

THE GOSPEL

according to John

PART 1

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1/14	19. PASSION: The prayer of Jesus	17:1-26
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2/4	22. RESURRECTION: Appearances to Peter, John and Mary	20:1-18
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Lesson 1 | Introduction and Overview to the Gospel of John

- Authorship and Date
 1. What does the author say about himself in the text? (1:14; 19:35; 21:24)
 2. What other (possible) personal references are there? (13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20-23)
- Purpose
 1. What does the author say his purpose is? (20:30,31; and see 19:35, and e.g. 2:22).
 2. Is there anything that is unique about the book of John, especially differences from the other accounts of Jesus' life (Matt-Luke)
 3. What set of readers is most likely intended?
 4. Would they be familiar with the other accounts of Jesus' life?
 5. Would they know who "the disciple whom Jesus loved" was?
 6. Would they know the Old Testament Law?
 7. How would the Incarnation ("God in the Flesh" and other concepts) been a struggle to convey and to understand?
- Miracles (list the seven miracles in John, with references)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
- Feasts (list the six feasts in John, with references)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.

Lesson 2 | PROLOGUE (John 1:1-18)

- The Word Introduced
 1. What three facts are stated about the Word in verse 1?
 2. What makes it clear that the “Word” is more than a sound or written symbol?
 3. What role did the “Word” play in the creation?
 4. What two additional images are used in 1:3 to describe the “Word”.
- The Word Manifested
 1. What was the role of the man, John (the Baptist)? (see 1:15, 26-34; 3:26-30)
 2. Which men are affected by the True Light? (v 9)
 3. What was the reaction of the World -- even though made by the “Word”? (v 10)
 4. What was the reaction of “His Own”? (v 11)
 5. Were there some who received Him? What blessing did they receive? (v 12,13)
 6. What additional benefit did men obtain by the “Word” becoming flesh? (v 14)
- The Messenger: John the Baptist
 1. How did John the Baptist refer to Jesus?
 2. What impact did this have on the two disciples?
- The First Disciples: Andrew and Peter
 1. Who was converted first?
 2. What did he do first when he realized who he’d found?
- More Disciples: Philip and Nathanael
 1. What did Philip do after he realized who he’d found?
 2. What was Nathanael reaction when he hear about Jesus?
 3. How did Jesus convince him that he was the Son of God?

Lesson 4 | THE FIRST SIGN: Jesus in Cana and in the Temple (2:1-25)

- The Wedding Feast in Cana of Galilee
 1. How much time had elapsed between John 1:29 and the beginning of ch.2 (1:29, 35, 39, 43)?
 2. What had Jesus been doing during this time?
 3. How many disciples did Jesus have by the end of ch.1?
 4. When Jesus used the phrase “My hour”, what might He be referring to (see 13:1)?
 5. With this in mind, what might be the meaning of Jesus’ response to His mother in v 4?
 6. What was the result of the miracle Jesus performed (v 11)?
- The Passover in Jerusalem
 1. What did Jesus find in the temple (v 14)?
 2. What legitimate purpose did the businesses serve?
 3. Why did Jesus disapprove of such things? How did He refer to the temple (v 16)?
 4. Why did the Jews ask Jesus for a sign (v 18)?
 5. What was His answer (v 19)?
 6. What was He referring to (v 21)?
- Jesus performed signs in Jerusalem
 1. What was the result of the signs Jesus performed in Jerusalem (v 23)?
 2. Find three verses in chapter two where the word “believe” is found. In each case, what was it that produced this belief?
 3. Contrast the belief of those in 2:23 with the belief of those men found in John 1:35-51 and what is the difference?
 4. What does it mean when it says that “Jesus knew all men” in v 24 (1:47-49, 4:29)?

Lesson 5 | The New Birth and Belief (3:1-21)

- Conversation with Nicodemus
 1. Based on his words, what had Nicodemus concluded about Jesus, and why (v2)?
 2. How do the last few verses of chapter 2 tie into the account of Nicodemus?
 3. What did Jesus say Nicodemus would have to experience to see the kingdom (v 3)?
 4. What would Nicodemus (and all Jews) have depended on for the right relationship with God (Matt 3:9, Phil 3:4-6)?
 5. What is meant by being “born of the water and Spirit” (v 5)?
 6. Who had rejected the baptism of John (Lk 7:30)?
 7. Why did Jesus have some expectation that Nicodemus would have understood (v 10)?
 8. Why was Jesus qualified to tell Nicodemus heavenly things (v 12)?
 9. With Jesus’ prediction of His crucifixion, is there any evidence of opposition at this point?
 10. What does Jesus demonstrate by this prediction?
 11. Who would be condemned by Jesus’ coming (v 18)?

Lesson 6 | The Witness of John (3:22-4:3)

- Witness of John the Baptist
 1. What were Jesus and His Disciples doing in Judea (v 22)?
 2. What concern did John the Baptist's disciples bring to him (v 26)?
 3. What attitude toward Jesus does John exhibit (v 29)?
 4. What did John predict must happen (v 30)?
 5. What things are true of the "One who comes from above" (v 31, 34)?
 6. Who has "received His witness" (v 33)?
 7. What comes to those who believe on the Son (v 36)?
 8. What is the fate of those who do not obey the Son (v 36)?
 9. After reading vv 31-36, are these the words of John the baptizer or John the writer of the gospel?
 10. What does the summary of 4:1-3 explain about the baptisms in Jesus' ministry?

Lesson 7 | The Woman of Samaria and the Disciples (4:4-45)

- Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
 1. What is the significance that Jesus “had to pass through Samaria” – if any (v 4)?
 2. What do we know about Sychar and the well (v 4-6)?
 3. How did Jesus begin His conversation (v 7)?
 4. What prejudices did the woman express and expect in her response (v 9)?
 5. What subject is the “gift of God” and its significance (v 10)?
 6. What theme and what Jewish holy day is displayed in vs. 10-14?
 7. What personal details emerge about the woman (v 11-18)?
 8. At what point would you say that the woman believed?
 9. And what did Jesus say about the time coming (v 23-34)?
 10. When did Jesus reveal who He was (v 26)?
- The Message of Jesus is shared to the Samaritans
 1. What was His Mission according to Jesus (v 34)?
 2. Did the Samaritans believe the woman at the well (v 39)?
 3. Did the reason the Samaritans believe change (v 42)?
 4. What was Jesus’ expectation about His reception in his own country (v 43-45)?

Lesson 8 | A Sequence of Healings and unbelief (4:46-5:47)

- The Healing of the Nobleman's Son
 1. What does John tell us about the nobleman (v 46)? And why, do you think?
 2. How did the Nobleman already know about Jesus (v 47)?
 3. Did Jesus heal the son in person? Why (v 49-50)?
 4. When did the Nobleman believe (v 53)?
 5. What is John enumerating the signs (v 54)?

- The Healing of a Paralytic
 1. What feast was Jesus going to attend in Jerusalem (5:1)?
 2. How long had the man been a paralytic (v 5)?
 3. Why do the Jews react negatively (v 16)?
 4. Why did the Jews want to kill Jesus in v 18?

- Jesus Responds to the Jews and Proclaims Who He Is
 1. Where does Jesus get his power and authority (v 19-23)?
 2. List the witnesses of Jesus as the Christ:
 - vs. 33
 - vs. 36
 - vs. 37
 - vs. 39
 3. Who did Jesus say accuses the Jews (v 45)? Why?

Lesson 9 | The Bread of Life and departures (6:1-71)

- Jesus feeds the Five Thousand
 1. Why were the crowds following Jesus (v 2)?
 2. What was the response Jesus wanted from Phillip (v 6)?
 3. How many people were fed and how many made up the crowd (v 10)?
 4. What drove Jesus back into the mountain (v 15)?
- Jesus walks on the Water
 1. Why did Jesus not leave with the disciples that night (v 15)?
 2. Where were the disciples headed (v 9)?
 3. Why were the disciples afraid when they saw Jesus (v 19)?
 4. How did the crowd react the following day, and how did they join up with Jesus (v 24)?
- Jesus the Bread of Life
 1. Why did the crowds follow Jesus across the Sea of Galilee (v 26)?
 2. What are we required to do to inherit eternal life (v 29)?
 3. Why was there grumbling between the Jews (v 41)?
 4. How is Christ displayed with two images in the text (v 31-58)?
 5. How did the disciples react to Jesus' teaching (v 60)?
 6. What was the result (v 67)? For what reason did Peter decide to stay (v 68)?

Lesson 10 | Teachings on Jesus' Identity (7:1-52)

- Jesus in Galilee Before the Feast
 1. Why was Jesus avoiding going to Jerusalem (v 1)?
 2. Were the brothers of Jesus believers? Does it seem like they ever became believers (see 1Cor. 9:5, Gal. 1:19)?
- Jesus Begins Teaching at the Temple
 1. List the different feelings that the people had toward Jesus.
 2. How did Jesus say someone would know the will of God (v 17)?
- The Feast of Booths
 1. Which feasts were all male Jew to attend (Exodus 23:14-17)?
 2. Why were they to dwell in tents during the feast (Leviticus 23:42-43)?
- Jesus Continues Teaching in the Temple
 1. Whom is Jesus referring to by: "I made a man completely well on the Sabbath" (v 23, see John 5)?
 2. What prompted the Pharisees to send guards to arrest Jesus in vs 32?
- The Last Day of the Feast
 1. What image of Christ is found in v 37-38?
 2. What reason did the guards give for not arresting Jesus (John 7:46)?
 3. Who speaks up for Jesus in vs 50?
 4. Read about the 3 appearances of Nicodemus (John 3:1-9, John 7:50-53, John 19:38-42). What do you see about the progression of his relationship with Jesus?

Lesson 11 | More Teachings on Jesus's Identity (7:53-8:59)

- Jesus In Jerusalem
 1. The Jews referenced that the law commands stoning for the offense (v. 5-6), but what did they lack according to the law?
 2. How might the woman have been “caught in the act,” at such an opportune time to challenge Jesus?
 3. How do the Pharisees twist the words of Jesus in v. 13? (See 5:31)
 4. How does Jesus respond to their claims? (v. 14-19; 5:32)
 5. Why did they ask where His father was (v. 19)?
 6. Did they really not know who Jesus was (v. 25)?
 7. What did Jesus say the truth does for those who know it (v. 32)?
 8. What was important to the Jews (v. 33, 39)?
 9. Who does Jesus claim is their father, multiple times (v. 38, 41), before finally telling them plainly (v. 44)?
 10. Why would the Pharisees “die in their sins” (v. 21, 24, 37, 43, 47)?
 11. Why drove the Pharisees to pick up stones to stone Jesus (v. 58-59)?
 12. What is the significance of verses 20 and 59?

Lesson 12 | The True Light (9:1-41)

- Healing of the Man Born Blind
 1. What did the disciples assume was the reason for this man's blindness (v. 2)?
 2. What did Jesus say was the reason (v. 3)?
 3. What did Jesus do to the man (v. 6)? And what did he require the man to do (v. 7)?
 4. What did the neighbors think when they saw him? (v. 8-9) – was it a mixed response?
 5. How did the man answer questions about his healing (v. 11-12, 13-15)?
 6. How did the Pharisees' respond to his answer? (v. 16) – was it a mixed response?
 7. What did they do next, and what was his response (v. 17)?
 8. What did they do next, and what was their response (v. 18-23)?
 9. After the 3rd inquiry on how it happened, what did he ask the Pharisees (v. 27)?
 10. What does the man do immediately after Jesus reveals His identity (v. 35-38)?

- The Good Shepherd
 1. What two images of Jesus are illustrated in this text?
 2. Describe the relationship of sheep to the shepherd.
 3. Describe the relationship of the shepherd to the sheep.
 4. How did the Jews respond to this teaching?