

[16B] John 16:5-15 What will happen when the Spirit of Truth comes? _____

[16C] John 16:16-22 What will grief be turned into? _____

[16D] John 16:23-33 What kind of language is Jesus using? _____



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

Chapter 12

- [12A] John 12:1-11 Who objected to Mary anointing Jesus and why? Judas because he was a thief
 Since everyone wore sandals then, it was customary for a guest to have their feet washed by the servants of the house he came to visit.
- [12B] John 12:12-19 When did Jesus enter Jerusalem? 5 days before Passover Jn 12:1 and 12:12
 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?
- [12C] John 12:20-26 What must we do to serve Jesus? Follow Him Are you? How do you know?
- [12D] John 12:27-50 How can we become sons of Light? Believe in the light Jn 12:34-36

Chapter 13

- [13A] John 13:1-4 What four things does John say Jesus knew as He prepared to wash the disciples feet?
⁽¹⁾ God gave Him all things, ⁽²⁾ He had come forth from God,
⁽³⁾ He was going back to God, ⁽⁴⁾ and His hour had come. Jn 13:1 & 3
- [13B] John 13:5-20 What is it that someone who has bathed needs? His feet washed Jn 13:10 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)
- [13C] John 13:21-38 How will people know we are His disciples? Our love for each other Jn 13:31-35
 Can people tell that your church is filled with His disciples?

Chapter 14

- [14A] John 14:1-6 What did He go to do? Prepare a place for us Jn 14:3-4
- [14B] John 14:7-15 If we believe in Jesus what will we be able to do? Greater works Jn 14:12
 If John 14:12-13 is true, why aren't we all very wealthy and completely healthy?
- [14C] John 14:16-31 Who is the Helper? Spirit of Truth Jn 14:16-17 Holy Spirit Jn 14:25-26
 What does John 14:1-31 teach us about the Trinity?

Chapter 15

- [15A] John 15:1-11 What kind of vine is Jesus? The true vine Jn 15:1
 What do you think it means when Jesus says He is the "true vine?"
- [15B] John 15:12-17 What is Jesus commandment? That we love as we are loved by Him Jn 15:12
That we love one another Jn 15:17 Do you obey these commands?
- [15C] John 15:18-27 Who will the Spirit of Truth testify about? Jesus Christ Jn 15:26-27

Chapter 16

- [16A] John 16:1-4 Why do they do these things? Because they know neither the Father nor Jesus Christ
- [16B] John 16:5-15 What will happen when the Spirit of Truth comes? He will guide us into all truth
 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)
- [16C] John 16:16-22 What will grief be turned into? Joy Jn 16:20 Other than childbirth can you think of other examples of God turning your grief and sorrow into joy and rejoicing?
- [16D] John 16:23-33 What kind of language is Jesus using? Figurative language Jn 16:25 Here He talks about a day when everything will be said plainly. Has that day arrived for you? How do you know?

Read John Chapters 17 to 21 and answer these questions.

[17A] John 17:1-12 What is eternal life? _____

[17B] John 17:13-21 Why did Jesus speak in the world? _____

[17C] John 17:22-26 How long has the Father loved the Son? _____

[18A] John 18:1-11 What happened when Jesus said, "I am He?" _____

[18B] John 18:12-24 What was the temperature that night? _____

[18C] John 18:25-27 What happened right after Peter's third denial? _____

[18D] John 18:28-40 Did Pilate find Jesus guilty of anything? _____

[19] What did they do to Jesus?

John 19:1 _____

John 19:2 _____ and _____

John 19:3 _____ and _____

John 19:17 _____

John 19:18 _____

John 19:23 _____

John 19:30 _____

John 19:34 _____

John 19:39-40 _____

John 19:41-42 _____

[20A] John 20:1-1-18 When did she recognize Him? _____

[20B] John 20:19-29 As He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" what did He do? _____

[20C] John 20:30-31 What evidence did He offer Thomas? _____

[21A] John 21:1-11 Did the disciples recognize Jesus?

[21B] John 21:12-17 How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him?

[21C] John 21:18-25 How much of what Jesus did is included in this book?

POLAR BEARS A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
- 1 JOHN 3:18 NIV

----- ANSWERS -----

Chapter 17

[17A] John 17:1-12 What is eternal life? Knowing God the Father and God the Son. Jn 17:3

[17B] John 17:13-21 Why did Jesus speak in the world? So that we might have His joy Jn 17:13-15

In John 17:19 what does "sanctified in truth" mean? Have you been sanctified in truth? How do you know?

[17C] John 17:22-26 How long has the Father loved the Son?

Before the foundation of the world Jn 17:22-24

In His prayer in John 17 Jesus calls God, "Father" four times, "Holy Father" once, and "O righteous Father" once. How do you address your prayers? Do you call Him the same thing in private as you do in public? Why or why not?

Chapter 18

[18A] John 18:1-11 What happened when Jesus said, "I am He?" They fell back on the ground. Jn 18:6

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?

[18B] John 18:12-24 What was the temperature that night? Chilly or cold Jn 18:18

Who was Annas? Caiphas held the office of High Priest but his father-in-law, Annas, had been the High Priest before so he retained the title, sort of like we still call people president even after they leave office.

[18C] John 18:25-27 What happened right after Peter's third denial? The rooster crowed. Have you ever failed to publically acknowledge your Christianity? Why?

[18D] John 18:28-40 Did Pilate find Jesus guilty of anything? No Jn 18:39

Chapter 19

19:1 Beat Him with a whip

19:2 Crowned Him with thorns and dressed Him with purple

19:3 Ridiculed Him and beat Him with their hands.

19:17 Made Him carry His cross

19:18 Crucified Him

19:23 Stole His clothing

19:30 Gave Him vinegar to drink.

19:34 Pierced His side to make sure He was dead

19:39-40 Wrapped Him in linen cloth with a hundred pounds of spices

19:41-42 Put Him in a tomb

Chapter 20

[20A] John 20:1-1-18 When did she recognize Him? When He called her name Jn 20:16

[20B] John 20:19-29 As He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" what did He do?

He breathed on them. Jn 20:22 After seeing the resurrected Lord Jesus, why didn't they go out immediately and begin preaching the gospel?

[20C] John 20:30-31 What evidence did He offer Thomas? Touching his hands and side. Jn 20:26-27
What evidence convinced you that Jesus Christ rose from the dead?

Chapter 21

[21A] John 21:1-11 Did the disciples recognize Jesus? No Jn 21:4 When did you recognize Him?

[21B] John 21:12-17 How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? Three Jn 21:15-17 Why?

[21C] John 21:18-25 How much of what Jesus did is included in this book? A tiny fraction Jn 21:25

John 21:24 was a form of an oath like our "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

(1) Read John 20:31. Why was the Gospel of John written?

Think & Pray _____

(2) Read John 1:1-5; 4:42; 10:11; 10:30; 11:27; 19:19; and 20:28-31. According to the Gospel of John, who is Jesus Christ?

Think & Pray _____

(3) Read John 6:35; 8:12; 8:58; 10:9-11; 11:25; and 14:6. Who or what did Jesus Christ say He was?

Think & Pray _____

(4) Read John 3:19-20; 7:19; 8:7-10; and 8:34. Who are the servants or slaves of sin?

Think & Pray _____

(5) Read John 1:14; 3:16-17; 8:36; and 19:30. How can the problem of our sin be solved?

Think & Pray _____

(6) Read John 3:16-19; 3:36; 5:28-29; and 8:24. What will happen to those who do not believe on Christ, and who refuse to put their full trust in Him?

Think & Pray _____

----- ANSWERS -----

(1) **Why John Was Written:** John 20:31 " ... so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name." The great thing is we get to know more about Jesus Christ as the Son of God ourselves by reading and studying John. And we even see how we can have life in His name. Praise the Lord!

(2) **Who Is Jesus Christ?:**

John 1:1-5 "... the Word was God... " "... In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men ..."

John 4:42 "... the Savior of the world ..."

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd..."

John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

John 11:27 "... the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

John 19:19 "... The King of the Jews."

John 20:28-31 "... My Lord and my God ... Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ..."

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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

Jesus is our Lord and one with the Father, Creator and Savior of the world, King of the Jews, and Christ. Isn't it great how many different persons Jesus is to us? We are getting to know God Himself by knowing Jesus!

(3) **The "I Am's" Of Jesus:** Jesus is the great I AM, Bread of life, Light of the world, Door to salvation, our Good Shepherd, our Resurrection, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Isn't it exciting to learn that He is everything we need! My favorite of these verses is John 14:6 where Jesus declares himself "the Way, the Truth and the Life." Amen!

(4) **The Problem Of Sin:** John 8:34 "Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.' " Everyone sins and is therefore the slave or servant of sin. Understanding that we are all sinners is important because none of us can become followers of Jesus without first admitting the truth that we are sinners.

(5) **The Problem Solved:** The solution to the problem of our sin is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. John 8:36 "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

(6) **Unbelievers Are Condemned:** John 3:20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed." Those who do not believe are damned to die in their sins, and suffer the full wrath of an angry and Holy God. John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." You understand this clearly. Now how do we help others understand it? Jesus is the only way!

(7) Read John 19:32-35 and John 20:19-29. Do you believe Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the dead? Why or why not?

Think & Pray _____

(8) Read John 3:16 and put your own name in the blanks

“For God so loved _____
that He gave His only begotten Son for _____
that if _____ believes in Him,
_____ will not perish,
but _____ will have everlasting life.”

(9) Read John 1:11-12; 3:36; 5:24; 6:35-37; 6:47; 11:25-26; 14:1-3; 14:6; 14:27; 15:11; and 17:3. Do you know you have the eternal life promised by God? Why or why not?

Think & Pray _____

(10) Read John 8:31. How can we be true disciples of Jesus Christ?

Think & Pray _____

(11) If someone asked you what The Gospel of John was about what would you say?

Think & Pray _____

(12) How can the lessons of The Gospel of John be applied to our own life?

Think & Pray _____

If you have any questions or insights about the Gospel of John, now is the time to discuss them with your classmates.

----- ANSWERS -----

(7) **He is risen! He is alive!** Jesus died, was buried, and rose again alive. Thomas saw Jesus physically (not just in spirit) and touched His scars and then believed. John says that you and I will be even more blessed because we have not seen Him but believe anyway!

(8) **John 3:16 Personalized:** Wow! It can't be any clearer than that can it?

(9) **Our New Destiny:** To have eternal life you need a personal relationship of trust with Jesus Christ.

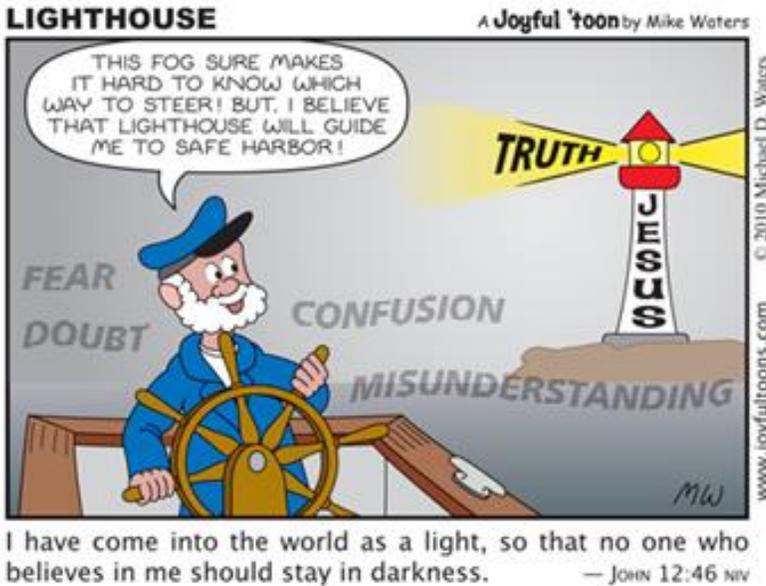
John 1:11 "... as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name"

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life..."

John 5:24 "... he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

John 6:47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life."

John 11:25-26 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.' ..."



Isn't it exciting that He promises us eternity in Heaven, which includes peace to our troubled hearts and joy to our downcast souls? Knowing Him IS eternal life! I know that you and I believe in Jesus and have eternal life. Now our opportunity is to share with others how they too can have eternal life!

(10) **How To Be A True Disciple Of Jesus:** John 8:31 "So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, 'If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.'" Of course "continuing" or "abiding" in His word means doing what He asked us to do and following Him in obedience. Sometimes it takes extra effort, beyond even what we are able, but He is there to help us even in following Him.

(11) **The Gospel of John Core Message** Briefly the message of John is, salvation and gratefully loving God and each other. There is much more to it than that, of course, and that is the purpose of meeting in fellowship with other believers to discuss your answers to this question. If you cannot meet with a class of some kind to discuss this question, try to talk with a fellow believer about it.

(12) **The Gospel of John Life Application** Again, briefly, we can apply John's gospel to our life by loving God and each other. And again, this is the point of meeting in fellowship, to help each other to find ways to take what we have learned in this course on the Gospel of John and turn it into new actions and attitudes.