



A Study Guide for  
The Book of

# JOHN

STUDENT EDITION

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## Introduction

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## Chapter 1

### 1. Who was “in the beginning?”

- a. Moses
- b. Adam
- c. The Word
- d. Elijah

### 2. Who was the Word?

- a. God
- b. Isaiah
- c. Elijah
- d. Moses

### 3. What did the darkness NOT overcome?

- a. Anything
- b. The light
- c. The phases of the moon
- d. The way the sun moves

### 4. According to John chapter 1, who came as a witness to testify so that all men might believe?

- a. Isaiah
- b. Moses
- c. John the Baptist
- d. The Light

### 5. How did the world react to the Light?

- a. They ignored him
- b. They did not recognize him
- c. They rejoiced in his coming
- d. They joined with the darkness

### 6. What was given to those who believed in his name?

- a. Power to do miracles
- b. A gold crown
- c. The right to become children of God
- d. All the land

### 7. What did the Word become?

- a. Flesh
- b. A rebel
- c. Hardened
- d. Silent

### 8. Who sent priests and Levites to ask John the Baptist who he was?

- a. The Roman governor
- b. Herod
- c. Jewish leaders in Jerusalem
- d. The high priest

### 9. How did John describe himself?

- a. Elijah
- b. The Christ
- c. The voice of one calling in the wilderness
- d. The Prophet

### 10. What did John the Baptist call in the desert?

- a. “Herod must leave Jesus alone!”
- b. “Make straight the way for the Lord!”
- c. “Set up the tabernacle!”
- d. “Behold, the Lamb of God has come!”

**11. Who said, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know?"**

- a. John the Baptist
- b. Jesus
- c. The Pharisees
- d. Andrew

**12. What did John call Jesus when he saw Jesus coming toward him?**

- a. The Lamb of God
- b. The Alpha and Omega
- c. Mighty King
- d. Lion of Judah

**13. What came down from heaven and remained on Jesus, letting John know who he was?**

- a. Angels
- b. The Spirit
- c. Tongues of fire
- d. A mighty wind

**14. Who turned and followed Jesus when John called Jesus the Lamb of God?**

- a. Two of John's disciples
- b. Judas and Philip
- c. A priest and a Levite
- d. The Pharisees

**15. What did John's disciples call Jesus?**

- a. Your Majesty
- b. Prince of Peace
- c. Rabbi
- d. Holy Father

**16. To whom did Andrew say, "We have found the Messiah?"**

- a. Judas
- b. Philip
- c. Paul
- d. Simon, his brother

**17. What is *Cephas* translated as?**

- a. Nathanael
- b. James
- c. Bartholomew
- d. Peter

**18. To whom did Jesus say, "Follow me?"**

- a. Peter
- b. Philip
- c. Nathanael
- d. Bartholomew

**19. What was Nathanael's response when he heard Jesus was from Nazareth?**

- a. "What a wondrous place it is!"
- b. "His family is well respected"
- c. "The prophets predicted his coming!"
- d. "Can anything good come from there?"

**20. Where did Jesus say he had seen Nathanael?**

- a. On a mountain
- b. In the temple
- c. In Bethany
- d. Under a fig tree

## Chapter 2

- 1. In John 2, what took place 'on the third day'?**
  - a. An election
  - b. A wedding
  - c. A funeral
  - d. A trial
  
- 2. Who said to Jesus, "They have no more wine?"**
  - a. The judge
  - b. Jesus' disciples
  - c. The groom
  - d. Jesus' mother
  
- 3. What reason did Jesus give for asking his mother why she had involved him?**
  - a. He was busy with a wedding for his friends
  - b. He was resting
  - c. His followers were late
  - d. His hour had not yet come
  
- 4. What did Jesus' mother say to the servants at the wedding in Cana?**
  - a. "Go tell the groom there is no more wine"
  - b. "Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you"
  - c. "Do not listen to Jesus"
  - d. "Go and ask the neighbor for more wine"
  
- 5. What were the stone jars at the wedding in Cana used for?**
  - a. Garbage
  - b. Ceremonial washing
  - c. Canning fruit
  - d. Fire control
  
- 6. How many gallons did each of the stone jars used by the Jews for ceremonial washing hold?**
  - a. 5-10
  - b. 15
  - c. 20-30
  - d. 50
  
- 7. How many stone jars did Jesus tell the servants to fill at the wedding in Cana?**
  - a. Four
  - b. Five
  - c. Six
  - d. Seven
  
- 8. What did Jesus instruct the servants to fill the stone jars with at the wedding in Cana?**
  - a. Wine
  - b. Bread
  - c. Water
  - d. Flour
  
- 9. According to the master of the banquet, when was the choice wine usually served?**
  - a. After the guests have left
  - b. First
  - c. After the guests had too much to drink
  - d. When the groom requests it
  
- 10. What is usually served after wedding guests have had too much to drink?**
  - a. Cheaper wine
  - b. Expensive wine
  - c. Breads and cheeses
  - d. Lyres and timbrels

**11. What occurred for the first time at the wedding at Cana?**

- a. A sign through which Jesus revealed his glory
- b. Jesus healed the sick
- c. Jesus preached a sermon
- d. Jesus' mother wept

**12. Where did Jesus go when it was almost time for the Jewish Passover?**

- a. Corinth
- b. The wilderness
- c. Galilee
- d. Jerusalem

**13. What was being done with cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple courts in Jerusalem?**

- a. They were being butchered
- b. They were being sold
- c. They were being led in circles
- d. They were being fed fresh hay

**14. With what did Jesus clear out those exchanging money in the temple?**

- a. Sticks
- b. A whip made of cords
- c. The bones of butchered cattle
- d. Chains

**15. When Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers, what did he do with their coins?**

- a. Used them to feed the poor
- b. Bought clothes for the poor
- c. Scattered them
- d. Turned them into pebbles

**16. To whom did Jesus say, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into market?"**

- a. Those buying items in the temple
- b. The chief priests and Pharisees
- c. Those selling doves
- d. The temple guards

**17. What did the Jews want Jesus to show them to prove his authority?**

- a. A particular coin
- b. A letter from the high priest
- c. A sign
- d. A signet ring

**18. After telling the Jews to destroy the temple, what did Jesus say he would do in three days?**

- a. Raise it again
- b. Give their enemies over to them
- c. Have the Romans rebuild it
- d. Call down hailstones from heaven

**19. According to the Jews, how many years did it take to build the temple?**

- a. 16
- b. 26
- c. 36
- d. 46

**20. What temple was Jesus speaking of when he said, "Destroy this temple?"**

- a. A temple in Rome
- b. The temple in Jerusalem
- c. His body
- d. The text does not say

## Chapter 3

- 1. Of what group was Nicodemus a member?**
  - a. Servants of the high priest
  - b. Disciples of Christ
  - c. Jewish ruling council
  - d. Roman army
  
- 2. What time of day did Nicodemus visit Jesus?**
  - a. Night
  - b. The time is not given
  - c. Morning
  - d. Noon
  
- 3. What did Nicodemus call Jesus?**
  - a. Messiah and Master
  - b. Teacher and Rabbi
  - c. Teacher and Lord God
  - d. Master and Father
  
- 4. Of what did Nicodemus say that Jesus' signs were proof?**
  - a. Jesus loved mankind
  - b. He was the Son of God
  - c. Nicodemus would soon die
  - d. God was with Jesus
  
- 5. What did Jesus say one would have to be to see the kingdom of God?**
  - a. A Jew
  - b. Born again
  - c. A devout worshiper
  - d. Obedient to all the commandments
  
- 6. According to Jesus, what can the Spirit give birth to?**
  - a. Good works
  - b. Spirit
  - c. Flesh
  - d. Faith
  
- 7. To which of these did Jesus compare those who are born of the Spirit in chapter 3?**
  - a. The temple
  - b. Wind
  - c. Sheep
  - d. Fruit
  
- 8. What would be the result for everyone who believes if the Son of Man is lifted up?**
  - a. Miraculous powers
  - b. Eternal life
  - c. A Christian family
  - d. Protection from problems
  
- 9. Why did God give his one and only Son?**
  - a. Satan demanded it
  - b. He had no other child to give
  - c. Jesus insisted on being given
  - d. He so loved the world
  
- 10. According to John 3, which people will NOT perish but instead have eternal life?**
  - a. Those who live good lives
  - b. Those who believe in the Son
  - c. Those who carefully follow the law
  - d. Those who worship daily



**11. Why did God send his son into the world?**

- a. To condemn the world
- b. To bring peace between nations
- c. To save the world through him
- d. To understand human beings

**12. After Jesus talked to Nicodemus, what did he do with his disciples in the Judean countryside?**

- a. Spent time alone in prayer
- b. Baptized people
- c. Healed many lepers
- d. Experienced temptation from Satan

**13. Why did John baptize at Aenon near Salim?**

- a. It was close to Jesus
- b. He was hiding from the Pharisees there
- c. He had a home there
- d. There was plenty of water

**14. What did John's disciples and a certain Jew argue about?**

- a. Offering sacrifices
- b. Eating unclean foods
- c. Tithing
- d. Ceremonial washing

**15. What concern about Jesus did John's disciples bring to him in John 3?**

- a. They thought he was not preaching truth
- b. They did not know who he was
- c. He had condemned John's baptism
- d. People were going to him for baptism

**16. What did John remind his disciples that he was NOT?**

- a. A disciple of Jesus
- b. A miracle worker
- c. The Messiah
- d. A prophet of God

**17. What does God give without limit?**

- a. Miraculous powers
- b. Long life
- c. The Spirit
- d. Wisdom

**18. What will happen to those who reject the Son?**

- a. God's wrath will remain on them
- b. They will be rejected by the people of God
- c. God will no longer help them
- d. God will forgive their sins

## Chapter 4

- 1. Who had heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John?**
  - a. The chief priest
  - b. John himself
  - c. Peter
  - d. The Pharisees
  
- 2. Who of the following was, in fact, baptizing?**
  - a. Only Jesus
  - b. Jesus' disciples, but not Jesus
  - c. Both Jesus and his disciples
  - d. No one
  
- 3. What did Jesus sit down beside in the Samaritan town called Sychar?**
  - a. Jacob's winepress
  - b. Jacob's well
  - c. A table in the marketplace
  - d. The steps of a temple
  
- 4. Who arrived at Jacob's well to draw water in John 4?**
  - a. A disciple of John
  - b. A Jewish child
  - c. A high priest
  - d. A Samaritan woman
  
- 5. What did Jesus ask a Samaritan woman to give him?**
  - a. Help in finding his disciples
  - b. Food
  - c. A drink
  - d. A place to sleep
  
- 6. Why had Jesus' disciples gone to town in John 4?**
  - a. To buy a donkey
  - b. To find overnight lodging
  - c. To buy food
  - d. To find a priest
  
- 7. Why did the Samaritan woman ask Jesus, "How can you ask me for a drink?"**
  - a. Jews did not associate with Samaritans
  - b. Samaritans did not associate with Jews
  - c. She had no water bucket with her
  - d. The well was dry
  
- 8. What did Jesus tell the Samaritan woman she would have asked for if she had known who was asking her for a drink?**
  - a. Special healing
  - b. Living water
  - c. A vision of Jacob
  - d. A special blessing
  
- 9. Who had given the Samaritans the well from which he himself had drunk?**
  - a. Joseph
  - b. Abraham
  - c. Moses
  - d. Jacob
  
- 10. What did Jesus say would never happen to whoever drank the water he gave them?**
  - a. Growing old
  - b. Becoming hungry
  - c. Death
  - d. Thirst

- 11. Who did Jesus tell the Samaritan woman to call, and return with?**
- a. Her sister
  - b. Her husband
  - c. Her father
  - d. Her daughter
- 12. What did the Samaritan woman tell Jesus regarding her husband?**
- a. She did not have one
  - b. He had died
  - c. He was away in battle
  - d. He was handsome
- 13. What did Jesus knowing the woman had had five husbands lead her to believe Jesus was?**
- a. A prophet
  - b. A descendant of Jacob
  - c. An angel
  - d. The Son of God
- 14. What led many of the people in the Samaritan town to believe in Jesus?**
- a. The miracles he performed
  - b. The angels that followed him around
  - c. John's testimony
  - d. The testimony of the Samaritan woman
- 15. What did a royal official beg Jesus to do in Galilee?**
- a. Heal his wife who had leprosy
  - b. Heal his son who lay dying
  - c. Heal his daughter who was bleeding
  - d. Eat a meal with him
- 16. Which of the following things did Jesus tell the royal official?**
- a. "Go, your son will live."
  - b. "Depart from me; I do not know you."
  - c. "Your faith has made you whole."
  - d. "I will give you living water."
- 17. Who met the royal official as he was traveling home with news that his boy was living?**
- a. John
  - b. John's disciples
  - c. His servants
  - d. A woman from Samaria
- 18. At what time had the fever experienced by the son of the royal official left him?**
- a. Noon
  - b. One in the afternoon
  - c. Midnight
  - d. One in the morning
- 19. At what time had Jesus told the royal official that his son would live?**
- a. Noon
  - b. One in the afternoon
  - c. Midnight
  - d. One in the morning
- 20. What was the second sign Jesus performed after going from Judea to Galilee?**
- a. Turning water to wine
  - b. Healing twenty lepers
  - c. Turning a staff to a snake
  - d. Healing the son of the royal official

## Chapter 5

### 1. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem in the beginning of John chapter 5?

- a. He was following a woman from Samaria
- b. John had asked him to go to Jerusalem
- c. To heal the son of a royal official
- d. For one of the Jewish festivals

### 2. What was near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem?

- a. A pool called Bethesda
- b. Jacob's well
- c. A great temple
- d. A Roman prison

### 3. How were those who would lie near the pool of Bethesda described?

- a. Blind, lame, and paralyzed
- b. Cold, hungry, and sick
- c. Weak, poor, and humble
- d. Dying

### 4. How long had the person Jesus healed at Bethesda been an invalid?

- a. 38 days
- b. 38 weeks
- c. 38 months
- d. 38 years

### 5. What did Jesus ask the invalid man at Bethesda?

- a. "Have you sinned?"
- b. "Do you want to get well?"
- c. "Have you tithed?"
- d. "Who is your doctor?"

### 6. Who helped the invalid man Jesus healed get into the pool at Bethesda?

- a. His mother
- b. His father
- c. His brother
- d. No one

### 7. What did Jesus tell the invalid man at Bethesda to do?

- a. Pick up his mat and walk
- b. Make a wish
- c. Call men to help him
- d. Pray without ceasing

### 8. On what day of the week did Jesus heal the invalid man at the pool of Bethesda?

- a. The text does not say
- b. The first day of the week
- c. Two days before the Sabbath
- d. The Sabbath

### 9. What did Jewish leaders tell the man who had been healed at the pool of Bethesda he could NOT do on the Sabbath?

- a. Go home
- b. Carry his mat
- c. Leave the pool
- d. Walk

### 10. Where was Jesus when the Jews questioned the man who was healed at Bethesda?

- a. In the pool healing others
- b. Listening to their conversation
- c. Gone; he had slipped away
- d. Eating with his disciples

- 11. What did Jesus say to the man healed at Bethesda when Jesus found him at the temple?**
- a. "Tell everyone what I did"
  - b. "Tell no one what I did"
  - c. "Stop sinning"
  - d. "Follow me"
- 12. According to John 5, why did the Jews persecute Jesus?**
- a. He was healing on the Sabbath
  - b. He was from Nazareth
  - c. He accused the Jews of not helping the man
  - d. He did not have permission to heal
- 13. Why, in addition to the fact that he healed on the Sabbath, did the Jews try harder to kill Jesus?**
- a. He disrespected their authority
  - b. Those at Bethesda were praising him
  - c. He called God his own Father
  - d. He would not worship in the temple
- 14. What did Jesus tell the Jewish leaders the Son can do by himself?**
- a. Nothing
  - b. Everything
  - c. Things done in secret
  - d. Things revealed to all
- 15. What did Jesus say those who hears and believes him who sent him have?**
- a. The promise of being a ruler one day
  - b. Freedom from all fear
  - c. Eternal life
  - d. Good fortune
- 16. What did Jesus say will happen to those who have done evil?**
- a. They will be condemned
  - b. They will rise to live with God
  - c. They will repent
  - d. They will all be made white as snow
- 17. Who said, "I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just?"**
- a. The chief priest
  - b. The man healed at Bethesda
  - c. Jesus
  - d. John
- 18. Who did Jesus say was a lamp who burned and gave light that they enjoyed for a time?**
- a. David
  - b. Jesus himself
  - c. Moses
  - d. John
- 19. What did Jesus say testified about him in John 5?**
- a. The Scriptures
  - b. The men at the pool of Bethesda
  - c. The rocks and the hills
  - d. The good deeds of men
- 20. Who did Jesus say was the accuser of the Jews in John 5?**
- a. Adam
  - b. Moses
  - c. Jesus himself
  - d. John