



John Online Bible Study Weekly Study Questions

Welcome to the John Online Bible Study! Please read the passages of Scripture and work through the questions before the Bible study begins each week. All of the answers to the questions can be found in the text of the Scriptures provided. You will not need outside commentaries or materials to find the answers. Some weeks have more passages of Scripture to read than others. We suggest breaking up some of the passages for reading purposes. If you do not have a Bible, you can access an online copy of Scripture for free at www.biblegateway.com. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to direct them to the Embrace Women's Ministry Office at embracenc@ncbaptist.org or 1-800-395-5100, ext. 5561. We are happy to help!

Week One - August 20 - Context of the Gospel of John

Read John 20:30-31; John 1:19-51

1. According to John 20:30-31, why was the Gospel of John written?
2. John 1:19 mentions "John." This is not the author of the Gospel of John, but rather John the Baptist. These are two different men. Who is John the Baptist and what was his role? See John 1:6-8.
3. The priests and Levites from Jerusalem came to see John the Baptist (John 1:19-28). Who did he say he was and who did he say he was not?
4. Who did John say he proclaimed? By what name did he refer to this person and what did John say this person does (John 1:27-30)?
5. John said he came to baptize in water (John 1:31, 33) and Jesus came to baptize in the Holy Spirit (John 1:33). Why is this important and significant? What is the difference?

6. Disciples begin to follow Jesus (John 1:35-51). Who are the disciples that follow Jesus? From where did they come?

7. Andrew found his brother, Simon Peter. Who did he tell Simon he found?

8. Who does Nathanael say Jesus is?

9. What do you notice about the response of the men to whom Jesus said, “Come, and you will see” (John 1:39), “Follow Me,” (John 1:43), and “Come and see” (John 1:46)? What kind of application does this have for us today?

Week Two - August 27 - Who is Jesus?

Read John 1:1-18 and 3:1-21

1. In John 1:1-4, it says “in the beginning was the Word.” Word is referring to a person. Who is this person and what do we learn about this person from these four verses?

2. In John 1:4-9, we learn more about Jesus’ relationship to darkness. What is this relationship?

3. Why did the world not know Jesus (John 1:10-11)?

4. To whom did Jesus give the right to become the children of God (John 1:12-13)?

5. What did the Word become and what did He do (John 1:14)? When did this happen? What do we see as a result (vs. 14)?

6. What have we received and from where did it come (John 1:16-17)?

7. What has Jesus explained (John 1:18)?

8. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus is necessary to enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5)?

9. John 3:16 is probably the most well-known verse in the entire Bible. In John 3:14-18, who is the Son?

10. According to these verses, why is it important to believe in the Son? What is the result of believing in the Son?

11. In John 3:19-21, the topic of Light and darkness arises again. What do we learn about the relationship of Light and darkness in these verses?

12. How can we make application of these verses this week?

Week Three - September 3 - Jesus' miracles

Read John 2:1-12; 4:46-54; 5:1-18; 6:1-15; and 6:16-21

John 2:1-12 // Water to Wine

1. What was the situation and setting of the event?

2. What did Mary, the mother of Jesus, ask Him to do and what was His response?

3. What was the miracle that happened?

4. What was the result of the miracle (John 2:11)?

John 4:46-54 // Jesus heals the government official's son

1. What was the situation and setting surrounding the event?

2. Who came to Jesus and why did he come to Him? What kind of position did he hold and why is this significant?

3. What did Jesus say to the man? How did the man respond? What was Jesus' second response?

4. How does the man react (John 4:50)?

5. What happened after this?

6. What was the eternal result (John 4:53)?

John 5:1-8 // Jesus heals the lame man by the pool

1. What was the situation and setting of the event?

2. For those who had an illness or disability, what were they depending on and hoping for (John 5:3-4)?

3. For the man who was lame, what were his circumstances?

4. What does Jesus ask the man? How does the man answer Jesus? What does Jesus say to him?

5. What happens after Jesus' healing of the man? Why is the day of the week significant?

6. What is the response of the Jews to the man's healing?

7. Why were the Jews persecuting Jesus?

8. Why were the Jews seeking all the more to kill Jesus (John 5:18)? Why was Jesus' calling God His Father important?

John 6:1-15 // Feeding of the 5,000

1. What was the situation and setting of the event?
2. Why was the crowd following Jesus (John 6:2)?
3. Who was with Jesus and what feast was in the immediate future?
4. What did Jesus ask the disciples and what were the two reasons why He asked this (John 6:5-6)?
5. Two of Jesus' disciples, Phillip and Simon Peter, had responses to Jesus' question. What were their responses?
6. What supplies did they have (John 6:9)?
7. What did Jesus do next (John 6:10-11)?
8. How many men were there and how much food did each man receive (John 6:10-11)?
9. Was anything left over? If so, how much (John 6:12-13)?
10. What was the reaction of the people who saw Jesus' miracle (John 6:14)?

John 6:16-21 // Jesus walks on water

1. What is the situation and setting of the event? Please note this miracle takes place the same day as the feeding of the 5,000 men.
2. Was Jesus physically with the disciples on the boat (John 6:15, 17)?
3. What happened to the sea while the disciples were on the boat (John 6:18)?

4. What made the disciples frightened (John 6:19)?
5. What is Jesus' response to the disciples (John 6:20)?
6. How do the disciples react to Jesus' words (John 6:21)?

Week Four - September 10 - Jesus' interactions with people

Read John 4:1-42; John 11:1-57; and John 12:1-11

John 4:1-42 // Jesus and the Woman at the Well

1. Where had Jesus come from and where was He going? What city did He have to pass through (John 4:1-4)?
2. What time of day was it and where did He rest (John 4:5-6)?
3. Who came to the well and why did she come to the well? What did Jesus ask her for (John 4:7-9)?
4. What was her response and why is her question significant (John 4:9)?
5. Jesus tells her if she understood Who was asking her for water she would ask Him for living water (John 4:10). How does He describe living water (John 4:13-14)?
6. The woman asks Jesus to give her the living water so she doesn't have to keep returning to the well. How does Jesus respond to her (John 4:16-17)?
7. The woman says Jesus is a prophet and begins to ask about worship location (John 4:19-22). The conversation continues. What takes place in the exchange between Jesus and the woman in John 4:23-26?
8. The disciples return after this exchange, but don't ask any questions (John 4:27). How does the woman respond (John 4:28-30)?

9. What were the disciples doing in the meantime (John 4:31)?

10. What was Jesus' response to His disciples (John 4:32-38)? What application does this have for us today?

11. What was the response to the woman and to Jesus from the people who lived in Samaria (John 4:39-42)?

12. From this account, do you see any importance of sharing your testimony? Why or why not?

John 11:1-46 // Jesus, Mary, Martha and Lazarus

1. What was the situation and setting for this event (John 11:1-10)?

2. Jesus has an exchange with His disciples. What does Jesus tell them in this conversation and how do they respond (John 11:11-16)?

3. How long had Lazarus been in the tomb when Jesus arrived (John 11:17)?

4. One of Lazarus' sisters, Martha, comes to greet the Lord Jesus. What does she say to Him and how does He respond (John 11:20-27)?

5. Why is it significant that Jesus tells Martha He is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25-26)? Does this have implications for your life today? Explain.

6. Martha goes into the village of Bethany to get her sister, Mary. When Mary sees Jesus, what does she say to Him (John 6:32)? How does the Lord Jesus respond (John 6:33-37)? How do some of the Jews who were present respond (John 11:36-37)?

7. John 11:38 says Jesus was again deeply moved. What does He ask to be done and what is Martha's response (John 11:38-39)? What happens next (John 11:38-44)?

8. What is the response of the people who were there (John 11:45-46)?

Week Five - September 17 - Jesus' praying

Read John 17:1-26

1. What has Jesus been given from the Father (John 17:1-2)?
2. What is eternal life and what did Jesus come to earth to do (John 17:3-5)?
3. Who did Jesus pray for and how did He pray for them in John 17:6-11?
4. What is significant about Jesus' words in John 17:11?
5. Why did Jesus come to the Father in prayer (John 17:13)?
6. Why does the world hate Jesus' followers and what does Jesus ask on behalf of His followers (John 17:14-16)?
7. Jesus asks that the Father sanctify His followers in the truth (John 17:17, 19). What does this mean for our daily lives?
8. How does Jesus send us into the world (John 17:18)?
9. Who was Jesus praying for in John 17:20-21? How does the knowledge He has prayed for this help us in our witness?
10. What does Jesus pray for believers (John 17:20-24)?
11. What is the last thing Jesus prays (John 17:25-26)?
12. What do the words of John 17 mean for our witness, our prayer lives, and our relationships with others?

Week Six - September 24 - Jesus' mission

Read John 18, 19 and 20

John 18

1. Where did Jesus go after His prayer in John 17 and who was with Him?
2. Who also came to the garden and what was their intent, purpose and attitude?
3. Who was this group seeking? How did Jesus respond to them? How did the group respond? How did Simon Peter respond?
4. What does Jesus say to Peter?
5. What did the Roman cohort and the commander and officers of the Jews do to Jesus? To whom did they take Him? Who was this person and what his role?
6. Meanwhile, what was happening with Simon Peter, also referred to as Peter?
7. About what did the high priest question Jesus and how did Jesus respond?
8. As Jesus answered the high priest's questions, how did one of the priest's officers who was listening respond?
9. After Annas questioned Jesus, he sent Him to Caiaphas. John's gospel does not record Caiaphas' questions to Jesus, but notes Jesus was led to the Praetorium (John 19:28). Who came to the officers and what was his question?
10. Summarize the conversation between Pilate and the officers.
11. Summarize the exchange between Jesus and Pilate.

12. Ultimately, Pilate did not find any guilt in Jesus (John 18:38). However, how did he make the decision not to release Jesus (John 18:39-40)?

John 19

1. According to John 19:1-6, what happened to Jesus and who did these things to Him?

2. What did the chief priests and officers demand of Pilate and how did Pilate respond (John 19:6-7)?

3. This chapter is clear that Pilate was afraid after the Jews gave their response (John 19:7-8). How does Pilate begin to question Jesus and how does Jesus respond (John 19:8-11)? What does Pilate try to do in light of Jesus' response (John 19:12)? How do the Jews react to Pilate?

4. Pilate brings Jesus to Gabbatha and tells the Jews, "Behold, your King!" (John 19:13-14). What was the feast, or specific occasion, taking place? How did the Jews react to what Pilate said to them?

5. They crucified the Lord Jesus and Pilate wrote, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews" on the cross (John 19:18-19). Look at the reactions of the people who were there as witnesses:

a. the soldiers (John 19:23-25) -

b. Mary, Jesus' mother; Mary the wife of Clopas; Mary Magdalene; the disciple Jesus loved, John (John 19:25-27) -

6. Jesus knew all things had been accomplished to fulfill the Scripture. He said He was thirsty (John 19:28). He was given sour wine and then He said, "It is finished!" Scripture says He, "bowed His head and gave up His spirit." What was finished? Examine Colossians 2:13-15 and note what it says was nailed to the cross and Who has the triumph.

7. Soldiers came and broke the legs of the other two prisoners who were crucified with the Lord. However, they did not break Jesus' legs. Why not? What fulfillment of Scripture was this (John 19:36)?

8. Why did John write these things (John 19:35)?

9. Who were the men who came and took the Lord's body? How did they know Jesus? Where did they place Jesus' body and why?

John 20

1. Who was the first person to go to the tomb on the first day of the week? What did this person find?

2. Who did Mary leave the tomb to go find? What did she say to them and what was their reaction (John 20:2-3)? What did they find at the tomb? What was the response of the disciple who reached the tomb first (John 20:8b)?

3. The disciples return to their own homes and leave Mary at the tomb weeping. Scripture details that as she is weeping, she stoops and looks in the tomb (John 20:11). What does she see in the tomb?

4. What do the angels say to Mary? How does she respond? Who then does she see and who does she think this person is? What does this person ask her and how does she respond? When does she realize who the person really is?

5. What does Jesus tell Mary to do? Who does she find and what does she tell them?

6. Scripture says at evening that day (John 20:19) the disciples were gathered and the doors were shut. Why were the disciples shut away and who appeared to them? What did He say to them, show them and say to them a second time (John 20:19-23)? What did He do after this?

7. Thomas was not with the disciples when this happened. The other disciples told Thomas they saw the Lord. How did Thomas respond to the disciples' claims? How did Jesus reveal Himself to Thomas and what was Thomas' reaction? What did Jesus say to Him?

8. John 20:30-31 gives the purpose for the Gospel of John. What is it?

Week Seven - October 1 - Peter's Response

Read John 21

1. Where did Jesus manifest Himself again to the disciples (John 21:1)? To whom did He manifest Himself?
2. Peter decided he was going to go fishing (John 21:3). Who went with Peter (John 21:2) and what was their haul (John 21:3)?
3. Who appeared to the disciples? What did He say to them? What was the reaction of the disciples (John 21:5-8)?
4. What had the Lord prepared for the disciples?
5. Why didn't the disciples ask Who prepared the breakfast for them (John 21:12)?
6. Jesus asked Peter three questions. What were the three questions (John 21:15-17)? How did Peter respond each time?
7. What did Jesus tell Peter (John 21:18-19)? Peter seemed concerned about John. How did Jesus respond to Peter (John 21:22)?
8. What can we learn and apply to our lives with Jesus' command to Peter: "You follow Me!"?