

**BETHEL GOSPEL CHAPEL
HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUPS
STUDY GUIDE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

This book was written by John the Apostle. He selects from the extensive ministry of Jesus the activities and the teaching that will serve his purpose. That purpose is stated in John 20:31: "*These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his Name.*" The studies in this unit will be based on chapters 1-3.

Study 1 - The Identity of Jesus

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Study #1 - The Identity of Jesus

READ: John 1:1-18

1. John begins his Gospel with three statements about the Word. List them.
2. What claims are made in regard to the Word in vs. 3-5?
3. What was John the Baptist's responsibility?
4. Under the metaphor of Light, what additional information is given about the Word?
5. Explain the meaning of vs. 10 & 11 in your own words.
6. How does a person become a child of God?
7. In what ways are the children of God different from natural children?
8. In v1 we learn the identity of the Word. What further information is given in v14?

9. What additional facts about Jesus does John the Baptist give in v 15?

10. What is the source of the blessings we have all received?

11. What claims are made in regard to Jesus in vs 17-18?

12. a. Summarize the information given about Jesus in vs 1-18.

b. On the basis of this information what conclusion can we come to regarding Jesus?

13. What are the results of believing in Jesus?

Study #2 - Reactions to Jesus

READ: John 1:19-34

1. Why did the Jews from Jerusalem ask John about his identity?
2. Why were they concerned about Elijah? (see Malachi 4:5-6)
3. Why do they ask John if he is the 'Prophet'? (See Deuteronomy 18:15-19)
4. What is the significance of the claim John makes about himself in v23 (see Isaiah 40:1-5)?
5. When John is questioned regarding his baptism what explanation does he give (vs 26 & 31)?
6. Jesus is identified as the Lamb of God. Explain the meaning of this analogy. (See Genesis 22:7-8; Exodus 12:1-13)
- 7 How is John able to identify Jesus (vs 31-34)?

READ John 1:35-51

1. Why do John's disciples follow Jesus?

2. How did Andrew come to his conclusion concerning the identity of Jesus?

3. Why does Andrew share this conviction with Peter?

4. Why does Philip begin his explanation about Jesus with reference to Moses and the Prophets?

5. Why is Nathaniel skeptical?

6. Why do you think Philip answers Nathaniel as he does?

7. What causes Nathaniel to believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

8. Is there any evidence available today to support the belief that Jesus is the Son of God?

Study #3 - What Jesus Did

READ: John 2:1-11

1. What significance can be attached to the time and place stated in v1?

2. What position did Jesus and the disciples have at the wedding feast?

3. Why did Jesus answer as He does in v4?

4. Note: John 7:30; 8:26; 12:27; 13:1 and 17:1. What does "*my time has not yet come*" mean?

5. What is inferred in Mary's command to the servants in v 5?

6. What can be learned from the master of the banquet about the miracle?

7.
 - a. What was the purpose of this miracle?

 - b. How did the miracle reveal "*His glory*"?

8. What does "*and his disciples put their faith in him*" mean? (v 11)

READ John 2:12-22

1. What do we learn about Jesus from this incident?
2. Why did this incident occur?
3. What can we learn from this incident?

READ: John 2:23-25

1. What is a sign, and why did the Jews desire one?
2. What was the sign Jesus gave?
3. How was it misunderstood?
4. What can we learn about God's purpose for Jesus from the sign?
5. Why did the people believe?
6. Why did Jesus not accept those who believed?
7. Does this faith differ from what we saw in v.11? If so in what way?

Study #4 - What Jesus Taught

READ John 3:1-15

1. Who did Nicodemus think Jesus was?
2. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus "*by night*"?
3. What did Jesus, in these verses, basically tell Nicodemus?
4. Why do you think Jesus only told him what He did?
5. Do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus to get this information?
6. What does it mean to be "*born again*"?

READ: John 3:16-21

1. What do you think are the key words of John 3:16?
2. In vs 19-20 what is the reason given why people do not become followers of Jesus Christ?
3. Do you agree?

4. Are there other reasons why someone would not believe in Jesus?

READ: John 3:22-36

1. Who did John the Baptist think Jesus was? (vs 22-29)

2. What did John mean in v.30?

3. Why do you think that he said this?

4. What is the result of believing Jesus Christ

5. What is the result of not believing Jesus Christ

6. What does it mean "*to Believe*"?

**BETHEL GOSPEL CHAPEL
HOME BIBLE STUDY GUIDES
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - UNIT 2
THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF JESUS**

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Study #1 - John 4

READ: John 4:1-26

1. What prompted Jesus to depart from Judea?
 - a. Why do you think this happened?

2. List what we learn about Jesus in verses 4-9:
 - a. What was the woman's initial reaction to Jesus?

 - b. What conclusion should we come to as a result of v.4-9?

3. Read v.10-15 carefully. What is the woman's reaction to Jesus now? Why has it changed?

4. Is there any further change in her perception in the rest of the passage, v.16-29? If so, what is the change and what creates it?

5. What can we learn from the development in knowledge that occurs?

6. Explain v.21-24 in your own words?

a. What was Jesus saying to the woman?

b. What is Jesus saying to us?

READ: John 4:27-42

1. Explain the disciples reaction to the recorded encounter?

2. What do we learn from v.28-29?

3. Explain v.31-37 in your own words.

a. How do v.31-37 relate to v.39-42?

b. How do v.31-37 apply to christians today?

READ: John 4:43-54

1. Why does Jesus react as he does to the officials request v.48?

2. What is implied in the officialvs statement of v.49?

3. What is Jesus looking for in people?

4. Have you ever had an experience of confirmation similar to this? If so, explain.

Study #2 - John 5

READ: John 5:1-15

1. Can you think of any reason why Jesus singled out this particular man?

2. Why did the Lord pose this question in v.6 when it appears to be almost irrelevant?

3. What was the man's problem and how was it solved?

4. What was the chief concern of the Jews expressed in v.10?
 - a. What were they missing?

5. How is this attitude evidenced today?

6. What additional information do we gain from v.14-15?

READ: John 5:16-30

1. What was the Sabbath?

2. Why was it instituted and kept?

3. How did the Jews interpret the Lord's words in v.17?

4. Make a list of the things Jesus says about the relationship of the Father and the Son. v.19-30

5. According to v.24, what two things are required for eternal life?

a. Explain the relationship between the two things.

6. Note v.25 and 28 carefully. How are they similar?

How are they different?

READ: John 5:31-45

1. In v.31-40 Jesus provides some validation of his claim. List the testimonies that are given.

a. What do these testimonies prove?

2. How can we make use of this section in our witness?

3. Why does Jesus say to the Jews "I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts in v.42?

4. Explain what v.45-47 means in your own words.

5. Compare John 4:4-9 and John 5:17-18. What two facts about Jesus are presented?

6. Why are these facts important for us today?

Study #3 - John 6

READ: John 6:1-15

1. Why did the people follow Jesus?
2. What two problems are recognized by the disciples regarding feeding these people?
3. What were the results of this miracle?
4. What motivated the people to make Jesus King over them?

READ: John 6:16-24

1. Summarize the events recorded in these verses.
2. What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

READ: John 6:25-59

1. Why did the people continue to search for Jesus?
2. Explain the meaning of Jesus' statement regarding the food that spoils (or the meat that perishes) and the food that endures to eternal life.
3. Why did the people raise the issue of miraculous signs in v.30?

4. What was Jesus teaching in v.32-40?
5. Why did the people reject Jesus' teaching?
6. Put Jesus' response in v.43-51 in your own words.
7. Jesus continued to use the metaphor of eating. What does he mean in v.52-59?

READ: John 6:60-69

1. Why did many of Jesus' disciples no longer follow him?
2. What did Peter's response prove?
3. What is your response to Jesus' teaching in this chapter?

3. Why do you think Jesus gives one answer in v.6-8, and does something apparently different in v.14?

READ: John 7:14-36 (During the Feast)

1. Put in your own words the question asked in v.15, and Christ's answer in v.16-19.

2. In v.21, "*the deed*" that is referred to goes back to the incident recorded in John 5:9-18. It is apparent that Christ broke tradition when He healed a man on the Sabbath. The people had placed tradition before God.

Are we guilty of this at times too?

How?

What must we do to correct this?

3. Notice v.24; a person who makes judgements on the basis of appearances is likely to be wrong. Why?

4. In v.25-36 what are some of the reasons you can think of why the Pharisees resented Jesus so? Which of these reasons keep people from following Him today?

READ: John 7:37-52 (The Last Day of the Feast)

1. What does it mean to you to have your innermost to flow with living water?

Does it?

2. In v.43 it says that there arose a division concerning Him. Refer to the following verses and classify according to "PRO " -or- "CON" the various reactions of the people:

Reference	PRO	CON
Vs 3-5		
v.12		
v.15		
v.20		
v.25		
v.26		
v.31		
v.32		
v.40		
v.41		
v.44		
v.46		
v.47		

3. V.47 indicates that the Pharisees viewed Jesus as one who was leading the people astray. What was He leading the people away from? Are we following Him?

Study #5 - John 7:53 - 8:59

READ: John 7:53-8:1-11

1. What are some of the principles this passage is teaching?

What application would you make of these principles?

2. Explain verses 12-18 in your own words.

3. Why did they ask Jesus where His Father was in verse 19?

4. In v.30 ff., the scriptures say that many believed in Him. Do you think that this faith was enough to save, and was their salvation lasting? Why?

5. What does it mean in v.44, where the passage says that you are of your father the devil? How do you become such a child?

6. In v.48 the Jews tell Jesus that He was not only a Samaritan, but that He was also demon possessed. In v.49, what is Christ's reply to, and about them?

7. When you think about who Jesus really is, how would you describe His response to those in v.48 as contained in v.49?

a. How do people often respond when they are insulted? Be specific.

8. In v.53, they asked who Jesus made Himself out to be. In v.54-58, who does He say He is?

a. Why did they respond this way in v.57f?

b. What does it mean to be God? Think about this before you answer.

Study #6 - John 9

Read John 9 in its entirety.

1. Why was this man born blind according to Jesus?

a) Why do you think the disciples might have thought that it was due to sin?

2. Read John 5:1-14. What similarities do you find between this incident and the one recorded in John 9:1-14?

3. As you read this chapter we saw the healed man's opinion of Jesus change. Trace the development of his opinion of who Jesus is in the space below.

vs. 10-11:

vs. 16-17:

vs. 35-38:

4. What was the reaction of the parents to their son being healed in vs. 13-23?

a) Is there any sign of gladness?

b) Why do you think they had this response?

5. With the growing awareness of who Jesus is as seen in question 4, there is a growing opposition to this man. Briefly trace this in the space provided.

6. In vs. 3 Jesus said that through this man, God would be glorified. In vs. 24-34 was Jesus glorified?

If so, how?

7. What are some ways that we can glorify God? Be specific.

a. What are some hinderances that we face in glorifying God?

8. In vs. 35-41, what kind of blindness is Jesus discussing?

a. What are some of the ways that people are blind today?

b. Are there ways in which Christians may be blind. If so, how?

9. What spoke to you the most from this passage?

Study #7 - John 10

It is important to observe the connection between this and the previous chapter. By "you" in vs. one, the Pharisees are being considered from 9:39-41; so that vs. 1-21 of our chapter record the discourse which came immediately out of the miracle and its effects, of the previous chapter.

1. Who in Jesus' day were the thieves, robbers and hirelings mentioned in vs. 7-13?

a) Who would they be today?

b) What should our response be to them?

2. In your own words, what does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the door."

3. If He is the "good Shepherd" (vs. 11), what is the responsibility of His sheep? List **5** specific ways we are to follow Him. *(Without verbalizing or writing your answer to this part of the question, take a little time and evaluate your personal obedience in these areas which you have just written down.)*

4. Who do you think the "other sheep" of vs. 16 are?

5. What are some of the things you learn about the kind of person Jesus is (vs.7-18)?

a) Which of these are the greatest encouragement to you personally?

6. What do vs. 27-29 have to say about believers losing their salvation?

a) Can you think of other passages which might be relevant to this? You may want to consult a Bible dictionary under "eternal security" or "Perseverance of the saints,"

7. In vs. 34 Jesus is referring to Ps. 82:6. Here the word "gods" equals human judges. The Lord Jesus Christ is saying in essence, if they being human are called gods, how much more right then do I have because I am God. Why did they not want to acknowledge that Jesus was God?

8. Read vs. 35-42. What is Jesus teaching in this passage?

Study #8 - John 11

Read: John 11:1-16

1. In this record of the experience of Lazarus,
 - a) What is the concern of Mary and Martha?
 - b) What is the concern of the disciples of Jesus?
 - c) What is the concern of the Lord Jesus?

READ: John 11:17-44

1. Notice what Martha says in v.21, Compare her comments with Mary's recorded in v.32. What does the statement tell us about their understanding of the mission of Jesus?
2. Compare and contrast Martha's statement about resurrection in v.24 with Jesus' statement in v.25-26.
3. Read again v.33, 35, and 38. Why does Jesus react as He does?
 - a) What can we learn from His example?
4. Compare v.4 with v.40. List the ways in which Jesus' action glorified God.

5. Rewrite the prayer of Jesus in your own words, verses 41 & 42.

a) What do we learn about prayer that can be applied to our prayer life?

READ: John 11:45-57

1. What is the chief concern of the Jewish leaders in v.47-48?

2. What is their reaction to the miracles of Jesus?

3. What is Caiaphas suggesting in verses 49 & 50? (Try to keep in mind the chief concern that the Jewish leadership had from Question 1)

4. Why does John explain the statement of Caiaphas in verse 51-53?

5. What is the result of the meeting of the Jewish Leadership?

6. What are the implications of their decision for Jesus and the people?

Study #9 - John 12

READ: John 12:1-10

1. Considering Marys action from her viewpoint, why do you think she acted as she did?
2. What was the result of her actions:
 - a) for her?
 - b) for Jesus?
 - c) for the disciples?
3. What lessons can be learned from the action of Mary?
4. What lessons can be learned from the reaction of the disciples?

READ: John 12:12-19

1. Read Luke 19:28-43; Ps. 118:25-26; Zech.9:9; What is the significance of the triumphal entry?
2. What was the result?

READ: John 12:20-36

1. What is the Lord referring to in v.23?
2. Explain the meaning of the analogy used in v.24.
3. How does v.25-26 relate to the analogy of v.24?

4. The Lord states in v.23: "*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*" In v.27 we read "*now my heart is troubled.*" If it was the hour of glorification, why was His heart troubled?

5. Explain v.31 in relation to v.23 and 27.

6. Put v.35-36 into your own words. Explain how this statement answers the crowd's question in v.34.

READ: John 12:37-50

1. John states in v.37-41, that unbelief is to be expected. Is there an application in this for today?

2. What is the spiritual condition of those referred to in v.42-43?

3. In v.44-46 Jesus clarifies his relationship with the Father.

a) Why does He say "*I did not come to judge the world*"?

b) What will be the basis for the condemnation of the world?

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - UNIT 3
THE UPPER ROOM DISCOURSES

Study 1 - John 13	Study 5 - John 17
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The public ministry of Jesus is now finished. The next five chapters are the record of those things He said and did as He met with His disciples to celebrate the Passover on the night in which He was betrayed. These chapters are of particular significance as the Lord gives to the men who will be witnesses for Him their final instructions.

Study #1 - John 13

READ: Verses 1-17

1. What do we learn about Jesus in v. 1, 3 and 11?

2. The idea of betraying Jesus originates with?

3. How does Jesus demonstrate His love for the disciples?

4. Peter objects to Jesus washing His feet for what reason?

5. What is being taught to us by the statement in v.10?

6. If we are to follow the Lord's example, what are some activities that are required?

READ: Verses 18-30

1. What confirms Jesus' expectation of betrayal in v.18?

2. What reason is given for Judas' betrayal in verse 27?

3. Why do the disciples fail to understand Jesus' answer to their question "*Lord, who is it?*"

4. Compare verses 2 and 27. What change has taken place?

5. Is Judas responsible for his actions?

READ: verses 31-38

1. Explain verse 31-32 in your own words.

2. Why are the disciples confused by Jesus' statement that He is going away?
v.33-36

3. Jesus' new command is

4. Obedience to this command will be demonstrated by?

5. Why does Jesus not accept Peter's declaration "*I will lay down my life for you.*"?

6. Which of the lessons taught by Jesus in this chapter do you most need to implement in your life?

Study #2 - John 14

READ: verses 1-14

1. What reasons are given for believing in Jesus? vs. 1-4.
2. Why is belief in Jesus necessary? (vs. 6)
3. Explain the meaning of vs. 7-11.
4. Why will the disciples be able to do greater things than Jesus Himself?
5. Give an example that shows that the statement in v.11-12 is true.
6. What is promised in vs. 13-14?
7. How do you reconcile this promise with your own experience in prayer?

READ: verses 15-31

1. How can you prove your love for Jesus?
2. Who is the Comforter (or counselor) that is promised in vs. 16?
3. Explain the teaching of vs. 17-20.

4. Why is obedience to the Lord`s commands so important?

5. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?

6. Is this still a work of the Holy Spirit today?

a) If so, how is it accomplished today?

7. Jesus promises to give His disciples peace in v.27. What does this mean?

8. How does Jesus prove His love for the Father?

9. How do we prove our love for the Lord Jesus?

10. What new things do we learn about being a disciple in this chapter?

STUDY #3 John 15:1-17

Read: John 15:1-17

1. For what purpose does Jesus use the analogy of the vine and the branches
2. Break the analogy down into its various parts and identify what they represent.
3. What are the two requirements essential to being a fruitful branch?
4. What effect can the words of Jesus have in our lives?
5. Can you give an example of this in your own experience?
6. Explain what "*remaining*" or "*abiding*" in me, means - vs. 4, 5, 6 & 7.
7. What is promised to those who remain or abide in Jesus?
- 8, From the context, identify the factors that make this promise operational in our lives.

9. What is the condition for remaining or abiding in the love of Jesus?

10. We are given one of Jesus' commands in this passage, vs. 12. List some of the things you will do to keep this commandment.

11. What does being a friend of Jesus involve?

12. What lasting fruits are Christians to bear?

STUDY #4 John 16

READ: John 16:1-4

1. For what purpose has Jesus given the instruction contained in chapters 13 to 15?
2. For what reason are the followers of Jesus persecuted and sometimes killed?

READ: John 16:5-16

1. How is the counselor or comforter that Jesus promises to send identified in this passage?
2. List his activities as they are given in these verses.
3. Explain vs. 9-11 in your own words.
4. In what way did the Spirit fulfill the promise of v.13?
5. How does the Spirit guide us today?

READ John 16: 17-33

1. What analogy does Jesus use to explain their situation to His disciples?
2. Why is this an appropriate analogy?
3. What is the promise given by Jesus in v. 23?

4. Have all your prayers been answered?

5. How do reconcile this promise with your own experience?

6. Why are the disciples loved by the Father?

7. The disciples came to the conclusion that Jesus came from God on the basis of what evidence?

8. Why has the information in this chapter been given? (vs. 32-33)

9. Look back over this chapter and list both the commandments and promises which Jesus gives to His disciples.

STUDY #5 John Chapter 17

Read: Verses 1-5

1. Summarize the things for which Jesus prays in these verses.
2. Of what two things does Jesus say eternal life consists?

READ: verses 6-19

1. What method did Jesus use to reveal the Father in vs. 6-8?
2. For whom does Jesus pray?
3. For what does Jesus ask in v.11?
4. According to v.14, what is the result of receiving the word which Jesus gave?
5. Explain the meaning of v.16.
6. By what means is the disciple of Jesus sanctified, v.17?
7. Why are we sent into the world?

READ: Verses 20-26

1. For what two groups does Jesus pray?
2. What is his prayer for these people?
3. Explain what it means in v.21 for all of them to be one.
4. Has this prayer been answered?
5. What will result if this prayer is answered?
6. Explain verses 22 and 23.
7. For what does Jesus pray in v.24?
8. List all the things for which Jesus prays in this chapter.
9. How many of these requests are a part of your own experience?

STUDY #6 John Chapter 18

READ: Verses 1-11

1. What does this section reveal about Jesus?
2. What does this section reveal about Judas?
3. What does this section reveal about Peter?
4. Are Christians today anything like Peter or Judas?
 - a) In what ways?

READ: John 18:12-27

1. Why did she ask Peter this question?
2. Is there any reason or threat that excuses Peter's initial denial?
3. Why do you think he was so defensive?
4. Put in your own words Jesus' answer to the High Priest's question, vs. 20-21.
5. What is taught about Jewish Justice in vs. 19-24?
6. Should Peter have been warming himself by the fire?

7. Is the second accusation (vs. 25) really threatening?

Why is it asked?

8. Is the third denial inevitable at this point? Why or why not?

9. Why do Christians sometimes deny the truth?

What circumstances are most conducive to denying Christ?

READ: verses 28-40

10 What do we learn about the Pharisees in v.28?

What is a present day example of this attitude?

2. What do you think the relationship was like between Pilate and the Jews?

3. Explain the outcome of the conversation between Pilate and Jesus, v. 33-38

Why do you think this occurred?

4. Why do you think the Jews chose Barabbas?

Is this kind of choice still available?

What would be a present day example?

STUDY #7 John Chapter 19-21

Read John 19

1. Why do you think Pilate had Jesus scourged in vs. 1-6 if he did not think Jesus was guilty (vs. 4 & 6)?
2. What was Pilate's response to the Jews who said that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God (v. 7-9)?
3. What is Jesus saying in verse 11?
4. In vs. 1-16 what are some of the contrasts that can be drawn between Jesus and Pilate?
5. Put vs. 26-27 in your own words.
6. Put v.30 in your own words.
7. In v.38 Joseph is referred to as a secret disciple. What is a secret disciple?
8. What spoke to you most in this chapter? Be as specific as you can.
9. Make a note of all the passages which are a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. See Psalm 22, Isaiah 53 for example. For further information see a reference bible or commentary on John.

Read John 20

1. In this chapter, Jesus appears to Mary, to the disciples, and to Thomas. What is the reaction of Mary, the disciples, and Thomas just prior to seeing Jesus, and what is their response after they see Him?

Mary (vs. 11-18)

The Disciples (vs. 19-25)

Thomas (vs. 25-29)

2. In each section of this chapter, we find a particular sign or evidence of Jesus' resurrection. What are they?

vs. 1-10

vs. 11-18

vs. 19-25

vs. 26-29

3. What is the significance, if any, of vs. 5?

4. Why do you think Mary did not recognize Jesus in vs. 24-15?

Why do you think Mary did recognize Him in vs. 16?

5. In vs. 19, and vs. 21, Jesus said, "*Peace be with you*". Is there any reason why Jesus repeats these words?

6. Why do you think Thomas was doubtful? Was he wrong not to have believed?

7. Why did John record the signs that he did (vs. 31)?

8. What do you think Jesus is teaching in the following verses?

20:17

20:21-23

20:29

9. What is the main point of this chapter?

READ: John 21:1-14

1. Where were the disciples when the events described in these verses took place?

2. Who identified Jesus?

Why was he able to do so?

3. What is the title given to Jesus (vs. 7)?

What does this title mean to you personally?

READ: John 21:15-25

1. Explain why Peter is singled out by Jesus and asked this question?

2. Why is the same question asked three times?

3. What are Peter's responsibilities (vs. 15-17)?

Do we share these same responsibilities?

4. Explain the meaning of Jesus' remarks about the other disciple (vs. 22)

5. Who is the other disciple?

6. Reread the Gospel of John. List what you feel are the most important things which you learned about Jesus from this Gospel.