

# STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## LESSON 2 - JOHN CHAPTER 1

### ASSIGNMENT

MEMORIZE: John 1:12

*“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”*

READ John chapter 1. Find the names given to Jesus in this chapter. Write down the name found in the following verses. These names often begin with capital letters.

Word	John 1:1	John 1:7	John 1:17
	John 1:18	John 1:29	John 1:38
	John 1:41	John 1:49	John 1:49

### OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 1

- A. Opening words, John 1:1-18.
  - 1. The Son of God is God and Man, John 1:1-14.
  - 2. Christ, the Light, John 1:4-11.
  - 3. The sons of God, John 1:12.
- B. John the Baptist, John 1:19-34.
- C. Disciples coming to Jesus, John 1:35-51.

### MAIN THOUGHT

**“To reject or to receive”** is the main thought. We find the main thought in the opening words. Look at verses 10-13 of John chapter one.



*"His own received Him not."*

*". . . but as many as received Him."*

As we read through this book we will see those who reject Christ and those who receive him. We will see that those who receive Christ have eternal life, John 3:15, 16,36.

## KEY WORDS



John uses special words to show us that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. In the first part of the Gospel (opening words) we find four important words: **LIFE, LIGHT, TRUTH, AND BELIEVE**. (A. Martin, John - Life Through Believing, p. 21) We will see these words many times in this Gospel. We call these key words. We call them key words because they are special words. These words open up great truths about Jesus. The key words help us to understand what Jesus is like. They help us to understand what Jesus is doing. The word "key" means special or important. They are needed to help us see what is in this book. It would be good to underline these words in your Bible as you find them.

We will find other key words in this Gospel. These are words like "my hour," "the hour," "His hour." "My hour," "the hour" and "His hour" mean the time when Jesus would die on the cross. The following verses use these words - 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23; 13:1; 17:1.

## LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 1

### A. Opening words, John 1:1-18

#### 1. The Son of God is God and Man, John 1:1-14

"Word" is a strange name to give to a person. Yet, we see it given to Jesus Christ, John 1:1. We use words to tell other people what we are thinking. We use words to tell them what we want them to know. God is holy. He is Spirit. Because of this He could not show Himself to people who are sinful. God loved people. God wanted to show Himself to people. God wanted people to know what He is like. God did this when He let His Son come into the world. Jesus Christ showed us what God is like, (John 1:18). John called Jesus "Word" because Jesus Christ was the Life and Voice of God here on earth. Read John 1:14. Jesus was and is God. John tells us that God became man.

Was in the beginning	Made the world	
Was God	Word	Became Man
World did not know Him		

John tells us many things about the Word, Who is Jesus. When was the Word? v. 1

Where was the Word? v. 1

Who was the Word? v. 1

What was made by the Word? v. 3

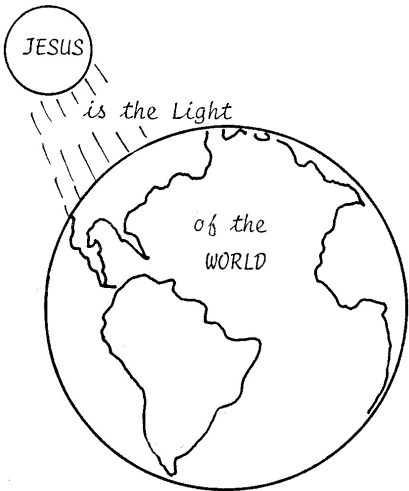
What was in the Word? v. 4

The Word was made and lived among us, v. 14.

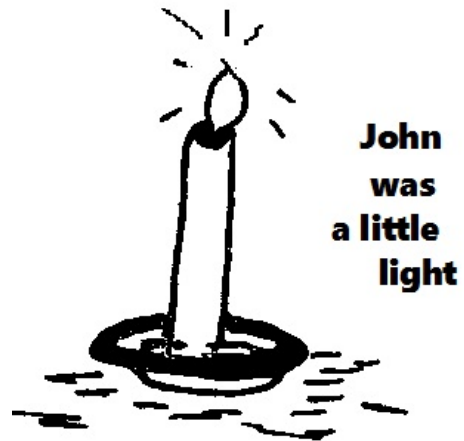
Who did not know the Word? v. 10

## 2. Christ, the Light, John 1:4-11.

What does John call Jesus Christ in verse 9? the



John came to tell people about the true Light. John was like a little light. His light could be seen by people in Jerusalem and Judea. Jesus is the true Light. His Light can be seen by all people, Jews and Gentiles.



Life and light came from Jesus Christ. When the world was created, God gave life to plants and animals. But people received more than life. People are able to know God and have fellowship with God, Romans 1:19-21. They were made in the image of God, which means to be like God in some ways, Genesis 1:26. Romans 1:21 tells us that the foolish heart of people was made dark because they would not

honor God. Every person born into the world can know God and have fellowship with Him. However, sin has spoiled this so most people no longer want to know God. The light in man has been put out.

What two groups of people did not know the light, but rejected the Light (Jesus Christ)? John 1:10,11 and

Why did they reject the Light? John 3:19,20

Was darkness able to overcome the light of Christ? John 1:5

How can a person receive the light of Christ? John 8:12

### 3. The sons of God, John 1:12.



What is the promise given in verse 12 to those who receive Jesus?

It is a special thing to have the right to become a child of God. God is great and we can become His child!

What must we do to become a child of God?

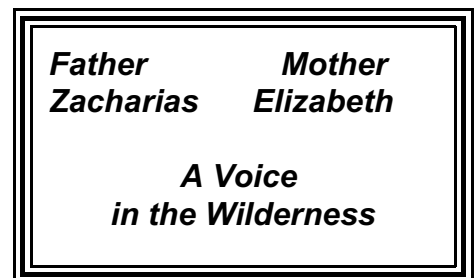
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on His name.

### B. John the Baptist, John 1:19-34.

#### 1. Who John the Baptist is.

This John is not the writer of the Gospel. He is the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth. Isaiah spoke of the coming of John, (Isaiah 40:3). John was to make the way ready for the coming of Jesus Christ. John got the name "the Baptist" from the work he did. He baptized those who repented of their sins.



Luke 1:5,13

We have to look into the other Gospels to learn more about John's birth and life. See Luke chapter 1. The Gospel of John tells about him only during the greatest part of his ministry.

What did Isaiah 40:3 say about John the Baptist?

Did John do the work Isaiah said he would do?

See verses 7,8,15,19,23,32,34. What do we read in Malachi 3:1?

According to John 1:20,21, did John try to take any honor for himself?

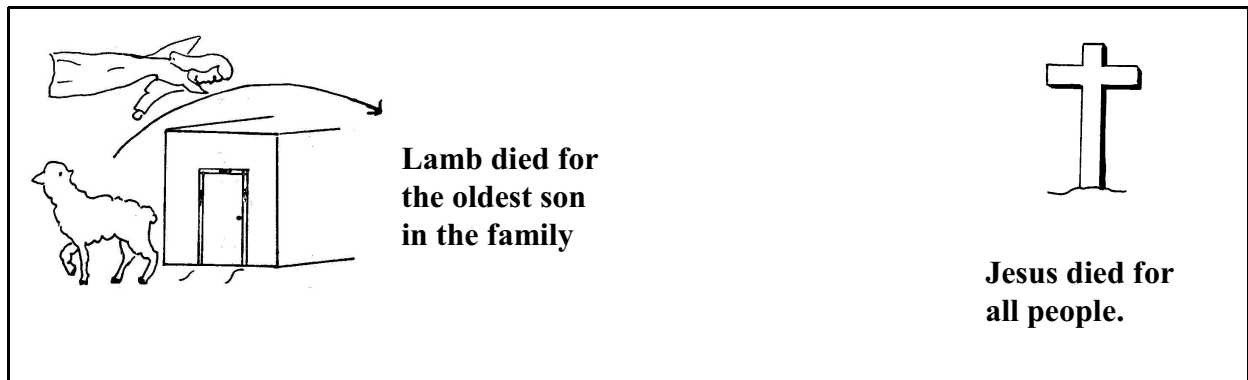
What did he think about himself?

## **2. The message of John the Baptist.**

How did John make things ready for Jesus? John 1:29

John's message was "Behold the Lamb of God!"

John the Baptist called Jesus the "Lamb of God." The people all knew how important lambs were. They thought about the time when the people of Israel left Egypt. Just before the Israelites left Egypt, they had to kill a lamb. They took the blood of the lamb and put it on the door. They put some on top and some on the sides. Then the family went into the house. They stayed in the house all night. During the night the death angel went to every house. If there was no blood on the door, the angel went in. He killed the oldest son in the house. If there was blood on the door, the angel did not



go into the house. No one died in the house. The **angel passed over** the house. The lamb that died was called the **Passover** lamb. READ Exodus chapter 12.

John knew that the Passover lamb was a picture of Jesus. Jesus was to die for others. Jesus was to die so that we can live.

What does Isaiah 53:6,7 say?

John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the Saviour. He knew this because he saw the Spirit of God come upon Jesus. When Jesus was baptized the Spirit of God came upon Jesus like a dove. John also heard a voice from heaven saying,

*“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*

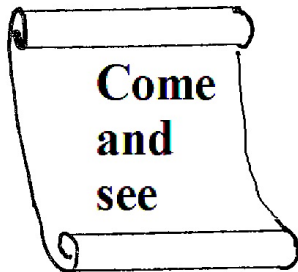
Matthew 3:17

**C. Disciples coming to Jesus, John 1:35-51.**

READ verses 35 to the end of the chapter.

Again John the Baptist called Jesus “the Lamb of God.” What did Andrew and John (the writer of the book) do? John 1:37

We believe that John was with Andrew because he did not say who the other follower was. He only gave Andrew’s name.



What did John and Andrew call Jesus? John 1:38

What did Jesus say to them? John 1:39

“                      and                      .”

After these two disciples visited with Jesus, they knew He was the Messiah.

Nearly every disciple that came to Jesus was brought by another disciple. John the Baptist brought the first two disciples to Jesus.

Whom did Andrew find? John 1:41

What did Andrew tell Simon in John 1:41?

Simon came to Jesus. Jesus gave Simon a new name. What was Simon's new name? John 1:42 .

This name meant a stone. Another name for Simon is \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 4:18).

In which town did Andrew and Peter live? John 1:44 .

Who else lived in this town? John 1:44 .

Philip found \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:45) .

What did Philip tell Nathanael? John 1:45 .

What did Philip ask Nathanael to do? John 1:46 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .”

Nathanael talked to Jesus. After that Nathanael said Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ , the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ , verse 49.

These men give us an example how we should bring others to Jesus. Jesus said to Andrew, “*Come and see.*” Philip said, “*Come and see.*” We too should come to Jesus and see.

## **WORDS TO LEARN**

1. baptize - to dip a person under water. This is to show that this person no longer wants to live in sin. He wants to live a new life.
2. create - to make something out of nothing.
3. flesh - God became a man - born as a man (human being).
4. Passover - a time, once a year, when the Jews came together for a special reason. They thought about the time in Egypt when the oldest son in every family was saved from death. The death angel “passed over” the houses where the blood was on the doors. The death angel did not go into the houses with blood on the doors. (Exodus 12).
5. receive - to take something offered.
6. reject - not to take something offered.
7. repent - to be so sorry for sin that a person turns from sin to God and lives a new life.

## **Lesson 2 - Review**

**Pick out from the words in the parenthesis the right words to finish each sentence. Write it on the line.**

1. The Gospel of John was written to show us that Jesus was (a good man) (God) .
2. The Old Testament prophets (told) (did not tell) about a person who was to come before Jesus. His name was to be John.
3. John, the writer of this book, (gives) (does not give) his name in this book.
4. Philip brought (Simon Peter) (Nathanael) to Christ.
5. John calls Jesus “the Word” because Jesus (was going to show us what God is like) (was to show us how we should live) .
6. The words “the Word became flesh” mean that God (became a man) (did not become a man) .
7. (Later) (In the beginning) the Word was with God.
8. Jesus called (Andrew) (Simon) Cephas, which means “a stone.”

**Answer the questions.**

9. The main thought of this book is people will either or reject Christ.
10. Out of four key words, name three.
11. Using your Bible find what words John used to show that Jesus Christ is:
  - a. God .
  - b. living forever .
  - c. the One Who made all things .
  - d. man .
12. What message did John the Baptist give?
13. What was the Passover?



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