

READ The BIBLE Together



**Gospel of John
Chapter 1-12**

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GOSPEL OF JOHN

Introduction

The man John

The author is John, the brother of James and one of the sons of Zebedee (Matthew 4:21). Both John and James were fishermen by the Lake of Galilee. When John the Baptist began his ministry in the wilderness of Judea, John (with many others) became his disciple. Then one day he saw his teacher pointing to Jesus and saying, "*Behold the Lamb of God!*" On the invitation of Jesus, he became a disciple of Jesus (John 1:36,37) for a time.

He then returned to his former vocation and in Matthew 4:21, we read that Jesus again called John to follow Him. Now he left all and permanently attached himself to Jesus. He became a member of the inner circle of the apostles – Peter, James and John (Matthew 17:1; 26:37). Jesus assigned to him and his brother the surname "Boanerges" (Mark 3:17), that is, 'Sons of Thunder' meaning 'tumultuous fellows' because of their overzealous temperament. We can see this temperament exerting itself in Luke 9:49, 52-54 and even from Matthew 20:20-28.

On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he and Peter followed Christ from afar while the others disciples fled for their life (John 18:15-16). He was there when Jesus was tried before the High Priest and when Jesus was nailed to the cross the next day (John 18:16, 19:26,27). He was one of the two apostles to see the empty tomb (John 20:3-10) early that Sunday morning!

After the ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, John was one of the leaders in the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:6; Galatians 2:9). His subsequent history is unrecorded -- he appeared to have retired to Ephesus. We do not know when he wrote his three epistles (1, 2, 3 John) but we know that he was banished to Patmos (Revelation 1:9) in the later years of his life. There he wrote the book of Revelation. It is believed that he was the last apostle to be promoted to glory.

The book John

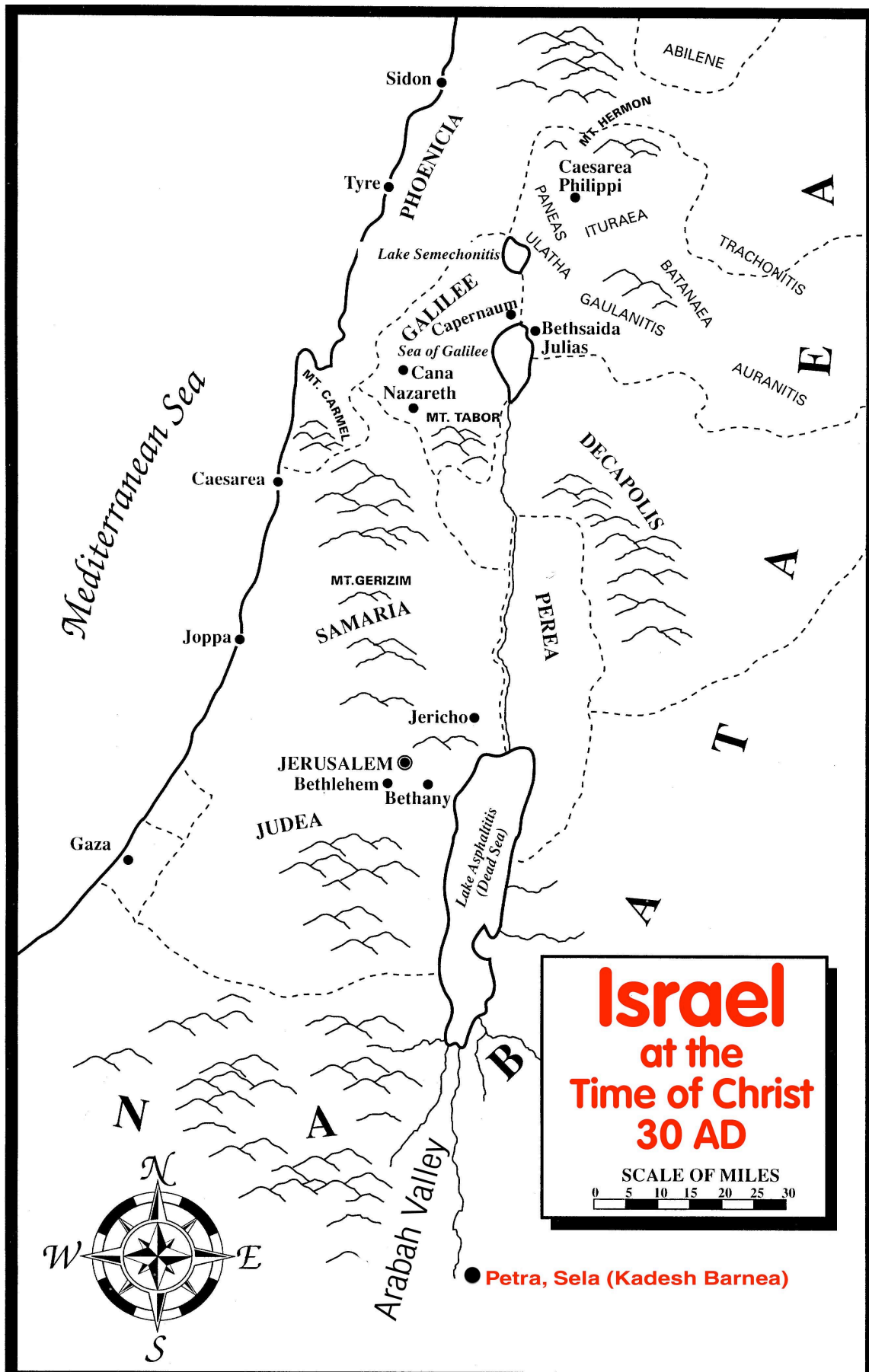
The purpose for his writing is explicit: *And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.* (John 20:30-31)

John recorded seven main miracles, called 'signs', in this gospel:

Water into wine (John 2)
Healing the nobleman's son (John 4)
Healing the paralyzed man (John 5)
Feeding the 5000 men (John 6)

Walking on the sea (John 6)
Healing the man born blind (John 9)
Raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11)

Interwoven with the 'signs' are His famous 'I Am' statements: I am Bread of Life, I am the Light of the world, I am the Door, I am the Good Shepherd, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Together, they are to show us that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God in order that we may believe in Him and have life!



Memory Verse: *John 1:12-13 ~ But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Day 1 Read the Introduction of John

1. In no more than 50 words, write down what you know about John (the human author of the Gospel of John):

2. Why did John write the Gospel of John?

3. Look at the map in page 3. Locate these places on the map:

(a) Judea

(b) Samaria

(c) Galilee

Day 2 Read John 1: 1-2

1. These 2 verses talk about 'the Word'. Write down everything that these 2 verses say about 'the Word':

2. What does 'the beginning' refer to?

3. How many persons are mentioned in these 2 verses? Who are they?

Day 3 Read John 1:3-5

1. Three more things are said about 'the Word' here. What are they and what do each of them mean to you?

(a)

(b)

(c)

2. Verse 5.

(a) Who/What does the light represent?

(b) Who/What does the darkness stand for?

Day 4 Read John 1: 6-8

1. Here we are introduced to John (the Baptist). What 2 things are said of John here?

2. What's the aim of his ministry?

Day 5 Read John 1: 9-13

1. In verse 9, the Word is called the true Light and does two things. What are they?
 - (a)
 - (b)

2. In verses 10-13, we read of the different responses to the Word/True Light. What are they?
 - (a)
 - (b)

Which response is your response?

Verse 13 gives us the explanation for the 2nd response to the Word? What is it?

Day 6 Read John 1:14-18

1. According to verse 14 ...
 - (a) What did the Word do?

 - (b) Who is the Word?

2. What can we learn about the Word from verse 15?

3. What can we learn about the Word from verse 18?

Day 7 Review John 1:1-18

1. Write down every thing you know about Jesus Christ from these 18 verses:

- He is the Word of God (v1)

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2. Pick one of the answers above. What does it mean to you today?

Week 2

[11th December – 17th December 2011]

Memory Verse: **John 2:5 ~ *His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."***

Day 1 Read John 1:19-28

1. According to John's (the Baptist) own testimony, who is he?

2. What was John (the Baptist) doing in Bethabara beyond the Jordan?

Day 2 Read John 1:29-34

1. Why does John refer to Jesus as 'the Lamb of God'? What does this term mean?

2. What happened at the baptism of Jesus?

3. How does Jesus relate to the Holy Spirit, according to verse 33?

Day 3 Read John 1:35-42

1. (a) Other than Jesus and John (the Baptist), who else is mentioned here?

(b) What do you know about these 2 men?

2. What is the meaning of 'Messiah/Christ'?

Day 4 Read John 1:43-51

1. (a) Other than Jesus who else is mentioned here?

(b) What do you know about them?

(c) Where are they from?

2. Verse 45 gives us further information about Jesus. What is it?

Day 5 Re-read John 1:43-51

1. Why did Nathanael make that exclamation in verse 49?

2. What does verse 51 mean?

Day 6 Review John 1:19-51

1. From John 1:19-51, John tells us some more things about Jesus Christ. What are they?

- He is the Lamb of God (v29)

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2. Why, do you think, is John telling us all these things about Jesus?

Day 7 Read John 2:1-12

1. What is the miracle here?
2. Where did the miracle take place?
3. John calls the miracle 'sign'. What is a 'sign'?
4. What is the result of this miracle?

Week 3

[18th December – 24th December 2011]

Memory Verse: *John 3:16 ~ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Day 1 Read John 2:13-22

1. (a) What did Jesus do?

(b) Why did He do it?

2. What was the response of the Jews to what He did?

3. In reply to their request for a sign, Jesus talked about '*destroying this temple*'.
 - (a) What does it mean?

 - (b) How is this a sign?

Day 2 Read John 2:23-25

1. What's the reason people in Jerusalem believe in Jesus at this time?

2. How do you understand the response of Jesus to these people (v24-25)?

3. What lessons can you learn from this?

Day 3 Review John 2:1-25

1. Write down 1 thing you've learnt about Jesus from John 2:

2. Write down 1 lesson you've learnt from John 2:

Go and share this lesson with someone: _____
(Name of the person)

Day 4 Read John 3:1-12

1. Who's present here?
2. What is the topic of their conversation?
3. Does this topic have any relevance with you?

Day 5 Read John 3:13-17

1. Who is the Son of Man?
2. Where did He come from?
3. What will happen to Him?
4. What will happen to you if you believe in Him?

Day 6 Read John 3:18-21

1. Why would people be condemned?
2. Why would people not believe in God's Son?

3. Look over your answer to the 2 questions above. How does it impact the way you look at yourself and at people around you?

Day 7 Read John 3:22-36

1. Who is (a) the bride, (b) the bridegroom and (c) the friend of the bridegroom?

2. When John says, "He must increase but I must decrease".
 - (a) What do you think is he talking about?

 - (b) Can you see any relevance of this to your own life?

3.
 - (a) What happens when one believes in the Son?

 - (b) What happens to the one who doesn't believe in the Son?

 - (c) Which group do you belong to?

Week 4

[25th December – 31st December 2011]

Memory Verse: John 4:24 ~ *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*

Day 1 Review John 3:1-36

1. What doctrine(s) has John 3 taught you?
2. Has John 3 reproved and corrected you? If so, what?
3. What good work has John 3 equipped you to do?

Day 2 Read John 4:1-15

1. Where did this event take place?
2. Who are the characters present?
3. What is the topic of conversation?

Day 3 Read John 4:16-26

1. Why did the Samaritan woman say that she perceives that Jesus is a prophet?
2. From verses 19-24, the topic of conversation shifted to worship.
 - (a) What is the understanding of the Samaritan woman concerning 'worship'?

(b) What is the teaching of Jesus concerning 'worship'?

(c) What lesson can we learn from this?

3. "I who speak to you am He" says Jesus. Who is the 'He'?

Day 4 Read John 4:27-38

1. Look over the conversation between Jesus and His disciples.

(a) What does it tell you about the disciples?

(b) What does it tell you about the concerns and priorities of Jesus?

2. (a) What is already white for harvest?

(b) What happens to the one who reaps it?

3. Jesus says in verse 37, "One sows and another reaps."

(a) What does it mean?

(b) Have you ever experienced 'you sowed and another reaped'?

(c) What about 'others sowed and you reaped'?

Day 5 Read John 4:39-42

1. Why did the Samaritans mentioned in verse 39 believe in Jesus?
2. Why did the Samaritans mentioned in verse 41 believe in Jesus?
3. '*... the Samaritans ... urged Him to stay with them ...*' (v40). What's so amazing about this?
4. Can you say what the Samaritans said in verse 42?

Day 6 Read John 4:43-54

1. (a) Who was healed?

(b) Who healed him?

(c) How was he healed?

(d) When was he healed?

2. Why, do you think, Jesus rebuked the people and the nobleman for not believing unless they see signs and wonders?

3. How can the words of Jesus in verse 48a be reconciled with the comment in verse 45 that the Galileans received Him?

Day 7 Review John 4:1-54

1. Write down 1 thing you've learnt about Jesus from John 4:

2. Write down 2 lessons you've learnt from John 4:

Go and share these 2 lessons with someone: _____
(Name of the person)

Week 5

[1st – 7th January 2012]

Memory Verse: *John 5:28-29 ~ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.*

Day 1 Read John 5:1-15

1. (a) Where and when did this event took place?

(b) How long was this man sick and how was he healed?

2. (a) What question did Jesus asked him?

(b) Why ask him this question?

3. Read the words of Jesus to this man in verse 14. What does it mean and why (do you think) does Jesus say such things to him?

Day 2 Read John 5:16-18

1. Why did the Jews persecute Jesus and sought to kill Him (v16)?

2. Why did the Jews intensify their efforts to kill Jesus (v18)?

3. Are they right in seeking the death of Jesus?

Day 3 Read John 5:19-30

1. Jesus used '*most assuredly*' three times in this passage. Locate them and write down what Jesus most assuredly wanted to say to the Jews then (and to us today):

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

2. What greater things will the Father show to the Son?

(i) Verse 21:

(ii) Verse 22:

3. Look at your answer to Q2 above.

What's the implication of (i)?

What's the implication of (ii)?

Day 4 Read John 5:25-30

Jesus mentioned two 'the hour is coming' in these 6 verses.

1. (a) Locate the 1st one:
(b) What will happen? What does this mean?

2. (a) Locate the 2nd one:
(b) What will happen? What does this mean?

3. (a) What is the difference between the 1st and the 2nd 'the hour is coming'?

(b) Is there any link between them?

4. (a) Who will experience the resurrection of life?

(b) Who will experience the resurrection of death?

(c) Which one will you experience? How do you know?

Day 5 Read John 5:31-47

1. Jesus mentioned 4 witnesses that testify of Him here. Who are they?

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(iv)

What do you think is the significance of having 4 witnesses?
(Cf. Deuteronomy 19:15, Matthew 18:16)

2. According to Jesus, what's the reason(s) the Jews would not come and believe in Him?

Day 6 Review John 5:1-47

1. Write down 1 thing you've learnt about Jesus from John 5:

2. Write down 2 lessons you've learnt from John 5:

Go and share these 2 lessons with someone: _____
(Name of the person)

Day 7 Read John 6:1-14

1. (a) What miracle ('sign') did Jesus perform?

- (b) How did He perform it?
- (c) Where and when did this event take place?
- (d) Why did such a great multitude gather at this place?
- (e) In response to what Jesus did, they say that He is '*truly the Prophet who is to come into the world*' (verse 14). What does this mean and why did they say it? (See also Deuteronomy 18:15-19)

Week 6

[8th – 14th January 2012]

Memory Verse: *John 6:35 ~ And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."*

Day 1 Read John 6:15-21

1. (a) Read verse 15. What did the multitude want to do to Jesus?
 - (b) Re-read verse 14. Their action in verse 15 reveals the true meaning behind what they said in verse 14. What is it?
2. (a) What did the disciples experience?
 - (b) How did Jesus rescue them?

(c) What lesson have you learnt from this “mid-night miracle”?

3. Relook at what Jesus did in verses 1-14 and verses 15-21. What do these 2 events tell us who Jesus is? How?

Day 2 Read John 6:22-25

1. What did the Jews ask Jesus in verse 25? Why?

2. What is the correct answer?

Day 3 Read John 6:26-40

1. (a) What did Jesus call Himself in verse 35?

(b) Why did He call Himself that?

2. (a) What is the work of God? Do you do it?

(b) What is the gift of God? Do you receive it?

(c) What is the will of God? What does it mean to you?

3. Why did the Jews ask for a sign when Jesus had already performed one the previous day?

Day 4 Read John 6:41-51

1. What's the complaint of the Jews?

2. What's the reply of Jesus to their complaint? (V43-45)

3. Jesus calls himself 'the bread of life' (v48).

(a) What does this mean?

(b) Where does this bread originate?

(c) What happens when one eats this bread?

(d) Have you eaten this bread?

4. Verse 47 and verse 51 are parallel verses, meaning they are saying the same thing. What are they saying?

Day 5 Read Exodus 12:1-13

1. What is the feast being instituted here?

2. What must the Jews do to the lamb?

V6:

V8:

V7, 13:

3. What does Passover celebrate?

4. What relevance does this feast have with the miracle in John 6? (See John 6:4)

Day 6 Read John 6:52-59

1. Over what are the Jews unhappy about?

2. Jesus says we must eat His flesh and drink His blood (v53).

- (a) What does it mean?

- (b) How is this related to the Passover feast instituted in Exodus 12?

- (c) What happens when one eats the flesh of Jesus and drinks His blood?

- (d) Compare your answer to (c) above with your answer to Day 4 Question 4. What does this tell you?

Day 7 Read John 6:60-71

1. Other than Jesus, there are 3 distinct groups of people mentioned here. Who are they and what did they do?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
2. Re-read verse 63. What do you think is the meaning?

3. Re-read the wonderful confession of Peter in verses 68-69. Can you make the same confession? Have you?

Memory Verse: *John 7:37-38 ~ On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*

Day 1 Review John 6:1-71

1. Write down 1 thing you've learnt about Jesus from John 6:

2. Write down 2 lessons you've learnt from John 6:

Go and share these 2 lessons with someone: _____
(Name of the person)

Day 2 Read Leviticus 23:33-36, 39-43 Deuteronomy 16:13-17

The event recorded in John 7 took place during the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:2)

1. According to Leviticus 23:33-36, 39-43 . . .

(a) How long was the feast meant to last?

(b) What was it meant to commemorate?

(c) What were the Jews supposed to do during the feast?

2. (a) Deuteronomy 16:13-17 give us another reason why the Jews keep the Feast of Tabernacles. What is it?

(b) According to verses 16-17, is Jesus obliged to be in Jerusalem to keep this feast?

Day 3 Read John 7:1-13

1. Two different geographical locations are mentioned in these 13 verses. Where are they? Can you locate them in the map? (Page 3)

2. What did his brothers 'advise' Jesus to do and why?

3. Twice, Jesus said that His time has not yet (fully) come – verse 6 & 8. What do you think does this mean?

4. Verse 10 says that Jesus went up to the feast secretly. Why?

Day 4 Read John 7:14-24

1. (a) How many days is the Feast of Tabernacles meant to last? According to verse 14, when did Jesus go up to the Temple?

(b) What did He do and what was the response of the people?

2. How will you know if the doctrine (teaching) of Jesus is from God?

3. In verse 19, Jesus accused the Jews of not keeping the laws of Moses! How did they violate the laws of Moses?

4. Read verse 24. What does it mean? Have you ever been guilty of this?

Day 5 Read John 7:25-36

1. What's the confusion and controversy among the Jews here concerning Jesus?

2. What did Jesus say concerning His origin? What does this mean?

3. Read verse 34. What do you think Jesus meant by these words?

Day 6 Read John 7:37-53

1. What is this 'living waters' that Jesus promised to give?

2. (a) Why are the people confused about Jesus?

(b) Why are the religious leaders confused about Jesus?

3. Concerning Jesus, are you clear or confused?

Day 7 Review John 7:1-53

1. What doctrine(s) has John 7 taught you?

2. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, the Scripture is profitable for reproof. Reproof is to correct our erroneous beliefs, if we have any. Has John 7 reproofed you? If so, what?

3. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, the Scripture is given to equip us for every good work. What good work has John 7 equipped you to do?

Week 8

[22nd – 28th January 2012]

Memory Verse: John 8:12 ~ *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

Day 1 Read John 8:1-11

1. Where did this event take place?

2. Write down the persons present:

3. (a) What did the scribes and Pharisees want Jesus to do?

(b) What's their motivation (real concern)?
4. (a) What's the response of Jesus to the scribes and Pharisees?

(b) How did Jesus deal with the woman?
5. What lessons have you learned from this incident?

Day 2 Read John 8:12-20

1. (a) Write down the claim of Jesus in verse 12:

(b) What does it mean?

(c) What does it mean to you?
2. From the ensuing conversation, it is clear that the Pharisees do not understand Jesus. What's the reason for their confusion? Is it true of you as well?

Day 3 Read John 8:21-30

1. Jesus says that He is going away (v21).
 - (a) How did the Jews understand this saying of Jesus?

 - (b) What is your understanding?

 - (c) What is Jesus' actual meaning?

2. According to verse 23, where is Jesus from and where does Jesus belong?

3. Why did Jesus say that the Jews would die in their sins?

4. What does '*you lift up the Son of Man*' mean?

5. According to verse 30, what's the result of this conversation Jesus had with the Jews?

Day 4 Read John 8:31-41a

1. We read in verse 30 that many of the Jews believed in Jesus.

(a) What did Jesus say to these people?

(b) Why, do you think, He said these words to them?

(c) What does 'abide' mean?

2. What happens to the person who (habitually) commits sin?

3. In verse 39, the Jews claim to be Abraham's children.

(a) If their claim is true, then what would they do?

(b) In reality, what did they do? What does this show?

Day 5 Read John 8:41b-47

1. The Jews now claim God to be their father. Did Jesus accept their claim? Why?

2. Whose children did Jesus say the Jews are? Why?

3. (a) Who will hear the words of God?

(b) If you don't hear, what does it show?

Day 6 Read John 8:48-59

1. What did the Jews accuse Jesus of?

V48:

V52:

Why?

2. Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus?

Day 7 Review John 8:1-59

1. Write down 1 thing you've learnt about Jesus from John 8:

2. Write down 2 lessons you've learnt from John 8:

Go and share these 2 lessons with someone: _____
(Name of the person)

Memory Verse: John 9:5 ~ *“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”*

Day 1 Read John 9:1-12 Isaiah 35:4-6

1. 3 groups of people are present in verses 1-7. What can we say about each one?

(a) Jesus --

(b) Disciples --

(c) Blind man --

2. How was the man healed?

Verse 6-7a:

Verse 7b:

3. Read Isaiah 35:4-6.

(a) When God comes, what will happen?

(b) So what does the healing of this man indicate?

4. Verses 8-12 depicts the confusion that reigns among the neighbors and friends of the blind man.
 - (a) Why are they confused?

 - (b) If you were one of his neighbor/friend, what would be your response?

Day 2 Read John 9:13-23

1. Verses 13-17 record the Pharisees' *first* interview with the healed man. The result was that the Pharisees were divided into two groups. What they are?
 - (a)

 - (b)

2. Verses 18-23 record the Pharisees' *second* interview with the healed man.
 - (a) Why did the Pharisees summon his parents?

 - (b) Why did his parents behave in the way that they did?

 - (c) Have you ever found yourself behaving in a similar manner?

Day 3 Read John 9:24-34

1. These verses record the Pharisees' *third* interview with the healed man.

(a) The Pharisees told the man to give glory to God (v24). What does it mean?

(b) Why were they so angry with him?

(c) What did they do to him finally?

2. This man paid a heavy price for his uncompromising testimony.

(a) What's the price?

(b) If you were this man, would you be willing to pay this price? Why?

Day 4 Read John 9:35-41

1. Verse 38 is the climax of this man's spiritual journey. Let's journal it:

- Verse 11:
- Verse 17:
- Verse 25:
- Verse 33:
- Verse 38:

What about you? Where are you in the journey of faith?

2. Jesus says that He is the light of the world (verse 5, see also 8:12). Now according to verse 39, as the light of the world comes into this world, there will be two results. What are they?

(a)

(b)

Ponder and explain why this is so.

Day 5 Review John 9:1-41

1. Write down 1 thing you've learnt about Jesus from John 9:

2. Write down 2 lessons you've learnt from John 9:

Go and share these 2 lessons with someone: _____
(Name of the person)

Day 6 Read John 10:1-6

1. (a) Besides the shepherd, who else are mentioned here?

(b) What do they do?

(c) Whom, do you think, do they represent?

2. (a) Describe the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep.

(b) Whom, do you think, does the shepherd represent?
3. The hearers present then (the Jews) do not understand the words of Jesus. Why?
4. Do you understand the words of Jesus in verses 1-5?

Day 7 Read John 10:7-10

1. (a) Write down the claim of Jesus in verse 7 & 9:

(b) What does this mean?
2. From these 4 verses, together with verse 1a, write down all you know about the thieves and robbers – their methods, their identity, their goals and their relationship with the sheep:
3. In contrast to them stand Jesus the door! What does He bring to the sheep (v9-10)?

** Read Numbers 27:15-17 – it may help you give a more comprehensive answer!

Memory Verse: *John 10:10 ~ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

Day 1 Read John 10:11-16

1. Jesus claims to be _____ (verse 11).

What does 'good' mean?

2. (a) Who is the character that stands in sharp contrast to the shepherd here?

(b) What can we say about this person?

3. Jesus says in verse 16 that 'other sheep he has which are not in this fold.' Whom do these sheep refer to?

Day 2 Read John 10:17-21

1. Why does the Father love Jesus?

2. What did Jesus say that made some think that he was demon-possessed and raving mad?

Day 3 Read John 10:22-30

1. According to Jesus, why is it that the Jews do not believe in Him?
2. What can we say about the sheep of Jesus, from verses 27-29?
3. What does Jesus mean when He said that He and His Father are one?

Day 4 Read John 10:31-42

1. (a) Why did the Jews take up stones to stone Jesus?

(b) What's the response of Jesus to this action of theirs?
2. In response to their determination to kill him (v39), what did Jesus do?
3. Why did the many in verse 42 believe in Jesus?
4. Do you think this belief in Jesus is true? Explain.

Day 5 Review John 10:1-42

1. What doctrine(s) has John 10 taught you?

2. Has John 10 reproved and corrected you? If so, what?

3. What good work has John 10 equipped you to do?

Day 6 Read John 11:1-16

1. (a) Besides Jesus and His disciples, who else are mentioned here?

(b) Where is their home? Can you locate this place in the map (page 3)?

(c) Why, do you think, does John state their names and address so explicitly?

2. (a) Why was Lazarus sick?

(b) Why did Jesus wait 2 days before going to Bethany?

(c) How does verse 5 help us understand the action of Jesus?

3. (a) When Jesus says that Lazarus sleeps, what does He mean?

(b) What is meant by 'wake him up'? (v11)

Day 7 Read John 11:17-27

1. When Jesus finally arrived at Bethany, how long has Lazarus been dead?
2. What is the significance of verse 19?
3. These 11 verses give us a portrait of Martha. What is she like?
4. Jesus says that He is the resurrection and the life (v25).
 - (a) What does that mean?
 - (b) What's the implication of this for those who believe in Him?
 - (c) Have you believed in Him?

Week 11

[12th February – 18th February 2012]

Memory Verse: John 11:25 ~ *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. "*

Day 1 Read John 11:28-37

1. These 10 verses give us a portrait of Mary. What is she like?

2. Why did Jesus weep?

3. Both Martha (v21) and Mary (32) said that if Jesus were present earlier, Lazarus their brother would not have died. Is that true?

What, do you think, this statement tells you of what they were thinking then?

Day 2 Read John 11:38-44

1. Why did Jesus pray to the Father before He raised Lazarus (v41-42) and what did His prayer imply?

2. How did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?

Day 3 Read John 11:45-54

1. These 10 verses tell us the different responses of the people to this miracle/sign. What are they?
 - (a)

 - (b)

2. (a) Who is Caiaphas?

(b) What did he say and what was his meaning?

(c) Yet there is a twist and deeper meaning to his words. What is it?

3. What's the response of Jesus to their unbelief and malice?

Day 4 Read John 11:55-57

1. What's the Jewish festival here?

2. Revisit Week 6 Day 5's lessons – Exodus 12:1-13

(a) What must the Jews do to the Passover lamb?

(b) What does Passover celebrate?

3. During this Passover (John 11:55-57), what were the Jewish religious leaders thinking about?

4. Are their thoughts matching to the purpose of the Passover?

Day 5 Review John 11:1-57

1. Write down 1 thing you've learnt about Jesus from John 11:

2. Write down 2 lessons you've learnt from John 11:

Go and share these 2 lessons with someone: _____
(Name of the person)

Day 6 Read John 12:1-8

1. Verse 2 mentions a supper/banquet being held.

(a) When was it held?

(b) Where was it held?

(c) Why was it held?

2. What did Mary do during the supper?

3. What was the response of Judas Iscariot to Mary's action? Why?

4. How did Jesus handle the situation?

Day 7 Read John 12:9-11

1. Why did many Jews come to Bethany?

2. Verse 11 says that many believed in Jesus. Do you think their belief is real? Explain.

3. What's the response of the chief priests? Why?

Week 12

[19th February – 25th February 2012]

Memory Verse: John 12:24 ~ *Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.*

Day 1 Read John 12:12-19

1. Verses 12-13 mentioned the crowd that came out of Jerusalem to meet Jesus.
 - (a) What did they take in their hands?

 - (b) What did they say with their lips?

 - (c) What is the meaning of 'hosanna'?

2. Verses 14-15 focus on Jesus.
 - (a) What animal did He ride on?

(b) What is the significance of this?

3. John 12:16 is similar to John 2:22. Compare them:

What is the message?

4. Those people who came up to Jerusalem with Jesus – what were they doing?

Day 2 Read John 12:20-36

1. (a) Who wanted to see Jesus?

(b) Why did they want to see Jesus?

(c) While they wanted to see Jesus, who wanted to get rid of Jesus?

2. In response, Jesus said that the hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. What does this mean?

3. What do you think is the meaning of verse 24?

4. What do you think is the link between verse 24 and verses 25-26?

5. What does '*lifted up from the earth*' means? Where else in the Gospel of John can we find this phrase?

Day 3 Read John 12:37-43

1. Re-read verse 36b. Why did Jesus depart and hide Himself from them?

2. Verse 37 states that Jesus has done many signs before them.
 - (a) List down the signs that Jesus did as recorded in this Gospel:

 - (b) What are the signs suppose to communicate to them?

3. Why did they not believe?

V38:

V39-40:

V42-43:

Day 4 Read John 12:44-50

1. According to the words of Jesus here, what is true for the person who believes in Him?

2. According to the words of Jesus here, if we do not believe in Him, what's the implications?

3. Which group do you belong to?

Day 5 Review John 12:1-50

1. Write down 1 thing you've learnt about Jesus from John 12:

2. Write down 2 lessons you've learnt from John 12:

Go and share these 2 lessons with someone: _____
(Name of the person)

Day 6 John (Selected topic)

1. John Chapters 1-12 record a number of "time/hour" sayings of Jesus. Locate and copy them out below:
 - (a) 2:4 ~

 - (b) 7:6 ~
7:8 ~

 - (c) 7:30 ~

 - (d) 8:20 ~

(e) 12:23 ~

12:27 ~

Reflect on (a) – (e): *What do they mean and what is their significance?*

Review (a) – (e): *Can you see any difference in the “time/hour” sayings? What’s the significance?*

Day 7 John (Selected topic)

1. John Chapters 1-12 record a number of “I am” sayings of Jesus. Locate and copy them out below:

(a) 6:35 ~

6:48 ~

6:51 ~

What does this mean?

(b) 8:12 ~

9:5 ~

What does this mean?

(c) 10:7 ~

What does this mean?

(d) 10:11 ~

10:14 ~

What does this mean?

(e) 11:25 ~

What does this mean?

Reflect on (a) – (e): *Choose one of them and share its meaning/significance to you.*

ADDITIONAL NOTES / QUESTIONS