

Sunday Morning Bible Class

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

As Recorded by the Apostle John

Questions for Study

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John Chapter 1

1. What was the purpose of John the Baptist?
2. How would he fulfill his purpose?
3. How had they seen Christ's glory?
4. What does it mean to receive "grace for grace" (verse 16)?
5. Why did John preach in the wilderness instead of going city to city?
6. What was the purpose of John's preaching?
7. Did John know Jesus before the event of Christ's baptism?
8. Approximately how many hours did it take Andrew to conclude with confidence that Jesus was the Christ?
9. Why did Jesus change Simon's name to "Peter"?
10. In verse 51, what Old Testament text does Jesus pull from? And what does it mean?

Chapter 2

1. What symbolism, if any, do you find in this miracle?
2. What is the meaning of Jesus' response to Mary in verse four?
3. How does the miracle prove who Jesus is?
4. What was happening in the temple?
5. Why is this wrong?
6. What was Jesus' reaction to this, and why?
7. What sign does Jesus do, and how does it prove his authority to do what He just did in the temple?
8. At the end of the chapter, while in Jerusalem, many believed in Jesus, but "Jesus did not commit Himself to them." Why not, and what does that mean?

Chapter 3

1. Who is Nicodemus?
2. What does Jesus teach him?

3. How is one born of water and the Spirit?
4. What is the reference that Jesus makes about Moses in verse 14, and why?
5. The famous John 3:16 is actually a concluding thought inside the context. What point is the famous verse concluding?
6. John 3:16 speaks of believing in order to have everlasting life. Considering your answers to questions 4-5, and considering the context of Jesus' words, how is Jesus defining the word "believe?"
7. What was the dispute about in verse 25? What does that mean?
8. What is the purpose of John's disciples coming to John in verse 26?
9. Who fills the roles in the illustration of verse 29?
10. What thing (or things) does John the Baptist speak of as essential to one's salvation?

Chapter 4

1. What is the reason given for Jesus leaving Judea?
2. Consider verse one along with Matthew 3:4-6, how popular has Jesus become?

3. What did the woman at the well think Jesus meant by the water He can give? What did Jesus mean?

4. When Jesus further explains His water in verses 13-14, what does the woman think he meant this time?

5. Consider the discourse in verses 16-20. Why do you think Jesus asked for her husband?

6. What is the distinction between the worship in their present time and the worship of the future that Jesus speaks of?

7. What did the woman do after she talked with Jesus? Did she believe He was the Savior? Did others believe solely on her testimony (vs.39)? What does this suggest about the character of the woman?

8. In the illustration that Jesus gives in verses 34-38, who fulfills the following roles:

The Fields:

The Reaper:

The Laborer:

Chapter 5

1. What does John say that Jesus already knew about the sick man by the pool?

2. Why does Jesus ask him if he wants to be made well?

3. What issue did the Jews have with this man after he was made well?

4. What problem did the Jews have with Jesus after they found out that He healed the man?
5. What point does Jesus make against the claim of the Jews that He had sinned?
6. Read verses 24-29. What two “hours” does Jesus speak of?
7. How does Jesus describe the day of resurrection?
8. Who is the one “who bears witness” of Jesus in verse 32?
9. Why is it that those in Jerusalem did not believe in Jesus? (vs. 44)
10. How does Moses accuse those in Jerusalem?

Chapter 6

1. Name two things that John records in verses 1-4 that proves He is NOT writing this gospel account to a Jewish reader:
2. Why was this large multitude following Jesus?
3. What things are unique about the miracle of Jesus feeding the multitude?
4. What did the people desire to do with Jesus after He fed them?

5. Why did Jesus not want this to happen?
6. How far were the disciples out to sea when they saw Jesus?
7. Why did the multitude continue to follow Jesus the next day?
8. Why does Jesus describe belief in Him as “the work of God?”
9. What was the manna in the wilderness symbolic of?
10. What does Jesus mean when He said “he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me” (v.56)? Consider verse 63 for your answer. How does all of this relate to John 1:14?

Chapter 7

1. Did the half-brothers of Jesus believe who He really was? Did they ever believe in Him?
2. Read up to verse 15. How do people feel about Jesus at this time in His life?
3. Where/whom does Jesus say His teachings are from?
4. Why is Jesus defending the origins of His teachings?
5. What is the response of the people? And how does Jesus answer them? (v. 20-24)

6. What were some of them saying about the coming of Christ that is not accurate?
7. What is the reasoning of the people in verse 31 as to whether Jesus is the Christ?
8. What are the living waters that Jesus speaks of in verses 37-39?
9. Consider verse 39, when would Jesus be glorified?
10. What do the Jews have mistaken from the Old Testament scriptures (v. 40-41)?

Chapter 8

1. What did the Pharisees do at the beginning of this chapter? Why are they doing this?
2. How could they have caught this woman in the very act?
3. Why didn't they bring the man who was committing the act too?
4. How does Jesus handle the situation?

5. What are the teachings of Jesus on this matter?

6. What does Jesus mean by “I judge no one” in verse 15?

7. How did the Father bear witness about Jesus? (vs. 18)

8. How does Jesus describe the state of his audience through verses 21-25?

9. How does Jesus describe a true disciple? (vs. 31-32)

Chapter 9

1. Consider verses 1-2. What are the disciples, and therefore the teaching of the Jews at that time, still hung up on? Consider for your answer Ezekiel 18:1-20.

2. What point is Jesus making with his illustration of day and night (vs. 4)?

3. What is the meaning of Jesus’ unusual actions in verse 6?

4. What is all the commotion about in verses 8-34?

5. Why would John spend so much time recording the situation of verse 8-34?

6. Did Jesus not keep the Sabbath in His action?
7. Why did Jesus go to find the man in verse 35?
8. Harmonize 9:39 with what Jesus previously said about judging in 8:15 and 8:26.
9. Explain Jesus' teaching in verse 41.

Chapter 10

1. What point, or points, is Jesus making by telling the story of the shepherd and his sheep?
2. Who is Christ in the illustration? What qualities does this show in Jesus?
3. Who are the "thieves and robbers" that were before Christ?
4. How do God's words to Ezekiel in Ezekiel chapter 34 relate to question 3?
5. Who are the "other sheep" in verse 16?

6. John once again reveals the various dispositions of the people toward Jesus in this chapter as well. What variations do we see in verses 19-42?

7. How does the words of Jesus in verses 25-30 show the oneness that Jesus has with His Father?

8. What is Jesus referencing in verse 34?

Chapter 11

1. What did Jesus mean by His words about Lazarus' illness in verse 4?

2. What sounds contradictory in verses 5 and 6?

3. What is Jesus' point behind His words in verses 9-10?

4. How does verse 22 reflect the faith of Martha?

5. How important is Martha's testimony of Jesus in John's account? (11:27, 20:30-31)

6. What does Mary think of Jesus? (11:32)

7. What does the detail that John records in verse 35 tell us about Jesus?

8. What does verses 45-57 do for the ultimate purpose of John's account (20:31)?

Chapter 12

1. For what purpose does Mary wash the Lord's feet?

2. Why did Judas take up an issue with Mary's actions?

3. What was the Jew's and the chief priests' contemplation toward Lazarus?

4. How much of an effect did the raising of Lazarus have? (verses 17-21)

5. How does Jesus illustrate the purpose of His death in verse 24?

6. How were the people mistaken in verse 34?

7. Read verses 37-43. Would you say that John has been fair throughout the book in reporting testimony of both some who believed Jesus and some who did not?

8. How does reporting so many times where people did not believe in Jesus help accomplish John's goal (20:30-31)?

9. According to verses 48-50, how will one be judged?

Chapter 13

1. What does the inside information that John provides in verses 1-3 relate to Jesus washing His disciples' feet?

2. What is symbolic about Jesus washing the feet of His disciples?

3. Read verses 14-15. Is Jesus instituting foot washing in Christian service?

4. In eastern custom, it was a demonstration of friendship to a guest at the table for the master to dip bread for the guest. For what reasons did Jesus do this for Judas?

5. In the context of verse 33, where is Jesus going that His disciples could not?

6. Why would Jesus give this "new commandment" of verse 34 at this time?

7. According to verse 36, Peter would be allowed to follow Jesus afterward, but just not right away. What is the meaning of this?

Chapter 14

1. John spends over eight chapters recording the final hours before the crucifixion to the resurrection of Jesus (chapters 13-21). How does this compare with the other gospel writers? What does this say about John's purpose of mind?

2. How does Jesus answer both of Thomas' points?

a. We do not know where you are going:

b. How can we know the way?

3. What points does Jesus make in response to Philip's request: "Show us the Father?"

4. Do verses 13-14 apply to us, or to the apostles?

5. Do verses 16-17 apply to us, or to the apostles?

6. According to verse 18, Jesus said to His apostles "I will come to you." What coming to them was He referring to?

7. How is it that they will be able to see Jesus but the world will not? (verses 19-24)

8. What all does Jesus say the Helper will do when He comes?

Chapter 15

1. Why does Jesus illustrate Himself as “the true vine?”
2. Why does Jesus illustrate the Father as “the vinedresser?”
3. Why are some branches cut off and burned?
4. How can we apply the words of verses 12-13 today? Consider also 1 John 3:16-18.
5. What does Jesus warn His apostles about in verses 18-25?

Chapter 16

1. Jesus said “these things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble,” what were these things?
2. What does Jesus refer to in verse 2?
3. What will “the Helper” do when He comes? And when will He come?
4. At that present time, had Jesus taught His apostles all that He had to teach them?
5. Explain the alleged contradiction in Jesus’ words of verse 16. Consider the rest of the chapter for your answer.

Chapter 17

1. What is the purpose of Jesus praying aloud in front of His apostles?
2. What does Jesus pray for the apostles in verse 11?
3. Who does Jesus expand His prayer to in verse 20?
4. What is Jesus asking for in verse 21?
5. What is needed for the world to believe? (verse 21)

Chapter 18

1. Where did Judas obtain his detachment of troops?
2. Why do you think the troops “fell to the ground” in verse 6?
3. How many times was Jesus put before a Judgment seat in this chapter?
4. What were the occasions that Peter denied the Lord?
5. According to verse 31, why did the Jew’s need Pilate for the trail of Jesus?

6. What details of the Kingdom does Jesus provide to Pilate?

Chapter 19

1. What was the purpose of Pilate having Jesus sent to be scourged?

2. How do the Jews defend the lawfulness of putting Jesus to death (verse 7)?

3. Why was it unnecessary for Jesus to cooperate with Pilate's questions?

4. What argument do the Jews present to Pilate as their final attempt to persuade him to order the crucifixion?

5. Is that an argument that the Jews believed in?

6. What did the chief priests have to say about the title placed above Jesus?

7. Explain what happened in verses 26-27 and why:

8. In verse 39, Nicodemus appears on the scene. Who is he, and what does his presence suggest?

Chapter 20

1. What day of the week did Jesus rise from the dead?

2. What was the view of Mary in verse 2, even after other gospel accounts explain that an angel had already appeared to her and told her what had happened to Jesus?
3. Who is the faster runner in the account? Who was the first of the runners to enter the tomb?
4. How does verse 9 explain the actions of Mary and the disciples?
5. What is suggested by the handkerchief being folded?
6. Some teach that Jesus' resurrection was not a bodily resurrection but a spiritual one. What important information does this chapter reveal that demonstrates that it was a bodily resurrection?

Chapter 21

1. What is interesting about the time when Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples? What does it remind you of?
2. Verses 15-17 record a dialogue between Jesus and Peter. What is Jesus teaching Peter?
3. What do Jesus' words in verse 18 refer?
4. What is another misunderstanding of the disciples that John records at the very end of the book?
5. What note does John end his account with? What does this suggest about the life of Christ?

