

## STUDY GUIDE

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### How to Use This Guide

The primary purpose of this guide is to provide you with the following.

- A conceptual overview of the Gospel of John through the table of contents.
- Background information on this Gospel from the English Standard Version Study Bible (copying this information is allowed when done for bible classes).
- The approximate pace of the two-quarter course on this Gospel, including an estimated start date for each chapter.
- A series of questions, for each chapter, designed to walk you through the chapter, verse by verse. Questions are organized by verses that are grouped together conceptually.

A secondary purpose of the guide is to help you prepare for class. The questions in this Guide are the questions that will be asked during class after reading the chapter. There will, of course, be some deviation based on what is learned from the answers and the class discussion that ensues. But in general, the questions in this Guide are a fairly accurate preview of what is to come in class.

In short, the Guide is designed to help you prepare for class beforehand by reading the scheduled chapter, and answering the questions.

### **Background**<sup>1</sup>

#### Author and Title

The title says that the Gospel was written by John, and other evidence identifies this John as the son of Zebedee. The internal evidence indicates that the author was (1) an apostle (1:14; cf. 2:11; 19:35), (2) one of the 12 disciples ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"; 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:20; cf. 21:24–25), and, still more specifically, (3) John the son of Zebedee (note the association of "the disciple whom Jesus loved" with Peter in 13:23–24; 18:15–16; 20:2–9; 21:2–23; cf. Luke 22:8; Acts 1:13; 3:1–4:37; 8:14–25; Gal. 2:9). The external evidence from the church fathers supports this identification (e.g., Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* 3.1.2).

#### Date and Place of Writing

The most likely date of writing is the period between A.D. 70 (the date of the destruction of the temple) and A.D. 100 (the end of John's lifetime), but there is not enough evidence to be much more precise. A date subsequent to A.D. 70 is suggested, among other things, by the references in 6:1 and 21:1 to the Sea of Tiberias (a name widely used for the Sea of Galilee only toward the end of the 1st century), the reference in 21:19 to Peter's martyrdom (which according to patristic evidence occurred in A.D. 65 or 66), and the lack of reference to the Sadducees (who ceased to be a Jewish religious party after A.D. 70). The testimony of the early church also favors a date after A.D. 70. Thus Clement of Alexandria stated, "Last of all, John, perceiving that the external facts had been made plain [in the other canonical Gospels] ... composed a spiritual gospel" (cited in Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History* 6.14-7).

The most likely place of writing is Ephesus in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), which was one of the most important urban centers of the Roman Empire at the time (Irenaeus, Against Heresies 3.1.2; cf. Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History* 3.1.1). However, the readership envisioned by John's Gospel transcends any one historical setting.

#### Theme

The theme of John's Gospel is that Jesus is the promised Messiah and Son of God. By believing in Jesus, people can have eternal life (cf. 20:30–31).

#### Purpose, Occasion, and Background

The Gospel of John was written by the apostle John, the son of Zebedee, a Palestinian Jew and a member of Jesus' inner apostolic circle during his earthly ministry. John's original audience consisted of both Jews and Gentiles living in the larger Greco-Roman world in Ephesus and beyond toward the close of the first century A.D. He frequently explains Jewish customs and Palestinian geography and translates Aramaic terms into Greek (see note on 1:38), thus showing awareness of non-Jewish readers. He also presents Jesus as the Word become flesh against the backdrop of Greek thought that included Stoicism and early Gnosticism. But John also shows awareness of Jewish readers as he demonstrates Jesus to be the Jewish Messiah, the fulfillment of many OT themes, and the Son of God who was sent by God the Father to reveal the only true God and to provide redemption for humanity.

The purpose statement in 20:30–31 makes it appear that John wrote with an evangelistic intent. However, his depth of teaching shows that he wanted readers not only to come to initial saving faith in Jesus but also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The English Standard Version Study Bible (2007). Wheaton, Ill: Crossway Bibles.

to grow into a rich, well-informed faith. John's central contention is that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah and Son of God, and that by believing in him people may have eternal life. To this end, he marshals the evidence of several selected messianic signs performed by Jesus and of a series of witnesses to Jesus—including the Scriptures, John the Baptist, Jesus himself, God the Father, Jesus' works, the Spirit, and John himself. It is also likely that John sought to present Jesus as the new temple and center of worship for God's people. a concept that would be especially forceful if the date of composition (as seems likely) was subsequent and A.D. 70 (the time of the destruction of the Jerusalem temple).

#### Key Themes

1. Jesus is God.	1:1-2, 18; 5:17-18; 8:58-59; 10:30-33; 20:28
2. Jesus existed before the creation of the world.	1:1-2; 8:58; 17:5, 24
3. Jesus has supernatural knowledge.	1:48; 2:4, 19, 23–25; 3:14; 4:17–18; 6:51, 70; 8:28; 9:3; 10:15, 17–18; 11:4, 14; 12:24, 32; 13:10–11, 38; 21:18–19
4. Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.	1:36, 41, 49; 3:18; 4:25, 29; 5:25; 7:26, 27, 31, 41, 42; 9:22; 10:24, 36; 11:4, 27; 12:34; 19:7; 20:30–31
5. Jesus is the "I am."	4:26; 6:20, 35, 48, 51; 8:12, 18, 24, 28, 58; 9:5; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 13:19; 14:6; 15:1; 18:5–6 (cf. £x, 3:14–15; Isa, 41:4; 43:10–13, 25; 45:18; 51:12; 52:5)
6. Jesus, the sent Son, reflects the sender.	3:17, 35-36; 5:19-26; 6:40; 8:35-36; 14:13; 17:1
7. Jesus is the fulfillment of Jewish festivals and institutions (including the temple).	1:29, 36; 2:14-22, esp. v. 21; 4:23-24; 8:12; 9:5; 19:14.
8. Jesus is the giver of eternal life.	1:4; 3:15–16, 36; 4:14, 36; 5:24, 26, 39–40; 6:27, 33, 35, 40, 47–48, 51, 53–54 68; 8:12; 10:10, 25, 28; 11:25; 12:25, 50; 14:6; 17:2–3; 20:31
<ol> <li>The signs of Jesus show that he is the Messiah (cf. also Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God, above).</li> </ol>	2:1-11, 13-22; 4:46-54; 5:1-15; 6:1-15; 9:1-41; 11:1-44
10. The witnesses to Jesus testify that he is the Messiah.	1:7-8, 15, 19, 32, 34; 3:11, 32-33; 4:39; 5:31-39; 8:14, 18; 10:25; 15:26-27; 18:37; 19:35; 21:24
<ol> <li>Father, Son, and Spirit are united in their work of revelation and redemption.</li> </ol>	14:17-18, 23, 26; 15:26; 20:21-22
12. Jesus' death is the basis of salvation.	1:29; 3:14-15; 6:51-58; 10:15; 11:50-52; 12:24; 15:13
13. God is sovereign in salvation.	3:21; 5:21; 6:37-45, 64-65; 10:16, 26-30; 15:16; 17:2, 6, 9
<ol> <li>Salvation is obtained through believing in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God.</li> </ol>	1:12; 3:15, 16; 5:24; 6:29, 35; 8:24; 11:25-27, 42; 12:44; 17:8, 21; 20:31
<ol> <li>Believers can experience the benefits of salvation already in the here and now, during this present evil age.</li> </ol>	3:18, 36; 4:23; 5:24; 6:39-40; 10:10, 26-29; 11:25-26
<ol> <li>Believers are called to continue Jesus' mission (cf. also Jesus as the sent Son, above).</li> </ol>	4:38; 15:16; 17:18; 20:21-22

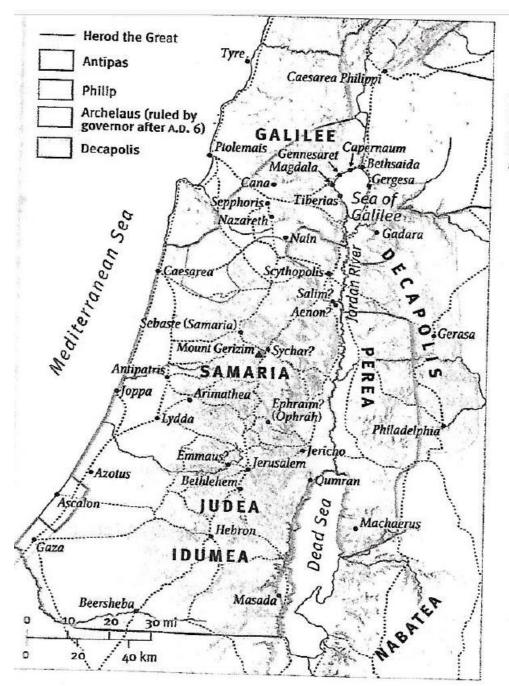
#### History of Salvation Summary

Jesus comes as God in the flesh (1:14), the revealer of the Father (14:9), and the messianic King (1:41, 49, 4:25; 6:15). He fulfills the OT and its symbols, especially its promises of everlasting salvation. The ultimate fulfillment comes with his crucifixion and resurrection. (For an explanation of the "History of Salvation," see the Overview of the Bible, pp. 23–26.)

#### Literary Features

The main genre is gospel, which combines three ingredients—what Jesus did, what Jesus said (discourse and dialogue), and people's responses to Jesus. Within this format the usual gospel subgenres are found calling stories, recognition stories, witness stories, conflict stories, encounter stories, miracle stories, discourses, proverbs or sayings, passion stories, resurrection stories, and post-resurrection appearances.

Balancing the narrative richness are expanded discourses by Jesus. The Gospel of John also frequenting employs symbolism, especially with reference to Christ, who is portrayed by images such as light, bread, water, and a shepherd. As an extension of this, the first half of the book is built around seven great "signs" that Jesus performed as proof of his messianic identity (see 2:1–11; 4:46–54; 5:1–15; 6:5–13; 6:16–21; 9:1–7; 11:1–4:



#### The Setting of John

The events of the Gospel of John take place in Palestine, incorporated into the Roman Empire in 63 a.c. Appointed by the Romans as king over the Jews in 37 a.c., Herod the Great ruled until his death in 4 a.c. The Romans divided his kingdom among his descendants. The predominantly Gentile region of the Decapolis, or "Ten Cities," was a loose confederation of semiautonomous cities administered by the Roman legate of Syria.

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Jesus works as carpenter in Nazareth (8*-28/30)				4							
John the Baptist begins ministry (28/29)				•							
Jesus begins ministry; John becomes disciple (28/30)	Name and			•							
Jesus crucified and resurrected (33 [or 30]) <sup>†</sup>				0							
Jerusalem church flees to Pella (67*)								•			
Destruction of Jerusalem temple (70)								ø			
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John writes 1–3 John, probably from Ephesus (85–95*)											
John writes Revelation from Patmos (95-96*)					1	1					•

\* denotes approximate date; / signifies either/or; \* see The Date of Jesus' Crucifixion, pp. 1809-1810

#### Outline

- I. Prologue: The Incarnate Word (1:1-18)
- II. The Signs of the Messiah (1:19-12:50)
  - A. John the Baptist's witness and the first week of Jesus' ministry (1:19-2:11)
  - B. Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to Gentiles (2:12-4:54)
  - C. Mounting Jewish opposition, additional signs (5:1-10:42)
  - D. The final Passover: the ultimate sign and the aftermath (11:1-12:19)
  - E. The approaching Gentiles and the Messiah's rejection by the Jews (12:20-50)
- III. The Farewell Discourse and the Passion Narrative (13:1-20:31)
  - A. The cleansing and instruction of the new messianic community and Jesus' final prayer (13:1-17:26)
  - B. Jesus' arrest, trials, death, and burial (18:1-19:42)
  - C. Jesus' resurrection, appearances, and sending of his disciples (20:1-29)
  - D. Purpose statement: Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God (20:30-31)
- IV. Epilogue: The Roles of Peter and of the Disciple Whom Jesus Loved (21:1-25)

# **2017 Class Schedule<sup>2</sup>** (Approximate Pace)

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Chapter 8: Light of the World	3/05
Chapter 9: Spiritual Blindness	3/19
Chapter 10: The Good Shephard	3/26
Chapter 11: Jesus is the Resurrection	4/02
Chapter 12: Entering Jerusalem	4/16
Chapter 13: Washing His Disciples Feet	4/23
Chapter 14 The Promise of the Spirit	4/30
Chapter 15: The Vine	5/07
Chapter 16: The Spirit	5/14
Chapter 17: The Lord's Prayer	5/28
Chapter 18: The Earthy Authorities	6/11
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Does not include class cancellations due to New England snow storms for which the region is well known!

#### Chapter 1: The Word and The Light

- 1. How long did the Word exist?
- 2. What is the Word's relationship to Deity?
- 3. What role did the Word play in the Creation?
- 4. What was in the Word? How did what was in the Word benefit humanity?
- 5. Who came as a witness and what was his purpose?
- 6. What does the true light have the ability to do?
- 7. What was the light's relationship to the world?
- 8. Who was the light's "own" and how did they react to the light?
- 9. What was the difference between those that rejected the light and those that received it?
- 10. In what form did the Word come to earth, and what did the Word bring with it?
- 11. What was the difference between what Moses brought to Israel and what Jesus brought to mankind?
- 12. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem, what was John the Baptist's testimony about himself? About Jesus?
- 13. The day after being questioned by priests and Levites, what was John's testimony as he saw Jesus coming toward him? What sign did John receive?
- 14. What testimony about Jesus did John repeat when he was standing with two of his disciples?
- 15. What evidence do we have that the disciples were listening to John's testimony and were curious enough to look into it?
- 16. What evidence is there that John's two disciples were looking for the "light"?

- 17. What evidence do we have that Phillip was familiar with Moses and the Prophets?
- 18. How did Nathaniel respond to a sign from Jesus?
- 19. What was Jesus referring to when He said "... you will see greater things than these." What did Jesus mean by this?

#### **Chapter 1 Applications**

When you consider what was covered in the Chapter, list 2 lessons you learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Chapter 2: The True Temple

#### The Wedding at Cana: Verses 1-11

- 1. Where was the wedding held?
- 2. Who had been invited?
- 3. What occurred during the wedding to prompt Mary to ask Jesus to perform a miracle?
- 4. What statement did Mary make to Jesus indicating she understood that Jesus had the power to perform miracles?
- 5. After tasting the wine, what did the master say that indicated that turning the water to wine was a miracle from Jesus?
- 6. What was the result of this miracle?

#### Jesus in the Temple: Verses 12-25

- 7. Where did Jesus go after performing this miracle? Who accompanied him?
- 8. What time of year, according to the Jewish calendar, was approaching (i.e. What Jewish feast was it almost time for?)
- 9. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem? What did He find when He got there, and what was his reaction?
- 10. What was the motivation for Jesus's reaction? (hint: see verse 17)
- 11. In response to Jesus's actions (to the buying and selling in the temple), what did the Jews request from Jesus?
- 12. How did Jesus respond to this request?
- 13. While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover feast, how did many people respond to him? How did Jesus respond to the people, and why did He respond this way?

#### **Chapter 2 Applications**

When you consider what was covered in the Chapter, list 2 lessons you learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Jesus and Nicodemus: Verses 1-21

- 1. Based on what is written in the Scriptures, who was Nicodemus?
- 2. When did he go to Jesus, and what did he say when he met Jesus?
- 3. How did Jesus respond to him?
- 4. Did Nicodemus interpret this response from a spiritual or physical perspective? Explain your answer.
- 5. a. How is one born again? (Begin by limiting your answer to verses in Chapter 3)
  - b. Why is being born again essential to salvation?
  - c. How does the analogy of wind blowing correspond to being born of the spirit.
- 6. After Jesus explained to Nicodemus the need to be born again, how did Nicodemus respond?
- 7. What is the main point of Jesus' response to Nicodemus's question? (hint: see verse 13)
- 8. What Old testament event does Jesus use to illustrate that in Him is life?
- 9. Why did God send his only Son?
- 10. What is the difference—in terms of judgement—between those that believe in Him and those that do not?
- 11. Review John 1:1-9. Who is the light? What is the difference between the person who comes to the light and the person that does not?

#### Jesus and John the Baptist: Verses 22-30

- 12. Who was baptizing people in Judea?
- 13. What were John's disciples arguing about? What concern did they express to John?
- 14. How did John respond to his disciples? What is his main point?
- 15. How would you characterize or summarize John's attitude about his service to God relative

to Jesus? (Hint: see verses 29-31)

- 16. How does John convey that Jesus was uniquely qualified to share the Good News? (Hint: see verses 32 and verses 34.)
- 17. What is the relationship between the Father and the Son?
- 18. What is the contrast that John is making in verse 36?

#### **Chapter 3 Applications**

When you consider what was covered in the Chapter, list 2 lessons you learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Chapter 4: Living Water

#### The Samaritan Woman: Verses 1-54

- 1. Why did Jesus leave Judea and return to Galilee?
- 2. What country did Jesus pass through on the way back to Galilee?
- 3. What town, field, and well did Jesus come to and rest at?
- 4. Who did Jesus meet and what did he request? How did this request relate to the disciples being away in town? (Hint: See verse 8)
- 5. Why was the woman surprised by this request?
- 6. What is the main point Jesus in making in verse 10?
- 7. How does the Samaritan woman interpret the meaning of "living water"?
- 8. What is the difference between the "living water" that Jesus offered and water from Jacob's well?
- 9. What type of thirst does the living water satisfy? What other scriptures in the Old or New Testament help us to understand what type of thirst Jesus is talking about?
- 10. Why did the woman perceive Jesus as a prophet?
- 11. What controversy about worship did the woman bring to Jesus attention?
- 12. How does Jesus respond to this controversy on the following?
  - a. Time:
  - b. Place:
  - c. Knowledge:
  - d. How:
  - e. Who:

- 13. Who was the woman expecting, and what is this expected person's purpose?
- 14. When the disciples returned from town, how did they react to Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman?
- 15. Ultimately, how did the Samaritan woman react to her conversation with Jesus?
- 16. While the woman was away, what did the disciples beg (or plead) with Jesus to do? How did Jesus respond?
- 17. What food was Jesus concerned about? What does Jesus mean by "I sent you to a harvest crop that you did not work for..." (verse 38)?
- 18. Why did many Samaritans in that town believe in Jesus? What was their overall reaction to Jesus?

#### Jesus Heals the Officer's Son: Verses 43-54

- 19. Two days later, where did Jesus go and why?
- 20. Why did the people welcome Jesus?
- 21. While Jesus was in Cana of Galilee, what was the condition of the son of one of the King's officers? What did this officer ask of Jesus and how did he ask it?
- 22. What was Jesus' response and what did Jesus mean by it?
- 23. How many miracles had Jesus performed, including this one, after coming to Judea from Galilee?

#### **Chapter 4 Applications**

When you consider what was covered in the Chapter, list 2 lessons you learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Chapter 5: Jesus is God's Son

#### Jesus Heals a Man at the Pool: Verses 43-54

- 1. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem?
- 2. Describe the pool that was there and how it was used?
- 3. How long had the man, lying by the pool, been sick?
- 4. Why did this man have difficulty getting well by going into the pool?
- 5. How was the man made well?
- 6. How did the 'Jews'' react and why?
- 7. When Jesus found the man He had made well in the temple, what was his message and what was the main point of this message?
- 8. Although the Jews were not pleased that Jesus was healing on the Sabbath, what justification did Jesus offer for healing people on the Sabbath?

#### Jesus Has God's Authority: Verses 19-29

- 9. What do verses 19 through 20 teach about the relationship between the Father and Son and the miracles performed?
- 10. What does verse 21 teach about the ultimate miracle that God (and his son) will perform that is a) relevant to all generations and b) of great interest to Christians today?
- 11. According to verses 22 and 23, who did God give all judgment to, and why?
- 12. According to verse 24, how does one escape being judged guilty and inherit eternal life?
- 13. Now contrast verses 25 and 26 with verses 27 through 29 on the following:
  - a. The dead?
  - b. Hearing?
  - c. The outcome of hearing?

14. According to verse 29, what is the determining factor at the judgment?

#### Jesus is God's Son: Verses 30-47

- 15. Why is the judgment of Jesus right?
- 16. Now review, verses 31-45. Who was the witness for Jesus and why was he needed?
- 17. But Jesus had a witness greater than any human witness, who was it? Based on this, what was the purpose of the miracles? (Hint: see verses 36 and 37)
- 18. Regarding the Jesus of whom Jews was talking about, where were they looking for eternal life? Were they looking in the right place?
- 19. Now review verses 41-47. Based on these verses, what was preventing the Jews from believing?

#### **Chapter 5 Applications**

When you consider what was covered in the Chapter, list 2 lessons you learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Chapter 6: The Bread of Life

#### Jesus feeds 5,000: Verses 1-14

- 1. Many people followed Jesus, where did they follow Him too and why did they follow Him there?
- 2. In verse 5, Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward Him. Where did He look up from and what time of year was it regarding the Jewish Calendar?
- 3. After seeing the crowd coming towards Him, what question did He ask, to whom did He ask it, and why did He ask it?
- 4. Do you see a connection between John 6:6 and John 1:45? If so, what is it?
- 5. How much bread did Phillip estimate was needed to feed each person with a little piece?
- 6. According to Andrew, how much food was available to distribute to the people?
- 7. According to verses 10 and 11, how did Jesus handle the lack of food to feed the people?
- 8. a. Now, consider what Phillip <u>projected</u> was needed to feed the people (verse 7) and what Jesus <u>actually</u> provided (verse 10-13). How does the projection compare with the actual?

b. What connection is there between how Jesus provided for the people and how God provided for Israel when they were in the wilderness?

9. How did the people respond to the miracle and why did this cause Jesus to leave the people?

#### Jesus walks on water: Verses 16-21

- 10. Where did Jesus's disciples go after the feeding of the 5,000?
- 11. Besides Jesus walking on water, what other miraculous event occurred that landed them in Capernaum?

#### The people seek Jesus: Verses 16-21

12. Some people had stayed on the other side of the lake (that is, not on the side that Jesus went to)? What did they know about Jesus getting to the other side of the lake that motivated them to cross the lake to seek Jesus?

#### Jesus is the bread of life: Verses 25-29

- 13. When the people found Jesus, why did Jesus ask them "Are you looking for me because you saw me do miracles?"
- 14. What problem did Jesus have with the people looking for him because He had fed the 5,000?
- 15. How did Jesus respond to the question, "What are the things God wants us to do?"
- 16. How did the people react to Jesus's response?
- 17. What was the difference between the bread that the Israelites received in the wilderness and the bread that Jesus referred to (Hint: see verses 32-35)?
- 18. When Jesus refers to hunger and thirst in verse 35, what type of hunger and thirst is He referring to?
- 19. According to verses 37-40, why did Jesus come down from heaven?
- 20. How did the Jews respond to Jesus's claim that He is the true bread from heaven?
- 21. Consider verses 43-61, and answer the following questions,
  - a. Who sent Jesus?
  - b. What is the only way that a person can come to Jesus?
  - c. Is verse 46 consistent with verse 18 in John chapter 1? If so, explain why?
  - d. What is the benefit of believing in Jesus?
  - e. What is the difference between the bread the Israelites ate in the Old Testament and the bread being offered in the New Testament?
  - f. What is this bread being offered in the New Testament?
  - g. What is the main point of verses 53-59?

- 22. This message about Jesus being the Bread of Life, where did Jesus teach this message?
- 23. How did the disciples react to this teaching about the Bread of life?
- 24. What did Jesus explain to them regarding what gives life and what does not give life?
- 25. How did many of the disciples react to Jesus explanation?
- 26. What happened when Jesus ask the "twelve" "Do you want to leave, too?"

#### **Chapter 6 Applications**

When you consider what was covered in the Chapter, list 2 lessons you learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Chapter 7: Jesus is the Christ

#### Jesus and His brothers: Verses 1-13

- 1. Where was Jesus traveling around and why did He not want to travel to Judea?
- 2. Why did Jesus's brothers want him to travel to Judea?
- 3. What did Jesus mean by the statement: "The right time for me has not yet come. But any time is right for you."?
- 4. Did Jesus eventually go to the feast?
- 5. According to verses 12 and 13, what was the crowd's assessment of Jesus?

#### Jesus teaches at the Feast: Verses 14-24

- 6. When did Jesus go to Temple to begin teaching?
- 7. How did the Jews respond to this teaching?
- 8. What was the source of Jesus teaching?
- 9. Who can gain access to this teaching?
- 10. How did Jesus's teaching differ from that of the Jews?
- 11. What accusation did Jesus make about the Jews reaction to his teaching?
- 12. How did the Jewish people respond?
- 13. According to verses 21-24, what did Jesus mean by "Be fair, and judge by what is really right."?

#### Is Jesus the Christ?: Verses 25-31

14. What did some of the people who lived in Jerusalem think about Jesus?

- 15. How did Jesus respond to this thinking?
- 16. How did the people respond? What challenge did these people face in taking action against Jesus?

#### Some leaders try to arrest Jesus: Verses 32-36

- 17. Why did the leading priests and the Pharisees send Temple Guards to arrest Jesus? Do you see any irony in the Temple Guards being sent? (Hint: see John 2:19,21)
- 18. How did Jesus respond?
- 19. How did the Jews react to Jesus response?

#### Jesus talks about the spirit: Verses 37-39

- 20. At what point of the feast did Jesus stand up and speak with a loud voice? What did He say?
- 21. What spiritual concept was He teaching about?

#### The People Argue about Jesus: Verses 40-44

- 22. In general, what did the people say about Jesus?
- 23. The people wanted to arrest him, but could not? Why?

#### The Leaders Won't Believe: Verses 45-52

- 24. What happened when the temple guards returned to the leading priests and the Pharisees?
- 25. What rationale did the Pharisees give as to why the people should not believe in Jesus?
- 26. What counterpoint did Nicodemus offer?
- 27. How did the Pharisees respond to this counterpoint?

#### **Chapter 7 Applications**

After reflecting on all that was covered in the Chapter, can you think of some lessons learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Chapter 8: The Light of the World

#### The woman caught in Adultery: Verses 1-11

- 1. Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But where did He go after that (it was early in the morning)?
- 2. What was Jesus doing at the place He went to?
- 3. Who did the teachers of the law and Pharisees bring before Jesus and what was their case against this person?
- 4. According to verse 5, what did the Law of Moses command be done to the woman? According to verse 6, why did the teachers of the Law and Pharisees ask Jesus what they should do?
- 5. Summarize how Jesus dealt with the woman's situation (use verses 6-9 in this chapter and verses 16-19 in Matthew chapter 16)?
- 6. According to verses 10-12, how did Jesus deal with the woman at the well and her salvation?
- 7. Do you see any parallels between how Jesus dealt with this situation and John 3:14-21?

#### Jesus is the light of the world: Verses 12-20

- 1. What did Jesus proclaim He was as He talked to the people?
- 2. What rationale did the Pharisees give for not accepting his proclamation?
- 3. What justification did Jesus give for his proclamation? (Hint: see verse 14)
- 4. Review verses 15-18. What was the difference between Jesus's judgement and that of the scribes and Pharisees? Who were the two witnesses for Jesus?
- 5. How did Jesus justify his claim that the scribes and Pharisees did not know Him or his

Father?

6. Where was Jesus when He taught those things described in verses 12-19?

7. Jesus was not arrested. Why?

#### The People Misunderstand Jesus: Verses 21-30

- 1. According to verses 21-24, what did Jesus say about people who look for him after He leaves? Why did He say this? (Hint see verse 24)
- 2. When the people ask Jesus who He is (in verse 25), what was his response?
- 3. Look at verse 26. Then look at verses 11 and 12 in this chapter. Now look at John 3:17-19. Taken together, what do these verses tell you about judgement? (Hint: consider the difference between the OT and NT age)
- 4. What does verse 27-30 say about (1) the relationship between the Father and the Son and (2) the Son's authority?

#### Freedom from Sin: Verses 31-47

- 1. How did Jesus identify his true followers? What were the benefits of being a true follower?
- 2. Whose children did the Jews claim to be? Why did they make this claim?
- 3. What did Jesus mean by: "But you do what your father has told you"?
- 4. According to verses 34-41, what could the Jews do to demonstrate they were Abraham's children? What was a big difference between Jesus and Abraham?
- 5. Now review verses 41-44, according to Jesus, who was the Jews father? What are the characteristics of this father?
- 6. According to Jesus, He had a simple test to determine who belongs to God and who does not. What was this test?

#### Jesus and Abraham: Verses 48-59

- 1. What did the Jews accuse Jesus of "being" and "having"?
- 2. How did Jesus respond to this accusation regarding honor and eternal life?

- 3. How did the Jews respond to Jesus's offer of eternal life?
- 4. In verses 54 through 56, Jesus again talks about honor, knowing God, and Abraham. What was his point?
- 5. Why did the Jews take issue with Jesus's claim that Abraham was happy to see His day?
- 6. Why did the Jews pick up stones to throw at Him?
- 7. Where did all this take place?

#### **Chapter 8 Applications**

After reflecting on all that was covered in the Chapter, can you think of some lessons learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Jesus heals a man born blind: Verses 1-12

- 1. Who did Jesus encounter as He was walking?
- 2. Why was the man born blind? (Hint: Use verses 3,4, and 5)
- 3. How did the main regain his sight?
- 4. How did the people respond to the blind man receiving his sight?
- 5. Was the man who was born blind equivocal (or wavering) in his explanation of how he gained his sight?

#### Pharisees question the healing: Verses 13-34

- 6. Why did some of the Pharisees take issue with this miracle?
- 7. How did the Pharisees react to the formerly "blind" man's explanation of how he received his sight, and his characterization of Jesus?
- 8. How did the formerly "blind" man's parents respond to the Pharisees question about how their son regained his sight?
- 9. When the Pharisees called the formerly "blind" man a second time, how would you describe the exchange between him and the Pharisees in verses 24-34?
- 10. What do verses 31-34 reveal about the attitude of the formerly "blind" man and the Pharisees?

#### Spiritual Blindness: Verses 35-41

- 11. Now review verses 35-37. Do you find that the formerly "blind" man's actions are consistent with his exchange of words with the Pharisees?
- 12. Now review verses 38-41. Do you find that the Pharisee's actions are consistent with their exchange of words with the formerly "blind" man?
- 13. What is the connection, if any, between verse 41 and verses 3,4, and 5 in Chapter 9?

#### **Chapter 9 Applications**

After reflecting on all that was covered in the Chapter, can you think of some lessons learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### The Shepherd and his sheep: Verses 1-6

- 1. Answer the following questions based on verse 1-6:
  - a. Who is the Shepard? Who are the sheep?
  - b. What is the door?
  - c. Who is the stranger?
  - d. What is the point of the analogy of the good shepherd? (Hint: see verses 7-13)

#### Jesus is the Good Shephard: Verses 7-22

- 2. Answer the following questions based on verses 7-22:
  - a. What are the differences between the Shepherd and the worker with the sheep?
  - b. Based on Jesus' discourse regarding the Shephard and sheep, what did He say was His purpose as commanded by the Father?
  - c. How did the Jews respond to this discourse?

#### Jesus is the Song of God: Verses 23-42

- 3. Answer the following questions based on verses 23-42:
  - a. What showed that Jesus is the Christ?
  - b. What reason did Jesus give for the Pharisees lack of belief that He is the Son of God?
  - c. What are the characteristics of the sheep?
  - d. Why is it that no person can steal the sheep from the Father?

- e. Why did the Jews pick up stones to throw at him?
- f. How did Jesus respond?
- g. What rationale did the Jews give for wanting to stone Jesus?
- h. Describe how Jesus made the argument (see dimensions of the argument below) that He is God's son based on verses 34-38?
  - i. What was written:
  - ii. God's will:
  - iii. Actions:
- i. Why were many people coming to Jesus at the place where John first baptized?

#### **Chapter 10 Applications**

After reflecting on all that was covered in the Chapter, can you think of some lessons learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### The Death of Lazarus: Verses 1-16

- 1. What was Lazarus's medical condition? Where did he live? Who also lived in that same town?
- 2. What was the relationship among Lazarus, Mary, and Martha?
- 3. Why did Mary and Martha send someone with a message to Jesus?
- 4. What was the relationship between Jesus and Lazarus and between Jesus and Mary and Martha?
- 5. Then why did Jesus stay where He was for two more days after receiving the message that Lazarus was sick? (see verses 4,13, and 14 in this chapter, and verse 4 in Chapter 1)
- 6. Why were His disciples reluctant to go with Jesus to Judea?
- 7. What was Jesus's response? Do you see a connection between this response and verses 4 and 5 in Chapter 1?
- 8. What do verses 11-15 reveal about how Jesus views death and His power over death? Is this view consistent with verses 1-5 in Chapter 1?
- 9. When did Jesus decide to go to Lazarus? What did Thomas say to the disciples?

#### Jesus in Bethany: Verses 17-27

- 10. What did Jesus learn when He arrived in Bethany and who was there?
- 11. Initially, how did Mary and Martha react when they heard Jesus was in Bethany?
- 12. What do verses 20-24 reveal about Martha's understanding of and faith in Jesus?
- 13. What is the point that Jesus is making in verses 25 and 26? Does Martha believe Jesus? What is the implication for us and mankind today?

#### Jesus cries: Verses 26-37

- 14. Describe the series of events and the scene in verses 28-31.
- 15. What did Mary do and say when she saw Jesus?
- 16. Describe the scene in verses 32-34.
- 17. How did Jesus react to being shown the place where Lazarus was buried? Is this reaction consistent with verses 2 and 5 in this chapter?
- 18. What did the Jews think about Jesus's relationship with Lazarus and Lazarus's death?

#### Jesus Raises Lazarus: Verses 38-44

- 19. What characteristics of Lazarus's tomb make it clear that he was dead?
- 20. Was Jesus affected by Lazarus's death? If so, how?
- 21. What about Martha's reaction to Jesus's request to "move the stone away" shows that Lazarus was really dead?
- 22. What is the meaning of Jesus's response to Martha's reaction? (Hint: see John2:4, John:25,26,36,37, and John 6:26)
- 23. What did Jesus do before raising Lazarus from the dead? What does this tell you about the purpose of this particular miracle, and miracles more generally? Is this consistent with what we learned in previous chapters about the miracles?
- 24. What information in verse 44 further confirms that Lazarus was dead?

#### The leaders plan to kill Jesus: Verses 45-57

25. How did the Jews react to this miracle?

- 26. Why did this miracle upset the Jews?
- 27. Who was Caiaphas and what was his perspective on Jesus and the future?
- 28. What did the Jews do in response to this miracle?
- 29. Why did Jesus no longer travel openly among the Jews? Where did He go and with whom did He stay?
- 30. What time of the year was it on the Jewish calendar? Where were the Jews having a conversation about Jesus, and what were they discussing?

#### **Chapter 11 Applications**

After reflecting on all that was covered in the Chapter, can you think of some lessons learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Jesus with friends in Bethany: Verses 1-8

- 1. How many days before the Passover did Jesus travel to Bethany? Who did we read about in the previous chapter that lived there?
- 2. Describe what Lazarus, Mary, and Martha were doing at the dinner.
- 3. What action took place that Judas took issue with? Was the issue legitimate?
- 4. What were the two profound points Jesus makes in his response to Judas's concern?

#### The plot against Lazarus: Verses 9-11

- 1. Why was there a large crowd of Jews in Bethany?
- 2. Why did this concern the leading priests?
- 3. What was their solution to the situation?

#### Jesus enters Jerusalem: Verses 12-16

- 1. Why was a great crowd gathered in Jerusalem?
- 2. How did they respond to Jesus? What Old Testament scriptures foretold of this response?
- 3. To what extent did Jesus's disciples understand this response?

#### People tell about Jesus: 17-19

1. How do verses 17-19 relate to the events in Chapter 11 and specifically verses 45-48?

#### Jesus talks about his death: Verses 20-50

1. Who else, besides the Jews, come to Jerusalem to worship at the Passover feast?

- 2. Who did they ask to see?
- 3. What did Jesus have to say to them about life, death, service, suffering, and glory?
- 4. What was the significance of the Father speaking from heaven and what did He mean by "I have brought glory to it and I will do it again."?
- 5. How did the crowd respond to hearing this voice?
- 6. What did Jesus say was the purpose of the voice? Did the crowd understand it?
- 7. What was the main point(s) Jesus was making in verses 35 and 36?

#### Some don't believe in Jesus: 37-50

- 1. According to verse 17, what effect did the miracles have on the people?
- 2. What explanation did the Old Testament Scriptures provide for the people's reaction to the miracles?
- 3. According to verses 42, what were some other people's reaction to the miracles? Even though they believed, what was holding them back?
- 4. What did Jesus cry out to them?
- 5. What will judge all mankind on judgment day? What was the source of Jesus' teaching? Why?

#### Chapter 12 Applications

After reflecting on all that was covered in the Chapter, can you think of some lessons learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

#### Chapter 13: Washing His Disciples Feet

#### Jesus washes his disciples' feet: 1-20

- 1. Regarding the Jewish Calendar, what time was it? Spiritually, what time was it?
- 2. What was Jesus's relationship with His disciples?
- 3. What were Jesus and His disciples doing? What role was the Devil playing in this?
- 4. What motivation did Jesus have to wash His disciples' feet? (Hint: refer to earlier verses)
- 5. How did Peter react to this act by Jesus?
- 6. What is the point Jesus is making in verses 10 and 11?
- 7. According to verses 12-14, what did Jesus want the disciples to learn from this act?
- 8. According to verses 15-17, what application did Jesus want His disciples to make?
- 9. Jesus makes a point in verses 18 and 19. What is it?
- 10. Jesus makes another point in verse 20. What is it?

#### Jesus talks about his death: 21-35

- 11. Why was Jesus troubled?
- 12. How did Jesus respond to the disciple who asked Jesus who would turn against him?
- 13. Who turns against Jesus, why and how did Jesus respond? Did the disciples understand His

response?

14. What did Judas do? How did Jesus respond? What can be learned from this?

15. In responding to Peter's question, what did Jesus mean when He said "Where I am going you cannot follow now. But you will follow later."

16. Peter stated that he was ready to die for Jesus, but how did Jesus illustrate he had the ability to see through this statement?

#### **Chapter 13 Applications**

After reflecting on all that was covered in the Chapter, can you think of some lessons learned and how these lessons can be applied to daily living?

### Jesus comforts his followers: 1-14

1. According to Jesus, what was the solution to disciples with a troubled heart? What other New Testamnet Scriptures reinforce this as a solution that also applies to us today?

- 2. What reason did Jesus give for this solution?
- 3. Why should a disciple have confidence in this solution?
- 4. How did Jesus respond to Thomas request for Jesus to show him the way?
- 5. How did Jesus respond to Phillip's request to show him the Father?
- 6. According to verses 12-14, what are the benefits of believing in Jesus? What verse in the NT tells us that he who believes in Jesus will not be disappointed?

#### The promise of the Holy Spirit: 15-31

7. How were disciples to show their love for Jesus?

8. According to verse 17, who is the other Helper, how long will he provide help, and who will know the Helper?

- 9. What is the point Jesus is making in verses 18-20?
- 10. According to verse 21, how does a person demonstrate love for Jesus, and what is the additional benefit for doing so?
- 11. According to verses 22-24, what is the difference in the action of someone who loves Jesus versus someone who does not? When someone loves Jesus, what is their relationship with the Father?
- 12. According to verse 25, what is the purpose of the Helper and who is it?

- 13. Now focus on verses 27-31 and answer the following questions:
  - a. What did Jesus say He would leave the disciples with? What type of peace did He leave, and how did it remove fear? (Hint: refer to verses 1-4)
  - b. Although the possibility of Jesus leaving earth troubled the disciples, why should they have been happy?
  - c. Why was Jesus telling them all this now?
  - d. Who is the ruler of this world? What power did this ruler have over Jesus?
  - e. What does verse 31 reveal about one of the reasons Jesus allowed himself to be crucified?

# **Chapter 14 Applications**

## Jesus is like the Vine: 1-17

- 1. Under the vine analogy, what is the role of the son and the father?
- 2. What does the father do in his role?
- 3. Why were the disciples clean?
- 4. What was the process for the disciples to produce fruit?
- 5. Continuing with the vine analogy, what is the role of the son and what is the role of the disciples?
- 6. According to verses 5-8, what is the difference between those that remain in the Son and those who do not? What does Jesus mean by remain in His teachings? (Hint: see verse 7)
- 7. What are some of the benefits of remaining in Jesus?
- 8. What do verses 9-11 teach about love, obedience, the Father and the Son?
- 9. Now, review verses 12-17 and answers the following questions:
  - a. What did Jesus command His disciples to do?
  - b. Why did Jesus no longer call his disciples servants but friends? Do you see a connection between these verses and John 1:6-9 and John 1:18?
  - c. What did Jesus expect His friends to do?

#### Jesus warns his followers: 18-26

- 10. Why did Jesus take the time to explain to His disciples that a servant is <u>not</u> above his master (Verse 20)?
- 11. What do verses 21 through 25 teach about (1) persecution of the disciples, (2) sin, (3) hate, (4) Jesus's works, and (5) prophecy?

12. Who is the Helper? Where does He come from? When does He come? And, finally, what does He do?

## **Chapter 15 Applications**

# **Persecution of Disciples: 1-4**

- 1. Why was Jesus warning His disciples of these future persecutions?
- 2. Why would these persecutions come?

## The work of the Holy Spirit: 5-15

- 3. What reason did Jesus give for not telling His disciples about the persecution to come?
- 4. Although the disciples were filled with sadness, Jesus said it was better for them that He returned to the Father? Why? (According to verses 8-11)
- 5. When the Helper (the Holy Spirit) comes, what will he do?
- 6. In addition to the persecutions, there was much more that Jesus had to share with the disciples but could not. Why?
- 7. According to verses 12-15, what else will the Holy Spirit do?

## Sadness will become happiness: 16-24

8. What is Jesus talking about in verses 16-24?

## Victory over the world: 25-33

- 9. Jesus told his disciples that the Father loves them. What reason did He give for this love?
- 10. What did Jesus say that prompted his disciples to say that He is speaking plainly now?
- 11. Why did the disciples now believe?

- 12. What prophecy did Jesus make about His pending crucifixion and how the disciples will react?
- 13. Although these revelations about Jesus's pending crucifixion and events to follow on the surface seemed dire, what did Jesus say His purpose was for revealing them?
- 14. What should verse 33 teach Christians about living in the world today and how to handle it?

# **Chapter 16 Applications**

## Chapter 17: The Lord's Prayer

## Jesus prays for his followers:

- 1. Before praying to the Father, what did Jesus do?
- 2. What idea did Jesus start with and what did He mean by it?
- 3. According to verse 2, what power (and authority) did Jesus have, how far-reaching was it, and what could He do with it?
- 4. What is eternal life, according to this prayer?
- 5. According to verse 4, at what stage of the work was Jesus in and what was the point of the work?
- 6. What glory was Jesus requesting from the Father, according to verse 5?
- 7. According to verses 6-9, what did Jesus do for the disciples (see also John 1:18), who did the men belong to (see also John 8:47; John 6:44), and what was their attitude and behavior towards Jesus's teaching?
- 8. At this point in the prayer, who is the focus, according to verse 9?
- 9. According to verse 10, was there any rivalry between the Father and Son over teaching and leading the disciples?
- 10. What in verse 11, reinforces the idea expressed in John 1:1?
- 11. What do we learn about Jesus's name regarding its origin and its power? What other Gospels corroborate this origin?
- 12. What is the point of verse 12? What does it tell us about Judas's spiritual fate?

- 13. What in verse 13 again reinforces the idea expressed in John 1:1?
- 14. Why did Jesus offer this prayer while in the world even though He was returning to the Father?

15. Jesus gave His disciples teachings from the Father. How did the world treat them as a result? Why?

16. According to verse 15, what was Jesus asking the Father to do for his disciples? Why?

17. How did Jesus ask the Father to prepare them for service?

- 18. What is the simple yet profound definition of truth?
- 19. According to verse 17, what did the Jesus's disciples have in common with Jesus?

20. What is the point Jesus is making in verse 19?

21. Who else did Jesus pray for besides His current disciples? What did He pray for?

22. Why was it so important to Jesus that His disciples be one? How did He define "being one"? (Hint: see verse 21, 22, and 23)

23. What does verse 24 teach about Jesus's spiritual aspirations for His disciples?

24. What does verse 24 reveal about glory and the relationship between the Father and Son?

25. What does verse 25 teach about who is good? What other verses in another Gospel corroborate this idea?

26. How do verse 25 and 26 relate back to Chapter 1? (Hint: see verses 17 and 18)

# **Chapter 17 Applications**

## **Chapter 18: The Earthly Authorities**

## Jesus is betrayed

1. After Jesus finished praying, where did He and His followers go?

2. How did Judas know this place, and how did he use this knowledge? Describe the scene (or event) as a result of Judas's actions.

- 3. Was Jesus caught off guard (or surprise) by what transpired?
- 4. What do verses 4-11 say about Jesus's character in the midst of a situation of great

## adversity?

#### Jesus is brought before Annas: 12-14

- 5. What happened to Jesus after He was arrested?
- 6. Who was Annas and what statement did he make about Jesus crucifixion?

## Peter denies Jesus: 15-18

- 7. What disciples followed along with Jesus after He was arrested.
- 8. Why was one disciple able to enter into the High Priest's courtyard?
- 9. Where was Peter? How did he eventually get to come inside?
- 10. What happened as Peter went inside to the High Priest's courtyard?

## High Priest questions Jesus: 19-24

- 11. What did the High Priest question Jesus about?
- 12. How did Jesus respond, and did one of the guards respond?
- 13. Where did Jesus end up being sent and in what condition was He in?

## Peter again says he does not know Jesus: 25-27

14. Based on these verses, other Gospel accounts of Peter's denial, and Luke 22:31-34, what can we conclude about the denial?

15. What lessons can be learned and applied from this conclusion?

#### Jesus is brought before Pilate: 28-40

- 16. Do you see any spiritual irony in the Jews behavior in verse 28? Do you see any spiritual application for Christians today? (Hint: See John 7:24)
- 17. What charges were brought against Jesus?
- 18. How did Pilate feel about these charges and why did the Jews want Pilate to judge Jesus?
- 19. What was Jesus's response to these charges? What can Christians learn from this response?
- 20. What else did Jesus say about the Kingdom (see verse 37)
- 21. Where in John did Jesus provide the most direct answer to Pilate's question, "What is

truth?"?

22. What did Pilate ultimately decide and on what his basis? What does Pilate's behavior teach us about justice (keeping in mind that Pilate was an instrument in God's plan)?

# **Chapter 18 Applications**

## Chapter 19: Christ Crucified

## Jesus delivered up by Pilate

- 1. What physical and psychological punishment did Jesus endure?
- 2. How did the Jews react when Pilate said: "Here is the man!"
- 3. Why did the Jews want Jesus to be put to death? How did this make Pilate feel?
- 4. What power did Pilate have over Jesus?
- 5. What did the crowd say that caused Pilate to go against his better judgment to release Jesus?
- 6. What events transpired after Pilate sat down on the Judgment seat? (Verse 13)

#### Jesus is killed on the Cross: 13-27

- 7. What catches your attention about the events in verses 1-12?
- 8. What did the soldiers do after nailing Jesus to the cross? Where was this foretold in the Psalms?
- 9. Who else besides the soldiers were at the cross? What did Jesus do to show His selfless nature?

## Jesus dies: 28-35

- 10. What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is finished."?
- 11. Why did the Jewish people order that the legs of the men on the cross be broken?
- 12. Did the soldiers break Jesus's legs? Why?
- 13. What two prophecies about Jesus on the cross were fulfilled?

## Jesus is buried:

- 14. Who was Joseph from Arimathea?
- 15. What, if anything, did he have in common with Nicodemus?
- 16. How and where did they bury the body? Why? Do you see any spiritual irony in this action?

# Chapter 18 Applications

# Jesus's tomb is empty:

- 1. When did Mary Magdalene go to the tomb? What did she find?
- 2. How did she react?
- 3. How did Peter and the other followers react?
- 4. What did they find when they got there?
- 5. What is the significance of verses 6 and 7?

## Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene: 10-18

- 6. What did Peter and the other followers do after leaving the tomb?
- 7. How did Mary react?
- 8. What explanation did she give to the angels regarding her state of distress?
- 9. When Mary turned around, who did she see? Who did Mary initially think she saw?
- 10. Why did Jesus ask Mary to stop clinging to him?
- 11. What did Mary do after seeing Jesus?

## Jesus appears to his followers: 19-23

12. On what day and what time of the day were the disciples together?

- 13. Why were the doors locked and where they were gathered?
- 14. What proof was given that Jesus was alive?
- 15. What is the meaning of verses 22 and 23?

#### Jesus appears to Thomas: 24-29

16. What is the point of the story of "doubting" Thomas?

## Why John wrote this book: 31-32

17. Why did John write this Gospel?

## **Chapter 20 Applications**

## Jesus appears to seven followers: 1-14

1. What do you think is the point of this account?

## Jesus talks to Peter: 15-25

- 2. Why were Peter's feelings hurt?
- 3. What is the point of verses 18 and 19?
- 4. What are the points of verses 20-24?
- 5. What did verse 25 tell us about how prolific Jesus's life on earth was?

# **Chapter 21 Applications**