

# GOSPEL OF JOHN

## Study Guide

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# Lesson 1: Jesus—Divine and Human

**Scriptures to Read:** John 1, 2

## Lesson Objectives

- To see that the Son of God was and is eternal, divine, and everlasting.
- To see that Jesus was begotten of the Father in human flesh, bringing light and life to the human family.
- To see that Jesus was fully God and fully man.
- To know that Jesus possessed all the wisdom of God, displayed the very works of God, and held all authority with God.

## Study, Discuss, Learn

### Chapter 1

1. **a.** In *Strong's Concordance*, find the meaning of the name *the Word*, used here of Jesus.  
**b.** How does this word explain that Jesus was far more than a *word*?  
**c.** How does it explain that Jesus was part of the Godhead?
2. Name four things in verses 1-4 that testify to Jesus' deity.
3. What can the darkness of sin not do to the light of Jesus in men? Why?
4. What is the purpose of this Light to which John bore witness?
5. How and on what basis are people given the right to become God's sons and daughters? (v. 12)

6. How is verse 18 a summary of the truth of Jesus' divinity?
7.
  - a. Why would those sent to question John the Baptist ask if he were Elijah? Why would they ask if he were "that prophet"? See Malachi 4:5, Deuteronomy 18:15-18.
  - b. After replying that he was not the Messiah, John explained who he was. In verse 27 he said something like this: "My successor is my predecessor, and I am not worthy to unlatch His sandals." What truths about Jesus does this reveal?
8. What did John the Baptist say about who Jesus was and what he would do about man's sin problem?
9.
  - a. When John the Baptist testified to some of his disciples about Jesus, what was the result?
  - b. What did each of these testify about Jesus: Andrew, Philip, Nathanael?
  - c. What did Jesus testify about Peter? How was this prophetic?
10. What convinced Nathanael of Jesus' identity?

## Chapter 2

11. What led to Jesus' first revelation of His identity?
12. What does it appear that Mary hoped her Son would do?
13.
  - a. What did Jesus' answer to His mother reveal about His calling in relation to His biological family?
  - b. What does it confirm about His eternal attributes and mission on earth?

14. Why did Jesus become angry with what He found in the temple when He went there for the Passover feast?
15.
  - a. When asked for a sign that He held authority for His actions, what sign did Jesus give?
  - b. What was the underlying meaning of Jesus' answer?
  - c. How did Jesus' answer confirm both His humanity and His divinity?
  - d. What was the people's response to Jesus' presence and miracles at the feast?

### Life Discussion Questions

1. Why are both the deity and the humanity of Jesus so foundational in our witness of Him?
2. What false teachings today undermine the divinity of Jesus?
3. If we err in our belief concerning Jesus' divine nature and His human nature, how will this undermine our faith and obedience to the Word of God?
4. What is the significance of the cleansing of the temple as it parallels the truth that today our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit? How should we cleanse this temple?
5. Is it proper for Christians to exercise a zeal similar to Jesus' zeal in cleansing the temple? Why or why not? How was Jesus' zeal distinct from carnally motivated anger?

# Lesson 2: Jesus—The Saviour of the World

**Scriptures to Read:** John 3—4:42

## Lesson Objectives

- To see that the new birth is a spiritual work of the Holy Spirit in a person.
- To see that the entrance into God’s kingdom is by the new birth.
- To see that Jesus came to provide salvation through the new birth, and that rejection of Jesus brings condemnation.
- To know that the duty of every born again Christian is to take the news of salvation to those who do not know it.
- To understand the Holy Spirit’s influence as it permeates every Christian’s daily life, speech, conduct, and witness to the unsaved.

## Study, Discuss, Learn

### Chapter 3

1. a. What were Nicodemus’s credentials? Why does it seem strange that he came to Jesus with religious questions?  
b. Why was Nicodemus sure Jesus was of God?
2. a. Jews used the term *born again* in relation to the process of becoming a Jew. What new depth of meaning was Jesus teaching Nicodemus?  
b. How did Jesus explain this newness in verse 8?  
c. How is water significant in the new birth? See Ephesians 5:26, 1 Peter 1:23.

3. What did Jesus mean by “earthly things” and “heavenly things”? How are they different? How do they connect?
4. Discuss similarities between the brazen serpent of Moses’ administration and the sacrifice of Jesus the Son of God and His new administration.
5.
  - a. Why did God send Jesus into the world?
  - b. By default, are responsible humans saved or condemned?
  - c. How do responsible humans become condemned?
6. How are both light and darkness associated with Jesus coming into the world?
7. What was the cause of the question between the Jews and John’s disciples?
8. What can we learn about divine callings from John the Baptist’s teaching? (v. 27)
9.
  - a. What can we learn from John stepping back to allow Jesus to come to the fore?
  - b. What temptation might this step have presented to John?
10. How was Jesus endowed for the work God sent Him to do on earth? (v. 34)

### Chapter 4:1-42

11. Discuss the circumstances that prompted Jesus to leave Judea and pass through Samaria.
12. Name and discuss the factors that surprised the woman.