

JOHN

The Word Became Flesh

1 **1** **In** the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all **mankind**.

5 The light **shines** in the darkness, and the darkness has not **overcome**^{a]} it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness to testify **concerning** that light, so that through him all might believe.

8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 **The true** light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not **recognize** him.

11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

12 **Yet** to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

13 children born not of **natural descent**, nor of human **decision** or a **husband's** will, but born of God.

14 **The Word** **became** flesh and made his **dwelling** among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

J 2:25 He did not **need** any testimony about **mankind**, for he knew what was in each person.

J 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have **trouble**. But take **heart**! I have **overcome** the world."

[a] Or *understood*

J 10:5 But they will never follow a **stranger**; in fact, they will **run** away from him because they do not **recognize** a **stranger's** voice."

J 11:13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples **thought** he meant **natural** sleep.

J 4:41 And because of his words many more **became** **believers**.

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15 (John testified **concerning** him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has **surpassed** me because he was before me.'")

16 **Out** of his **fullness** we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and^[b] is in **closest relationship** with the Father, has made him known.

John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah

19 Now this was **John's** testimony when the Jewish leaders^[c] in Jerusalem sent priests and **Levites** to ask him who he was.

20 He did not **fail** to **confess**, but **confessed freely**, "I am not the Messiah."

21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you **Elijah**?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one **calling** in the wilderness, 'Make **straight** the way for the Lord.'"^[d]

24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent

25 **questioned** him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor **Elijah**, nor the Prophet?"

26 "I baptize with^[e] water," John replied, "but among you **stands** one you do not know.

J 1:30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has **surpassed** me because he was before me.'

[b] Some manuscripts *but the only Son, who*

J 3:25 An **argument developed between** some of **John's** disciples and a **certain Jew** over the **matter** of ceremonial **washing**.

[c] The Greek term traditionally translated *the Jews (hoi Ioudaioi)* refers here and elsewhere in John's Gospel to those Jewish leaders who opposed Jesus; also in 5:10, 15, 16; 7:1, 11, 13; 9:22; 18:14, 28, 36; 19:7, 12, 31, 38; 20:19.

J 1:25 ELIJAH ↓

J 5:18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he **breaking** the Sabbath, but he was even **calling** God his own Father, **making** himself **equal** with God.

J 20:6 Then Simon Peter came **along behind** him and went **straight** into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,

[d] Isaiah 40:3

J 18:19 Meanwhile, the high priest **questioned** Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

J 1:21 ELIJAH ↑

[e] Or *it*; also in verses 31 and 33 (twice)

27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

John Testifies About Jesus

29 **The next** day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’

31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

34 I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”^[f]

John’s Disciples Follow Jesus

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

39 “Come,” he replied, “and you will

J 1:36 LAMB ↓

J 10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

J 1:15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”)

[f] See Isaiah 42:1; many manuscripts *is the Son of God*.

J 1:29 LAMB ↑

J 2:16 To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!”

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see." So they went and saw where he was **staying**, and they **spent** that day with him. It was about four in the **afternoon**.

40 Andrew, Simon **Peter's** brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

41 The first **thing** Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called **Cephas**" (which, when **translated**, is Peter^[g]).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus **decided** to leave for Galilee. **Finding** Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of **Bethsaida**.

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael **approaching**, he said of him, "Here truly is an **Israelite** in whom there is no **deceit**."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still **under** the **fig tree** before Philip called you."

49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of **Israel**."

50 Jesus said, "You believe^[h] because I told you I saw you **under** the **fig tree**. You

J 3:22 After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the **Judean countryside**, where he **spent** some time with them, and **baptized**.

J 4:52 When he **inquired** as to the time when his son got **better**, they said to him, "**Yesterday**, at one in the **afternoon**, the **fever** left him."

J 6:8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon **Peter's** brother, spoke up,

J 9:25 He replied, "**Whether** he is a **sinner** or not, I don't know. One **thing** I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

[g] *Cephas* (Aramaic) and *Peter* (Greek) both mean *rock*.

J 9:22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had **decided** that anyone who **acknowledged** that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

J 12:21 They came to Philip, who was from **Bethsaida** in Galilee, with a **request**. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

J 6:19 When they had **rowed** about three or four **miles**, they saw Jesus **approaching** the boat, **walking** on the water; and they were **frightened**.

J 1:50 FIG ↓

J 1:50 TREE ↓

[h] Or *Do you believe...?*

J 1:48 FIG ↑

J 1:48 TREE ↑

[i] The Greek is plural.

[j] The Greek is plural.

J 20:12 and saw two **angels** in **white**, **seated** where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the **foot**.

J 20:17 Jesus said, "Do not **hold** on to me, for I have not yet **ascended** to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am **ascending** to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

[k] Gen. 28:12

J 2:2 WEDDING ↓

J 2:1 WEDDING ↑

[a] The Greek for *Woman* does not denote any disrespect.

J 19:35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he **tells** the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.

J 12:1 **Six** days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus **lived**, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

J 2:7 JARS ↓

J 8:44 You belong to your father, the **devil**, and you want to **carry** out your father's **desires**. He was a **murderer** from the beginning, not **holding** to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he **lies**, he speaks his **native language**, for he is a **liar** and the father of **lies**.

[b] Or from about 75 to about 115 liters

J 6:26 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your **fill**."

J 2:6 JARS ↑

J 2:9 BANQUET ↓

J 2:8 BANQUET ↑

will see greater things than that."

51 He then **added**, "Very truly I tell you,^[i] you^[j] will see 'heaven open, and the **angels** of God **ascending** and **descending** on^[k] the Son of Man."

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

2 1 On the third day a **wedding** took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,

2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been **invited** to the **wedding**.

3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman,^[a] why do you **involve** me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he **tells** you."

6 Nearby stood **six** stone water **jars**, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial **washing**, each **holding** from **twenty** to **thirty** gallons.^[b]

7 Jesus said to the servants, "**Fill** the **jars** with water"; so they filled them to the **brim**.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the **banquet**." They did so,

9 and the master of the **banquet** **tasted** the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had **drawn** the water knew. Then he called the **bridegroom** **aside**

10 and said, "Everyone **brings** out the **choice** wine first and then the **cheaper** wine after the **guests** have had too much to drink; but you have **saved** the **best** **fill** now."

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of