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LESSON ONE

Chapter One

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheet of John 1
“John 1–11 at a Glance”
“Jesus”
Word studies
Cross-references

“And the Word became flesh . . . and we have seen his glory . . .” (John 1:14). The prayer for this first lesson on the Gospel of John is that Christ will become more real to us as we behold His glory and in beholding His glory that we may believe and in believing that we may do the works that He did and even greater. For the next nine weeks we will saturate our minds and our hearts with the inerrant truths of John.

Let’s begin!

DAY
ONE

1. First, you need to develop the habit of praying for understanding before you begin to study. So ask the Lord for what you need to know, understand, and apply from your study.
2. Now let’s begin our study by looking at the author and purpose of the Gospel of John—why God had the author write it.
 - a. First, we’ll observe why the Gospel of John was written. Read John 20:30-31 and record below what you learn about the author’s purpose.



- b. Since the author of this Gospel doesn't give his name, let's see what he says about himself in the book. Read John 21:20-25 and list below how he identifies himself, along with any insights you want to remember about him.

 - c. In the Appendix of this workbook you'll find "John 1-11 at a Glance." Record the Author and Purpose in the appropriate spaces. Then keep this chart out to use again in this lesson.
3. We know why the Gospel of John was written, so let's begin with chapter 1 to study it.
- a. Begin by reading John 1:14, 17. Who is the Word?

 - b. Now read John 1:1-18, marking references to Jesus.*

An asterisk [*] indicates a suggested marking on the Key Word Bookmark, which you'll find on the back cover of this workbook.
 - c. List what the text says about Him on the "Jesus" pages in the Appendix.
4. Before going further, let's make a bookmark to use throughout our study.
- Cut out the Key Word Bookmark mentioned above, and on the blank side write the words listed below and mark them the way you'll mark them throughout the Gospel of John. Use symbols and/or colors.
- a. time references,* such as *in the beginning* and *after*
 - b. *believe**
 - c. *life* (see *eternal life**)
 - d. *witness*

As we continue our study, there will be other key repeated words and phrases to mark in John. Add them to your list on the bookmark when instructed.



5. Observe John 1:1-18 by marking the words you listed on the Key Word Bookmark, along with other key repeated words you see in those verses.
6. How do verses 1-18 fit with John's purpose for writing?

O Beloved, do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? Do you have life in His name? Are there people in your life who don't believe?

Before you continue, stop and pray. If you believe, pray that God will use this book to prepare you to share with those you know who don't believe. If you don't believe, ask God to show you truth. His Word is life!

7. You may have noticed that some verse numbers are bold. This is the way the translators show paragraph divisions.

Read verses 1-18 again paragraph by paragraph. Below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet, summarize each paragraph using a few words from the text.

- a. 1-5
- b. 6-8
- c. 9-13
- d. 14-18



8. Finally, use a few words from the text to summarize what verses 1-18 are about. Record this theme under “Chapter Themes” on “John 1–11 at a Glance.” You can do this in pencil in case you want to adjust your theme later.

As you finish today’s assignments, bow before the Father and thank Him for Jesus—the Word, the Light, the glory of the Father. Worship Him!

DAY
TWO

1. Remember to begin today with prayer and then we’ll look more at John 1:1-18.
2. Read John 1:1, 14, and let’s get a better understanding of “Word.” Use word study tools to look up the Greek word translated “Word.” Record the English transliteration¹ and definition.

For assistance in doing word studies, read the chapter entitled “It’s All Greek to Me!” and “How to Use Word Study Tools” in *How to Study Your Bible*.

3. Now look at Hebrews 1:1-3. Why do you think Jesus is referred to as “the Word”?

¹ The transliteration of a Greek word is that word written out in English letters.



c. Hebrews 1:1-3 (We know you just read this, but we're looking at another aspect.)

d. Hebrews 1:8, 10

e. 1 Corinthians 8:6

Why do you exist? Who are you living for?

DAY
THREE

1. Today we continue our study of John 1. So after prayer read John 1:1-18 again.

2. Mark *light* in verses 4-9. List what these verses say about the *light*.

3. Why do you think Jesus, the Word, is also referred to as “the light”?



4. Now, we're going to move on to examine verses 11-13 more closely. (Next week we'll look more at the John named in verses 6-8 and 15.) What do you learn about the Word—Jesus, God's Son—in verses 11-13? What's the contrast?

5. At this point in your study, do you have an idea of who "his own" refers to in verse 11? If not, look for a possible answer as you continue to study John.

6. What happens to those who receive, believe in His name?

7. Compare the following references with John 1:11-13.
 - a. Galatians 3:26

 - b. Philippians 2:14-16

 - c. 1 John 3:1



8. According to John 21:24, the author bore witness about the truth of the things in this book.
 - a. Compare John 21:24 with John 1:14.

 - b. Did God become flesh, a man? How do you know?

 - c. John the apostle also wrote the letter 1 John. What does 1 John 1:1-3 say?

9. Finally, we want to look at how the Word became flesh. Read Matthew 1:1, 18-25 and note what you learn.

Press on, Beloved! God wrote this for you to know who His Son is and believe in Him. Finish the course!

DAY
FOUR
AND
DAY
FIVE

We observed in John 1:1-18 that John bore witness about Jesus.

1. After prayer, read John 1:1, 14-15.
2. Look up the Greek word translated “only.” How does this help you understand what verse 14 means?



3. How does Luke 1:5-36 help you understand John 1:15?
4. Have you observed the repeated use of *grace** in John 1:14-17?
 - a. If you don't know what "grace" means look it up.
 - b. Mark it if you haven't and list what these verses say about grace.
5. What does verse 17 say about the law?
6. Let's read Matthew 5:17-19, another account of what Jesus said about His relationship to the Law.
7. Now let's look at God the Father in John 1:14-18. What do these verses say about Him?



8. How has studying what John 1:1-18 says about His only Son helped you understand the Father? Read these verses again carefully and note any insights.

9. Now for some application questions from verses 1-18. Spend time with the Father seeking answers to these questions.
 - a. Do you know the only Son of the Father, the Word who became flesh? Have you received Him? Believed in His name? How do you know?

 - b. According to verses 6-7, the Father sent John to bear witness. Are you bearing witness to the truth about Jesus so others can believe? How?

 - c. Ask the Father how you can explain Him by presenting Jesus to people.



d. How relevant is grace to your life? How do you show grace to others?

10. It's always a good idea to check out what other godly people have discovered in their study of God's Word. But do this after you have done your own study. You can now read what commentaries say about the author and the purpose in the introductory remarks and what they say about the first eighteen verses of the Gospel of John. You might want to record any insights that help you better understand John 1:1-18.

How we thank God for each and every one of you taking this course. You are enabling us to fulfill 2 Timothy 2:2 as we commit to you faithful men and women the things which God has taught us.



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JOHN 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
 - 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
 - 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
 - 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
 - 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
 - 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.
 - 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
 - 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
 - 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
 - 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
 - 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
 - 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
 - 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ”)
 - 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.



- 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.
- 19** And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"
- 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."
- 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."
- 22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"
- 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."
- 24** (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)
- 25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"
- 26 John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,
- 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."
- 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.
- 29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- 30 "This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.'
- 31 "I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."
- 32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.



- 33 “I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’
- 34 “And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”
- 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,
- 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”
- 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
- 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”
- 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.
- 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.
- 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).
- 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).
- 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”
- 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
- 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
- 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”
- 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”



- 48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
- 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”
- 50 Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”
- 51 And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”



JOHN 1-11 AT A GLANCE

Book Theme:

		Segment Divisions		
		Signs	"I am"	Ministry to
Author	Chapter Themes			
	1:1-18			
When written	1:19-51			
	2			
Purpose	3			
	4			
Key Words	5			
	6			
	7			
	8			
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	11			



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