

The Gospel of John

John 1:1-3

1. What five claims are being made about the Word?
2. What are the second and third words of Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24 and 26?
3. When does this passage say all of this took place?
4. What is the fifth word in Genesis 1:26?
5. To whom does the “us” refer?
6. Does this mean that the earth was created in six days as the Bible claims?

John 1:4-13

1. What role was John the Baptist sent to perform?
2. Who is the “light”?
3. Where is this “light”?
4. What is “his own” in John 1:11?
5. Who can become children of God?

John 1:14-18

1. What happened to the “Word”?
2. What is His name?

John 1:19-27

1. Who is John?
2. What is John the Baptist saying in John 1:32?
3. What is the context of Isaiah 40:1-3?
4. What is John the Baptist saying about loosing ‘sandal straps’?

John 1:28-34

1. What and where are Bethabara and Jordan?
2. Does baptism wash away sins?
3. Why does John the Baptist call Jesus, ‘the Lamb of God’?
4. What did John’s baptism do?

5. Is the Bible saying that Jesus also had sins? Why was he baptized? (cf. Hebrews 4:15; Matthew 3:13-17)
6. What is the meaning of baptism today?
7. Does one need to be baptized to go to heaven? (cf. 23:32-33, 39-43)
8. How did John recognize Jesus as the 'Lamb of God'?

John 1:35-42

1. Until what time did Andrew stay with Jesus that day?
2. Andrew was originally a disciple of whom?
3. What did John the Baptist do with Andrew?

John 1:43-51

1. What and where are Galilee and Bethsaida?
2. How do you think Andrew and Philip said what they said in verses 1:41 and 45?
3. What do you think of Nathaneal's first reaction?
4. How does Philip respond?
5. How applicable is his advice for people today?

John 2:1-5

1. To what does the "third day" refer?
2. Where is Cana?
3. Why do you think Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding at Cana?
4. Why would Mary be concerned about the wine running out at the wedding feast?
5. Why would Mary be helping to run a wedding feast in the first place?
6. What do you think of Jesus' reply to Mary?
7. Jesus must have called Mary, 'mother' growing up. Why does He now refer to her as 'Woman'?

8. If His ministry had commenced, why did He say, “My hour has not yet come”?
9. What did Mary say? What else does the Bible quote Mary as having said after this point?

John 2:6-11

1. What do you think about the description of the water pots?
2. What is meant by “the manner of purification of the Jews”?
3. What might the servants have been thinking as they approached?
4. What is the lesson of obedience of the servants? (hint: Nike’s marketing slogan)
5. What does John call this changing of water into wine?

John 2:12

1. Where is Capernaum?
2. Who’s mission from those listed?
3. Who went with Jesus, His disciples and Mary?
4. Did Jesus have siblings? (cf. Matthew 13:55-56)

John 2:13

1. What is Passover?
2. What is the requirement for the lamb’s condition? What does it symbolize? It’s blood?

John 2:14-22

1. What are the money changers doing in the temple and why did the Jews object?
2. Where does the Bible say the judgment will begin? (cf. 1 Peter 4:17)
3. Do the Jews disapprove? What is their objection? And Jesus’ response?

John 2:23-3:8

1. What are the Pharisees?

2. What is meant by Nicodemus being called 'a ruler of the Jews'?
3. Didn't the Romans rule Israel at this time? What about Herod?
4. Why did Nicodemus come 'by night'?
5. Why does Jesus tell Nicodemus he must be 'born again'? What does this mean?
6. Why is 'Spirit' capitalized? Is the 'Spirit' a different God?
7. Can the Spirit be seen?
8. What is 'living water'?

John 3:9-16

1. What is happening in this passage?
2. What is Jesus referring to in 3:14?
3. Who is the bronze serpent an image of whom?

John 3:17-21

1. Why is Jesus called the 'only begotten' Son of God?
2. Did Jesus come to 'condemn the world'?
3. How do you think Nicodemus felt as he left Jesus that night?
4. Do you know what happened to Nicodemus thereafter?

John 3:22-36

1. What may the Jews have been trying to do to John in 3:26? How does he respond?
2. What is John saying about the bride, bridegroom, and his friend?

John 4:1-6

1. Why would Jesus leave Judea?
2. Why would the Pharisees be after Jesus?
3. Who are Jacob and Joseph?

John 4:7-19

1. Why did the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans?
2. Why would Jesus ask the woman for water?
3. What was the woman's sin?

John 4:20-26

1. According to Jesus, what is the proper place for worshipping God?
2. What does that mean for churches today?

John 4:27-30

1. Why did the disciples marvel that Jesus talked with a woman?
2. What three identities did the woman give Jesus?
3. What did the woman do after meeting Jesus?

John 4:31-38

1. How does Jesus' attitude toward doing God's work, including telling people about Jesus, differ from that of many if not most Christians today?
2. How often do we eat? How often should we take up God's work?
3. What does 'sow' imply?

John 4:39-45

1. Why did many Samaritans believe in Jesus?
2. Why or when did 'many more' believe in Jesus?
3. When had Jesus testified that 'a prophet having no honor in his own country'? Why did the Galileans receive Him this time? (cf. Matt. 13:54-58)

John 4:46-54

1. When did the fever leave the nobleman's son?
2. What did the nobleman do until he was able to confirm what Jesus had said?

John 5:1-9

1. What was the man's ailment?
2. What do you think of the sick man's answer?

John 5:10-15

1. Who are the Jews in 5:10?

2. What is peculiar about their reaction to the cured man?
3. What was wrong with the man carrying his bed on the Sabbath?
4. What is an example of sickness caused by sin? What could be a 'worse thing'?

John 5:16-23

1. What kind of hearts did the Jews have?
2. What angered them all the more?
3. Is Jesus saying that He is another God to rival the Father?
4. What about those who are saved – what did they do to deserve it?

John 5:24-30

1. When do we cross into everlasting life?
2. Who are the dead?
3. Why does Jesus refer to himself as the Son of Man?
4. What does it mean to have done good?

John 5:31-47

1. Who is the truth?
2. What does Jesus mean by Scriptures (5:39)?
3. Isn't the Old Testament sufficient to lead to eternal life?
4. Do they believe in Jesus even in the Old Testament?
5. Will knowledge of the New Testament save us?

John 6:1-13

1. How much time had elapsed since the beginning of Jesus' ministry?
2. Why did a great multitude follow Jesus?
3. Why did Jesus address Philip when asking where to buy bread?
4. Did the crowd number five thousand?
5. What other clues are there to the size of this crowd?
6. How many baskets of bread were left over? What is the significance of this number?

7. What did Jesus refer to himself as? (cf. 6:35)

John 6:14-35

1. What did the crowd call Jesus after being fed?
2. Why would they consider Jesus to be like Moses?
3. What did the crowd around Jesus want to after the miracle?
Why?
4. Where did Jesus go after the miracle? Why? What for?
5. Does prayer help against temptation?
6. When did Peter begin to sink?
7. Where were the people standing? Why?
8. What does it mean to work for God?

John 6:35-71

1. What was the setting for this teaching by Christ?
2. Who was in the audience?
3. What is said about this 'bread of life'?
4. Who ultimately enables us to believe in Jesus?

John 7:1-9

1. Why did Jesus avoid Judea?
2. What is the Feast of Tabernacles?
3. Who were Jesus' brothers? Did they believe in Jesus?

John 7:10-24

1. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem in secret?
2. What effect do you think His brothers going ahead had?
3. When he arrived, does Jesus remain hidden?
4. Why did the people think that Jesus had a demon?
5. Why does Jesus bring up circumcision and judgment?

John 7:25-39

1. How many errors are in their statement in John 7:27? What are they?
2. Why couldn't they take him?

3. What tipped the Pharisees and chief priests into action?
4. When did Jesus talk about coming to him to drink water?
5. When would the Holy Spirit be given?

John 7:40-53

1. Did the crowd keep the officers from arresting Jesus?
2. Why is Nicodemus with the chief priests and Pharisees? What is he trying to do?
3. Is it true that no prophet has arisen from Galilee?

John 8:1-11

1. Why did Jesus spend the night at Mount of Olives instead of his house? Does he have one? Does he dress well?
2. What Old Testament law are the scribes and Pharisees referring to when they bring the woman caught in adultery?
3. Where was the man she was caught 'in the very act' with?
4. What did Jesus write on the ground?
5. Why doesn't Jesus chastise the woman for her sin? What does he say to her?

John 8:12-20

1. Who is Jesus talking to?
2. Why did He call Himself the light?
3. Is it true that Jesus judges no one?

John 8:21-36

1. When will the Jews understand what Jesus said?
2. Why do you think Jesus would waste His time and words like this with the Jews?
3. What qualifies someone as Jesus' disciple?
4. Is it true that Jews have never been in bondage to anyone?

John 8:37-59

1. Why do the Jews call Jesus a Samaritan and a demon?

2. Did Abraham see Jesus and “was glad” as Jesus stated in John 8:56?
(Use Gen. 14 & 15 as a reference)

John 9

1. Is God the one who ultimately allows disease or suffering to take place? Give some biblical examples. (e.g. John 9:3; Job; John 5:14; Exodus 20:5, Revelation 21:4)
2. Why did Jesus choose to use spit and mud instead of just saying, “Be healed”?
3. What are they saying of Jesus in John 9:16? How?
4. Why did the Pharisees say that the blind man was “completely born in sins” (John 9:34)?
5. What are the stages in the blind man’s identification of Jesus? (ref. 9:11, 9:17, 9:35)
6. Who is Jesus speaking to in John 9:39? What is he saying?
7. What did the Pharisees end up doing to the healed man?

John 10

1. Who are the shepherd and the sheep?
2. Who is the thief and robber?
3. Who is the doorkeeper?
4. What is the context of this passage? (10:1-6)
5. Jesus calls Himself a “door”, what does that mean?
6. What are the ‘sheep’ supposed to feed on? (ref. John 1:1; 6:48)
7. Who are the hirelings? What do they care about? Who were the hirelings of the day?
8. Should Jesus’ words have rang a bell by now with the Pharisees, who knew the Old Testament? (ref. Ezekiel 34:1-10)
9. Who took Jesus’ life on the cross – the Jews or the Romans?
10. What is the Feast of Dedication? What is its present name?
11. What charge are the Jews bringing against Jesus that merits picking up stones again to stone Him? (John 10:31)

John 11

1. Who were Mary, Martha and Lazarus? Where did they live?
2. Why did Jesus wait instead of departing for Bethany right away?
3. How long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived?
4. Why did Jesus weep if He knew he could raise Lazarus from the dead?
5. Do miracles guarantee belief?
6. Does God issue prophecies only through Godly people?
7. What purpose, besides the obvious, did raising Lazarus, as Jesus did, achieve? (ref. 11:42, 26, 53)

John 12

1. How expensive was the “very costly oil of spikenard” with which Mary anointed Jesus’ feet? Why did she do it?
2. Who was the great multitude and why did they go out to meet Jesus?
3. What did the palm branches signify? What did “Hosanna” mean?
4. Why did Jesus ride into town on a baby donkey?
5. How many days before Passover did this ride occur? What traditionally happened on this date? What does that make Jesus? (ref. Ex. 12:3-6)
6. What does it mean to take up the cross?
7. How will God the Father glorify His name again?
8. Who is the ruler of this world?
9. How will Satan be cast out and how will all peoples be drawn to Jesus?
10. Whose eyes and heart had God blinded and hardened; why?
11. Who are the rulers and Pharisees?
12. Who is the Him who sent Me? To what is Jesus equating? And the flipside? (John 12:44-45)
13. Does Jesus blame those who don’t believe in Him? Do they end up judged anyway?

John 13

1. What is meant by the devil having already put the betrayal of Jesus into Judas Iscariot's heart?
2. What does the bread and wine represent?
3. What does Jesus' dress represent when lays aside his garments and girds himself? Why does Jesus wash the disciples feet?
4. Peter tends to talk before thinking, what does he declare when Jesus goes to wash his feet?
5. How are the disciples completely clean after washing their feet?
6. How did Jesus teach and lead?
7. What does it mean that the disciples were perplexed about Judas Iscariot?
8. To whom did Jesus say, "What you do, do quickly"?
9. Why does Jesus say now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him?
10. How will people recognize Jesus' disciples?

John 14

1. Why would their hearts be troubled?
2. Why does Jesus say He will go to prepare a place for us in his Father's house?
3. Is Jesus the only way to heaven? What about the beliefs in the world that say there are other ways to heaven?
4. What does Jesus say about His relationship with the Father? (ref. 14:7, 9, 10, 11)
5. Jesus told the apostles that they would do greater things than what He had done. Did the apostles raise the dead? Did they heal? (ref. Acts 9:36-42; Acts 19:11-12)
6. How many disciples did Jesus leave behind? (ref. Acts 1:15); How many people became disciples after Peter's first sermon in Jerusalem? (ref. Acts 2:41)

7. What is the difference between Jesus' works and the disciples'? So, who ultimately is responsible?
8. How does Jesus want us to express our love for Him?
9. Where is the Holy Spirit?
10. What will the Holy Spirit do for the disciples?

John 15

1. What does Jesus mean by "I am the true vine"? What is a vinedresser?
2. What does the fruit represent? Who is the branch?
3. What does it mean to prune?
4. What do the disciples have to do to bear fruit for God?
5. Is Jesus saying that if His disciples don't abide in Him, they will burn in hell? What does the fire represent?
6. How do we abide in Jesus' love?
7. What are Jesus' commandments?
8. What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?
9. Were the disciples hated and persecuted also?
10. Why would people have no sin if Jesus hadn't come and spoken to them and done His works?

John 16

1. What did Jesus mean by their being "put out of their synagogues"?
2. Why would sorrow have filled the disciples' hearts?
3. How is it to the disciples' advantage that Jesus goes away and the Holy Spirit comes?
4. What impact will the Holy Spirit have on the world?
5. Why couldn't the disciples bear the many things that Jesus still had to say to them?
6. What will the Holy Spirit tell the disciples?
7. What will the disciples do upon His death? His resurrection?

8. A woman's labor results in birth to a new life. What does Jesus' death on the cross accomplish?
9. Why do Christians pray in Jesus' name?
10. To whom should we pray?
11. What does the world have in store for Christians? How are we to deal with it?

John 17

1. What did Jesus do with His eyes when He prayed?
2. Why is the glorification of 17:1 circular?
3. What is eternal life?
4. What kind of glory is Jesus praying about? Why does Jesus say He had that glory?
5. Who is the "lost... son of perdition"?
6. Is Jesus praying for everyone in the world? Who is Jesus praying for?
7. Did Jesus' sacrifice on the cross pay for the sins of everyone in the world?
8. Does Jesus want us to isolate ourselves from the non-Christian world?
9. Why does Jesus say He sanctifies Himself?
10. Describe Jesus' relationship with the Father. (ref. 17:21-26)
11. What does Jesus pray for among Christians?
12. What is the enabler of the unity?

John 18

1. Where did Jesus go to pray?
2. How did the crowd react when Jesus identified Himself? Then what did Jesus' do?
3. How was Jesus identified? Did Jesus know why?
4. What did Peter do? Who was injured?

5. Who was the high priest that year? Who was Jesus taken to first? Who was he?
6. Who was the gatekeeper at Annas' house? How did John get past her and Peter didn't?
7. What was Annas interested in? How did Jesus respond? Then what happened? Why?
8. What and where is the Praetorium? Why didn't they go inside?
9. Who is Pilate?
10. What is the Jews' initial response to Pilate's opening question?
11. How does Pilate rebut their response? What is he saying?
12. Why do the Jews respond that it is unlawful for them to put anyone to death?
13. How does Jesus answer Pilate's question, "What have you done?" – spiritually or physically?

John 19

1. What's wrong with what Pilate said compared to what he did? (John 19:4,6)
2. What does scourged mean?
3. What did the soldiers do after scourging Jesus?
4. Why doesn't Jesus answer Pilate (v. 9)? What is Pilate asking for in v. 10? Does Jesus comply?
5. What finally pushed Pilate to give Jesus to the Jews?
6. What did Pilate do after delivering Jesus to be crucified? Why?
7. What does 'bearing your cross' mean?
8. Why was it called the 'Place of a Skull'?
9. Why was a title put up on Jesus' cross? Why was it written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin? What did the chief priests ask Pilate to add? What did Pilate mean by 'what I have written, I have written'?
10. How many soldiers crucified Jesus? Why couldn't they split the tunic as they did the garment? Why did they want them?

11. When Jesus told Mary, 'behold your son', to whom was He referring?
12. Jesus cried out, "It is finished"; what does this mean?
13. Who returned to the cross after Jesus died? (ref. v. 35)
14. Why did the Jews instruct that their legs might be broken?
15. Why was Jesus already dead? How did they know? Was there any significance to Jesus' side being pierced? (ref. Zech. 12:10)
16. What other prophecies were fulfilled? (ref. Isaiah 53:3-12)
17. Who was Joseph of Arimathea? Who is Nicodemus?
18. Are the chief priests and Pharisees concerned that Jesus may rise from the dead?

John 20

1. Who went to the tomb? When?
2. Who was the other disciple who outran Peter to the tomb?
3. What is meant by 'he saw and believed'?
4. How did Mary get there? Who did she see that Peter and John didn't see?
5. Why didn't Jesus appear to the eleven first?
6. How does Jesus' resurrection prove that He is God?

John 21

1. Where is the Sea of Tiberias?
2. Which of the eleven did Jesus appear to again?
3. What was Peter's reaction?
4. How many large fish did they catch? How many had they caught before Jesus showed up?
5. Who provided the food for breakfast?
6. What does Jesus call Peter? Why?
7. What does Jesus ask Peter? Why? How many times?
8. What does Jesus tell Peter in v. 18-19?
9. Who is Peter referring to v. 21?

10. How much of an exaggeration is in John 21:25?