



Optional daily reading schedule to read all of the New Testament

Day 1	John 1-4
Day 2	John 5-7
Day 3	John 8-10
Day 4	John 11-13
Day 5	John 14-17
Day 6	John 18-19
Day 7	John 20-21

Class 3 – 08/31/2022 Topic: John

Theme of John: Believe in the Son of God

Key Verse for John: John 20:31 – ...but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Study Guide for the Week of 08/31/2022 to 09/07/2022

Every day: pray that the Lord will give you eyes to see and a mind to comprehend new and fresh understandings from His Word. Pray that these will be applicable to your life and transform your heart and mind to be more like Christ.

Before you begin, seek to understand the Gospel of John, written by Jesus' beloved disciple John between AD 60 – 90 while in Ephesus. Most sources believe John was written between AD 80-90 but some believe it was written before AD 70 since there is no mention of the destruction of Jerusalem. John is not a book about the life of Jesus but it sets forth a powerful case to prove that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and by believing in Him, you may have life in His name". To support his case of the deity of Jesus, John presents seven miraculous/signs, seven I AM statements of Jesus as well as the testimony of seven witnesses. This book was written to build faith and confidence in Jesus Christ so we too may believe that He is the Son of God.

Study questions:

I. Read John 1:1-18. Notice that John begins his gospel with the same words as Genesis 1:1!

What do we learn about **the Word**:

John 1:1-2, 14

John 1:3, 10; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:2

John 1:4-9

John 1:16-18

John 1:12 What two things must we do to become children of God?

_____ and _____

John puts forth evidence of Jesus' deity with His seven 'I AM' statements. When Jesus says 'I AM', He is saying He is God: eternal, self-existent One. The Jews knew this because that is what God said His name was when Moses asked, "Who shall I say sent me?"

What is that name in Exodus 3:13-14?

II. Read the verses surrounding the I AM statement and briefly record the setting and explain the meaning. Consider the additional verses to enhance your understanding.

1. John 6:22-71 I AM _____
Setting:

Exodus 16:4, 31; John 6:31-33, 47-51 How does this bread (manna) compare to Jesus?

Meaning:

2. John 8:12-20 I AM _____
What are the two promises we have if we follow Jesus (v. 12)?

Setting:

Additional verses:

Genesis 1:1-5

John 1:4, 5, 9

John 12:35-36

John 3:19-21

1 John 1:5-7

2 Corinthians 4:6

Psalm 119:130

Revelation 22:5/Isaiah 60:19-20

Meaning:

3. John 10:1-33 I AM _____
(To keep the sheep safe, shepherds kept the sheep in an enclosed stone walled pen at night. The shepherd slept in the doorway to keep the sheep from wandering off and to keep thieves and predators out)

Setting:

Additional verses:

Matthew 27:51

Hebrews 10:19-22

Ephesians 2:18

Ephesians 3:12

Meaning:

4. John 10:1-33 I AM _____
Setting:

Additional verses:

Psalm 23

Ezekiel 34:1-24 (*v23)

Luke 15:3-7

1 Peter 2:25

Meaning:

5. John 11:1-53 I AM _____
 Setting;
- Additional verses:
 1 Corinthians 15:12, 20-23, 51-57 1 John 5:11-12
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 Romans 6:4, 11, 23
 Matthew 22:31-32 John 3:16; 6:68-69
 2 Corinthians 5:1, 5 John 10:10
- Meaning:
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6. John 14:1-12 I AM _____
 Setting;
- Additional verses:
 Matthew 7:13-14 John 17:17; 18:37 John 1:3-4
 Acts 4:12 John 1:14, 17; 8:31-32 Nehemiah 9:6
 Joel 2:32a/Romans 10:13 Revelation 19:11 Acts 17:24-25
- meaning:
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7. John 15:1-11 I AM _____
 Setting;
- In Isaiah 5:1-30 and Psalm 80:7-9, who was supposed to be the original vine?
 Did they fulfill God's purpose/mission?
- John 15:1-11 Who is the True Vine and did He fulfill God's purpose/mission?
- There are three key elements of this passage in John 15: Pruning, Abiding and Bearing Fruit*
- a. Pruning- Why does God prune us and give an example of how He might prune us in our lives today?
- b. Abiding/Remaining- Practically speaking, what does abiding/remaining look like in our daily lives? (also consider 1John 4:12-13);
- c. Bearing Fruit- What are some ways we bear fruit? (Also consider Eph. 2:10; James 2:14-17)

III. *John very carefully chose seven miraculous signs to prove the deity of Jesus Christ. Five of these seven are unique to the gospel of John. With each of Jesus' miracles, there is a lesson and a reaction from those around Him. Read the verses and fill out the chart.*

Verse	Miracle	Lesson	Reaction
John 2:1-11			
John 4:46-54			
John 5:1-47			
John 6:1-15, 27-28			
John 6:16-21			
John 9:1-41			
John 11:1-57			

Further Study: Watch witness video: [:https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/martus-witness](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/martus-witness)

There were seven witnesses in the book of John that testified that Jesus was God. Who were these witnesses and what did they say about Jesus?

1. John 1:34 -
2. John 1:49 -
3. John 6:69 -
4. John 11:27 -
5. John 20:28 -
6. John 20:31 -
7. John 10:36 -

There were three other witnesses that testified to Jesus' deity which were greater than the testimony of people. What were these three witnesses?

1. John 5:36 -
2. John 5:37 -
3. John 5:39 -