

Reading Questions

Chapter 1:

Theme: The Word

Date: Friday, Mar 6, 2026

1. What is John communicating in verses 1-4?
2. Jesus is revealed as the WORD, Gk. "LOGOS" which means speech, utterance, or something said. Compare John 1:1-4 with Hebrews 1:1-4.
3. Verse 14 says the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us. What does this reveal about God's character and plan?

Chapter 2:

Theme: Wedding at Cana

Date: Monday, Mar 9, 2026

1. Why do you think Jesus chose a wedding to perform His first sign?
2. What does Mary's instruction, "Do whatever He tells you," teach you about faith and obedience?
3. After Jesus clears the temple, the Jewish leaders asked Jesus for a sign. Is there significance in Jesus' answer in verse 19?

Chapter 3:

Theme: Jesus and Nicodemus

Date: Tuesday, Mar 10, 2026

1. What was at risk for Nicodemus meeting with Jesus in such an honest and open-hearted way?
2. Why did Jesus reference Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness in verses 14,15? Reference Numbers 21
3. What do verse 16 tell us about God?

Chapter 4:

Theme: Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well

Date: Wednesday, Mar 11, 2026

1. What did Jesus reveal to the Samaritan woman in verses 25-22. What is the significance?
2. Contrast the water Jesus gives and the water from Jacob's well
3. What was the food Jesus spoke of in verses 32-34?

Chapter 5:

Theme: The authority of the Son

Date: Thursday, Mar 12, 2026

1. What did the Jewish leaders miss by focusing on Sabbath law? What causes us to miss Jesus?
2. What claims does Jesus make about His relationship with the Father in verses 17-23?
3. How does this chapter shape your understanding of who Jesus is?

Chapter 6:

Theme: Feeding of the Five Thousand/ The Bread of Life

Date: Friday, Mar 13, 2026

1. What does the miraculous feeding exemplify to us regarding consecrated inadequacy?
2. How does manna in the wilderness compare to the bread Jesus offers?
3. Is Peter getting it? Verses 67-69

Chapter 7:

Theme: Jesus goes to the Festival of Tabernacles

Date: Monday, Mar 16, 2026

1. What does verse 6 tell us about us? Any personal examples?

2. What is the living water Jesus is talking about?

4. What do you think Nicodemus' attitude regarding Jesus is?

Chapter 8:

Theme: I do not Condemn you

Date: Tuesday, Mar 17, 2026

1. What do you think Jesus wrote on the ground in verses 6, 8?

2. Have you ever thrown a stone at someone while not being in touch with your own sin?

4. What does verse 11 reveal about the heart of Jesus?

Chapter 9:

Theme: Jesus pokes the Sabbath Bear, Again

Date: Wednesday, Mar 18, 2026

1. Why were the Disciples so sure that sin caused the man's blindness?
2. What is Jesus demonstrating by healing on the Sabbath? Why did this drive the Pharisees nuts?
3. Why did Jesus go looking for the healed blindman? Does He come looking for you?

Chapter 10:

Theme: The door, The Good Shepherd

Date: Thursday, 19, 2026

1. What is the difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand?
2. Who is the thief in verse 10?

3. Looking at verses 31-33, Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus?

Chapter 11:

Theme: Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

Date: Friday, Mar 20, 2026

1. Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death." How can suffering bring glory to God?
2. Why do you think Jesus wept even though He knew He would raise Lazarus from death?
3. Do you believe verses 25.26?

Chapter 12:

Theme: Jesus talks about His Impending Death

Date: Monday, Mar 23, 2026

1. Verse 14 says Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. Why not a beautiful Stallion?
2. If you were Andrew or Philip, what would you think and how would you respond to verses 23-28?

3. How has the light of Jesus directed your life?

Chapter 13:

Theme: Jesus Washes Dirty Feet, "If You Miss This, You Miss Him!"

Date: Tuesday, Mar 24, 2026

1. What shocking action did Jesus take during the meal with His disciples?
2. In response to Peter in verse 8, What was Jesus saying?
3. In what ways can you serve (wash feet) others?

Chapter 14:

Theme: The Way to The Father/ The Promised Holy Spirit

Date: Wednesday, Mar 25, 2026

1. What are the implications of verse 6
2. In what ways does Jesus show us the Father? What does the father look like?
3. Look at verses 15-18; 25-27. Are you encountering the Holy Spirit like this?

Chapter 15:

Theme: Vine and Branches

Date: Thursday, Mar 26, 2026

1. What is your reaction to verses 5-6?
2. What is the command Jesus requires? Verses 9-14, 17
3. In what ways have you experienced verses 18-19?

Chapter 16:

Theme: The Advocate

Date: Friday, Mar 27, 2026

1. Why is it in any way good that Jesus goes away?
2. How have you encountered the Holy Spirit in your life?
3. Can you recall a time when you experienced God bringing joy after a difficult season of life?

Chapter 17:

Theme: The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus

Date: Monday, Mar 30, 2026

1. What does this prayer reveal about the relationship between Jesus and the Father?
2. In what ways can churches better reflect the unity Jesus prayed for?
5. If Jesus prayed for you right now, what would he emphasize in His prayer for you?

Chapter 18:

Theme: a Kiss, a Denial, and The High Priest meets with a High Priest

Date: Tuesday, Mar 31, 2026

1. In what imperceptible ways are you tempted to respond to conflict like Peter did?
2. What does Jesus say about truth, and how does Pilate respond?
3. If you were in the crowd that day, how do you think you would have reacted to Pilate's question, "Do you want me to release 'The King of the Jews?'"

Chapter 19:

Theme: Crucifixion, Death, and Burial of Jesus

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

1. How should the reality of Christ's crucifixion shape your daily life?
2. Are there areas where you are like Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, secret disciples?
3. What part of chapter 19 impacts you most deeply? Why?

Chapter 20:

Theme: The Resurrection

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026

1. How necessary is the resurrection of Jesus as it relates to Christianity? Why?
2. What is the significance of Mary Magdalene being the first to see Jesus alive?
3. In what ways have you been like Thomas: I will not believe unless....? How does Jesus respond?

Chapter 21:

Theme: Gone Fishing

Date: Friday, April 3, 2026

1. Can you relate to Peter's failure and restoration? In what way?
2. Where is Jesus calling you to a greater love and commitment?
3. Jesus told Peter, "Follow me." What do these words mean to you personally in your season of Life?

Group Discussions

Week #1 - Following Sunday 3/15

Theme:

1. What was one thing you felt you learned from the sermon or reading John 1-6?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- 2. What is happening in your life right now that corresponds to something you read in John?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 3. What would it look like for you to take the next 7 days and _____? Would it be hard? Why?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 4. As you read John 1-6, what one thing stood out to you as something you need to act on right away?
How can we support you?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

Week #2 - Following Sunday 3/22

Theme:

- 1. What was one thing you felt you learned from the sermon or reading John 7-11?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 2. What is happening in your life right now that corresponds to something you read in John?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 3. What would it look like for you to take the next 7 days and _____? Would it be hard? Why?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 4. As you read John 7-11, what one thing stood out to you as something you need to act on right away?
How can we support you?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

Week #3 - Following Sunday 3/29

Theme:

- 1. What was one thing you felt you learned from the sermon or reading John 12-16?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
- 2. What is happening in your life right now that corresponds to something you read in John?

- a. _____
- b. _____

3. What would it look like for you to take the next 7 days and _____? Would it be hard? Why?

- a. _____
- b. _____

4. As you read John 12-16, what one thing stood out to you as something you need to act on right away? How can we support you?

- a. _____
- b. _____

Week #4 - Following Sunday 4/5

Theme:

1. What was one thing you felt you learned from the sermon or reading John 17-21?

- a. _____
- b. _____

2. What is happening in your life right now that corresponds to something you read in John?

- a. _____
- b. _____

3. What would it look like for you to take the next 7 days and _____? Would it be hard? Why?

- a. _____
- b. _____

4. As you read John 17-21, what one thing stood out to you as something you need to act on right away? How can we support you?

- a. _____
- b. _____

Additional Resources

[NIV Intro to John](#)

John closes his book by revealing his purpose in writing Jesus' story: These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John begins his book by echoing words from the Bible's creation story—In the beginning—showing his readers that this is a story of a new creation. Just as the first creation was completed in seven days, John uses the number seven to structure his book. For the Jews the number seven represented completeness and wholeness, a finished work of God revealing his purpose for the world.

The story is told in two main parts. The first describes Jesus' public ministry and has seven sections. Each section closes with a report on how people respond to Jesus, either in faith or unbelief. The second part is devoted to the Passover weekend, when Jesus gave his life for the world.

John records seven instances in which Jesus revealed his identity by using the phrase I am, the name by which God had revealed himself earlier. Similarly, John records seven miraculous signs that Jesus performed. John's narrative mentions twice that the resurrection of Jesus took place on the first day of the week. In this way he confirms that the power of a new creation has broken into our world.

Video Overviews

- [Bible Project overview of John \(part 1\)](#) (8:46)
- [Bible Project overview of John \(part 2\)](#) (8:32)
- [The Bible Effect - Why John Was Written](#) (7:27)
- [The Bible Unpacked - The Gospel of John](#) (20:20)

John Outline:

([from Bible Project](#))

John 1 - Jesus as the Word and First Disciples

- 1-18 Poem
 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
 - Jesus is the Divine word became human
 - Jesus is God’s tabernacle Glory in our midst
 - Th One true God consists of the Father and the Son
- 19-51
 - John the Baptist
 - Meets Jesus
 - Shows others Jesus
 - 7 titles of Jesus
 - Lamb of God
 - Son of God
 - Rabbi
 - The Son of Man
 - Messiah
 - Jesus of Nazareth
 - King of Israel

John 2-12 - Jesus Performs Miraculous Signs

- Chapter 2-4 - Four Classic Jewish Institutions
 - Wedding
 - Reveals the generosity of God’s Kingdom
 - The Temple
 - Jesus death is where Heaven and earth meet
 - Jesus is the reality to which the temple points
 - A Rabbi
 - Israel needs more than just another teacher with new information. They need a new heart and life.

- “No one can experience God’s Kingdom without being born again.”
- A Sacred Well
 - Jesus is here to bring living water that can become a source of eternal life
 - A new quality of life, one that is infused with God’s eternal love
- Chapters 5-10 - Four Sacred Days or Feasts
 - Sabbath (5)

A sacred day of rest.

 - Jesus heals a paralyzed man on the Sabbath
 - Creates controversy with Jewish Leaders about working on Sabbath.
 - Jesus says that his Father is working on the Sabbath, and so is he.
 - They catch his meaning. Calling God his Father, making himself equal with God.
 - They want to kill Him.
 - Passover (6)

A feast that retells the Exodus story with a symbolic meal of lamb, bread, and wine.

 - On this occasion, Jesus miraculously provides food for a crowd of thousands.
 - This results in people asking him for more bread,
 - Jesus responds by saying that he is the “true bread,” and that if they “eat” him, they will discover eternal life.
 - This offends many people, who all stop following him.
 - Tabernacles (7-10)

A festival retold the story of Israel’s wilderness wanderings as God guided them with the pillar of cloud and fire and provided them with water in the desert.

 - Jesus claims
 - “If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink”

- “I am the light of the world”

- Jesus is claiming to be the illuminating presence of God as well as the lifesaving gift of God to his people.
- While some people believe and follow him, others are offended and try to kill him for his exalted claims

- Hanukkah (10)

A festival retells the story of Judah Maccabee clearing the temple of idols and setting it apart as holy once more.

- Jesus enters into the temple area and says that he is the one whom God has “set apart as the holy one”
- His point is that he is the true temple where God’s presence dwells, which is why he finally says, “I and the Father are one”
- This makes the Jerusalem leaders even more angry, and they set in motion a plan to kill Jesus

- Chapter 11

The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead

- Lazarus is sick, but his family lives near Jerusalem. That city is now a death trap for Jesus.
- Once Jesus hears that Lazarus has died, he goes to raise him from the dead.
- The news of this amazing sign spreads quickly.
- As Jesus knew would happen, the Jerusalem leaders hear about it and conspire to murder him.

- Chapter 12

Jesus is anointed for burial. Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem, Predicts Death

- Mary pours expensive perfume to anoint Jesus for burial
- Jesus rides into Jerusalem as Israel’s King
- Jesus is rejected by their leaders.

John 13-17 - [Jesus' Last Night With His Disciples](#)

- Chapter 13

Jesus tries to prepare the disciples for his coming death.

- Jesus takes on the role of a common servant by kneeling down to wash the disciples' dirty feet.
 - In their culture, a superior rabbi would never do this kind of thing for his disciples.
 - Jesus says this act is a symbol of his entire life's purpose, which is to reveal God's true nature as a being of self-giving love.
 - It also symbolizes what it means for Jesus to be the messianic King. He will become a servant and give up his life to die for the sins of the world.
- Jesus' great command to his disciples.
 - To follow Jesus is to love other people just as Jesus loved them.
 - Acts of loving generosity are to be the hallmark of Jesus' followers.
 - This is what shows the world who Jesus is and, therefore, who God is.

- Chapters 14-17

- Repeated themes.
 - Jesus keeps saying that he'll be "going away."
 - This saddens the disciples,
 - Jesus also says that it's for the best because it means that he will send the Spirit, also called "the advocate."
 - His disciples are those who "abide" or "remain" in His divine love
 - The same way that branches are connected to a vine.
 - He's describing how the personal love of God can permeate a person's life, healing, transforming, and making them new.
 - He Repeats His Command
 - "Love one another As I have loved you"
 - Jesus predicts that there will be opposition.

- Just as the Jewish leaders rejected him, his followers will also be persecuted.
- Jesus tells them not to be afraid because he has already conquered, or gained victory over, the world

John 18-20 - Arrest, Trial, Crucifixion and Resurrection

- Chapter 18
 - The Arrest
 - Soldiers come with Judas to arrest Jesus
 - When they ask which one is Jesus, he declares, "I am,"
 - This is the covenant name of God given in Exodus 3
 - The soldiers fall backward.
 - Peter resists
 - He pulls a sword and cuts off an ear
 - Jesus stops him and negotiates the disciples release
 - The Trial

For his exalted claims of being the Son of God and the King of Israel.

 - High Priest
 - Jesus before Pilate
 - Sub Plot - Peter Denies knowing Jesus 3x
- Chapter 19
 - Jesus is sentenced to be Crucified
 - He is Crucified
 - Dies
 - Buried
- Chapter 20
 - The Resurrection
 - Appears to
 - Mary

- Disciples
- Thomas

John 21 - Peter's Commission and the Disciple Whom Jesus Loved

- Peter's Commission
 - Peter is restored
 - He is commissioned to Feed Jesus' flock
 - A unique leader in the Jesus movement.
- The disciple whom Jesus loved.
 - This is none other than the book's author, John.
 - John is called to spend his long life bearing witness to Jesus, so that others may believe in him.