

Intro to John: The Word Made Flesh (John 1)

Questions: Week One

The Word Became Flesh - John 1:1-18

Topics: <u>Believe</u>, <u>Believers</u>, <u>Creation</u>, <u>Darkness</u>, <u>Glory</u>, <u>Grace</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Law</u>, <u>Spiritual Rebirth</u>

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- 1. What are some of the slang expressions you used growing up?
- 2. *In what ways are words different from visual images?

- 3. Who is the Word? (1:1)
- 4. *What is the relationship between the Word and God? $(\underline{1:1-2})$
- 5. What was the Word's role in creation? $(\underline{1:3})$
- 6. How is the "life" the light of men? $(\underline{1:4})$
- 7. What was John's role in relation to the light? $(\underline{1:6})$
- 8. How did the light give light to every person? $(\underline{1:9})$
- 9. Why didn't the world recognize the light? $(\underline{1:10})$
- 10. *What is the benefit of receiving or believing in the Word? $(\underline{1:12})$
- 11. *How and why did the Word make His dwelling among us? (1:14)
- 12. Whose glory did the Word reveal? (1:14)
- 13. What did God give us through Moses? (1:17)
- 14. What did God give us through Jesus? (1:18)
- 15. Why is it significant that no one has seen God but "God the One and Only"? (1:18)

- 16. Why did the Word become flesh and live among us?
- 17. *How does a person receive the Word?
- 18. What happens when we receive or believe in the Word?
- 19. In what way can you receive or welcome Christ into your life?
- 20. *What insights can you gain from seeing Jesus as God's Word?
- 21. How should being a child of God affect our lives?
- 22. In what way is John an example for us to follow?
- 23. How did Jesus reveal God's glory to us?

- 24. What do you need to do to be certain of your relationship with God?
- 25. *What will you do this week to better enjoy your status as a child of God?
- 26. How should the reality that God became a man affect your life today?

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Jesus the Lamb of God - John 1:29-34

Topics: Forgiveness, History, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Name, Security, Sin, World

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- 1. What function do initiation rites serve in a club or society?
- 2. *What can you infer about someone from his or her title (such as Doctor, Professor, or Prince)?

- 3. *Why did John call Jesus the Lamb of God? (1:29)
- 4. What are the sins of the world? $(\underline{1:29})$
- 5. What does Jesus do with the sins of the world? (1:29)
- 6. *What did John mean that Jesus surpassed him because He was before him? (1:30)
- 7. How was Jesus before John? (1:30)
- 8. Why did John say he didn't know who Jesus was? (1:31)
- 9. What reason did John give for baptizing Jesus? (1:31)
- 10. Why did John come to baptize people? (1:31)
- 11. What creature represented the Spirit of God? (1:32)
- 12. Why did the Spirit come down upon Jesus? (1:33)
- 13. With what did John baptize? (1:31, 33)
- 14. With what will Jesus baptize? (1:33)
- 15. *What title did John ascribe to the person he baptized? (1:34)

- 16. What sin of yours has Jesus taken away?
- 17. *How do we receive the forgiveness that Christ bought for us?
- 18. In what way do you share Jesus' identity as a child of God?
- 19. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life?
- 20. *How does Jesus baptize us?

- 21. *How can you honor Jesus' Sonship with your life this week?
- 22. What steps can you take to appreciate better who Jesus is?
- 23. In what way can you reveal Christ to others this week?

Jesus' First Disciples - John 1:35-42

Topics: Follow, Humility, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Name, Priorities, Witnessing

Open It

- 1. What gets you excited or enthusiastic?
- 2. *How would you feel if a good friend abandoned your friendship in favor of someone else?
- 3. What nicknames have you had over the years?

- 4. Who besides Jesus had disciples? (<u>1:35</u>)
- 5. What did John say when he saw Jesus? (1:36)
- 6. How did John identify Jesus for his disciples? (1:37)
- 7. *What did John's disciples do when John identified Jesus? (1:37)
- 8. What did Jesus ask John's disciples? (1:38)
- 9. What did John's disciples call Jesus? (1:38)
- 10. What did John's disciples ask Jesus? (1:38)
- 11. *What was the first thing Andrew did after he had followed Jesus? (1:40)
- 12. Who was Andrew's brother? (<u>1:40</u>)
- 13. *What did Andrew tell his brother about Jesus? (1:41)
- 14. What nickname did Jesus give to Simon? (1:42)
- 15. What words did the author interpret for us? (1:37, 41, 42)

- 16. *What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- 17. What hinders us from following Jesus?
- 18. *What must we leave to follow Jesus?
- 19. To what friends and relatives could you introduce Jesus?
- 20. How can we spend time with Jesus to get to know Him better?

- 21. Whom do you want to introduce to Jesus this week?
- 22. How could you introduce Christ to a friend or relative?
- 23. *What change in your daily routine would enable you to follow Jesus better?

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael - John 1:43-51

Topics: Angels, Believe, Follow, God, Goodness, Heaven, Jesus Christ, Name, Surprises

Open It

- 1. How do people feel when they find something that's been missing for a for long time?
- 2. What famous people would you like to meet? Why?
- 3. *About what things are people today skeptical?

- 4. How did Jesus and Philip meet? (1:43)
- 5. What did Jesus say to Philip? (1:43)
- 6. *How did Philip respond to Jesus' invitation? $(\underline{1:44-46})$
- 7. What did Philip do after he followed Jesus? $(\underline{1:45})$
- 8. What did Philip tell Nathanael about Jesus? (1:45)
- 9. *Why was Nathanael skeptical that Philip had found the Messiah? (<u>1:46</u>)
- 10. How did Nathanael respond to the fact that Jesus was from Nazareth? (1:46)
- 11. What did Jesus say when he saw Nathanael? (1:47)
- 12. *What convinced Nathanael that Jesus was the Son of God? (1:47-50)
- 13. What was Nathanael's response to Jesus' greeting? (1:48)
- 14. Why was Nathanael surprised? $(\underline{1:48})$
- 15. Why did Nathanael call Jesus the Son of God and the King of Israel? (1:48-49)
- 16. What were the greater things to which Jesus referred? $(\underline{1:50})$
- 17. What did Jesus tell Nathanael he would see? (1:51)
- 18. Who is the Son of Man? $(\underline{1:51})$

- 19. What about Christ stirs skepticism today?
- 20. *What stereotypes about Christ prevent people from trusting Him today?
- 21. What convinced you that Jesus was the Son of God?
- 22. *What makes Jesus qualified to rule our lives?
- 23. How is Jesus the King of your life?
- 24. What do you have in common with Jesus?
- 25. How can Jesus' identity as the Son of God inspire your confidence in Him?

- 26. How will you show your trust in the God who knows all about you this week?
- 27. *How would you share your faith with a skeptical person this week?
- 28. In what way will you recognize Jesus as the ruler of your life today?