Workbook On The Gospel Of John



The Synagogue at Capernaum

"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)

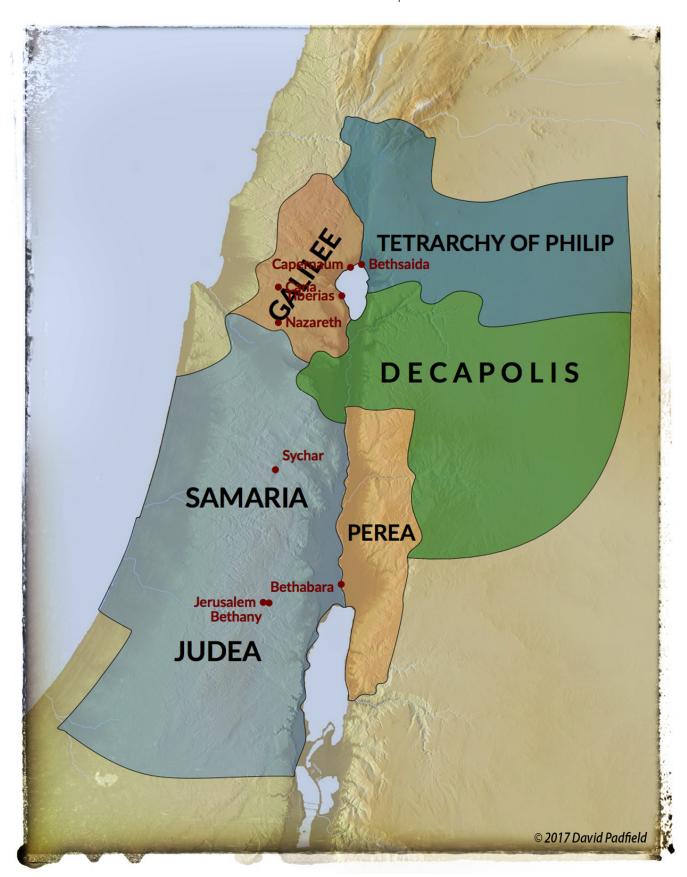
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New Testament Palestine

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I. THE PROLOGUE (1:1-18)

- 1. Why is Jesus referred to as "the Word"? (1:1-5)
- 2. How can one harmonize John 1:3 with Genesis 1:1?
- 3. What was the purpose of John the Baptist? (1:6–9)
- 4. Who has the right to become a child of God? (1:10–13)
- 5. Why did the "Word become flesh"? (1:14)
- 6. How did Christ "declare" the Father unto mankind? (1:15–18)

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- A. The Testimony of John's Witness (1:19–51)
 - 1. What questions did the priests and Levites from Jerusalem ask John? (1:19–25)

2. What was the purpose of John's baptism? (1:26–27)
3. Is there any significance to <i>where</i> John was baptizing? (1:28)
4. Why was Jesus baptized? (1:29–34)
5. Describe how Jesus selected His disciples. (1:35–42)
6. What good news did Philip give to Nathanael? (1:43–46)
7. Describe the first meeting between Nathanael and Jesus. (1:47–51)
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2. Where is Capernaum? Why did Jesus go there? (2:12)
3. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple in Jerusalem? (2:13–22)

C. The Testimony of Jesus' Words (2:23–4:54)

1. Why did Jesus "not commit Himself" to those who believed in Him? (2:23–25) 2. Who was Nicodemus, and why did he come to Jesus? (3:1–2) 3. What did Jesus explain about the new birth? (3:3–9) 4. How did Jesus explain the *meaning* of the new birth? (3:10–21) 5. Why was John "baptizing in Aenon near Salim"? (3:22–24) 6. What was the dispute between the disciples of John and the Jews? (3:25–36) 7. How many people did Jesus baptize? (4:1-2) 8. Where was Jacob's well? Did many Jews live in this area? (4:3–6) 9. What was so unusual about Jesus talking to the woman of Samaria? (4:7–9)

- 10. Summarize the conversation between Jesus and the woman of Samaria. (4:10–26)
- 11. What question did the disciples want to ask of Jesus? (4:27)
- 12. What did the woman of Samaria tell the men in her city? (4:28–30)
- 13. Summarize the conversation between Jesus and His disciples. (4:31–38)
- 14. How did the Samaritans react to the ministry of Jesus? (4:39–42)
- 15. Why did Jesus go back to Galilee? (4:43–45)
- 16. Why did Jesus go back to Cana of Galilee? (4:46–54)

III. THE PERIOD OF CONTROVERSY (5:1-6:71)

A. Presented in Action (5:1–18)

- 1. What happened at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem? (5:1–9a)
- 2. Why did some people think that Jesus had violated the Sabbath? (5:9b-17)

3. What else did Jesus do that made the Jews angry? (5:18)
B. Presented in Argument (5:19–47)1. How does Jesus describe His relationship with the Father? (5:19–30)
2. On whose authority was Jesus acting? (5:30)
3. What "witnesses" did Jesus offer to prove His identity? (5:31–40)
4. Who "accused" the Jews in the audience? (5:41–47)
C. Presented in Demonstration (6:1–21) 1. What happened on a mountain near the Sea of Galilee? (6:1–14)
2. What did some Jews want to force Christ to do? (6:15)
3. What happened on the Sea of Galilee? (6:16–21)

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- 1. Why were the people seeking Jesus? (6:22–27)
- 2. How does one "work the works of God"? (6:28-40)
- 3. Why did the Jews complain about Jesus? (6:41–42)
- 4. How did Jesus answer their charges? (6:43–51)
- 5. Why did the Jews quarrel among themselves? (6:52–59)
- 6. Why were so many people offended by Jesus? (6:60–65)
- 7. Once offended, what did these people do? (6:66)
- 8. What did Jesus ask His disciples? (6:67–69)
- 9. What do we learn about the character of Judas? (6:70-71)

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- 1. Why did Jesus avoid Judea at this time? (7:1)
- 2. What did the brothers of Jesus want Him to do? (7:2–5)
- 3. How did Jesus answer His brothers? (7:6–9)

B. The Conflict Described: With the populace (7:10–52)

- 1. What was the "public opinion" about Jesus? (7:10–13)
- 2. Why did the Jews marvel at Jesus? (7:14–15)
- 3. Why did some people claim that Jesus had a demon? (7:16–20)
- 4. How are we to "judge"? (7:21–24)
- 5. What else did the public say about Jesus? (7:25–31)

6. What did the Pharisees and the chief priests seek to do? (7:32–36) 7. What happened on the last day of the feast? (7:37–44) 8. Describe the conversation between the officers, chief priests and Pharisees. (7:45–52) C. The Conflict Described: The woman taken in adultery (7:53–8:11) 1. Why did the Pharisees bring a woman "caught in adultery" to Jesus? (7:53–8:6) 2. How did Jesus answer the scribes and Pharisees? (8:7–11) D. The Conflict Described: With the Pharisees and Jews (8:12–59) 1. How many witnesses did Jesus have on His side? (8:12–18) 2. What was the topic of discussion near the temple treasury? (8:19–24) 3. From Whom did Jesus receive the message He taught? (8:25–30) 4. What does it mean to "abide" in the words of Jesus? (8:31–32)

5. W	'hy did the Jewish leaders seek to kill Jesus? (8:33–41a)
6. W	hat charge did these leaders make against Jesus? (8:41b–47)
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5. W	hy were the man's parents brought in? What did they say? (9:18–23)

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 - 7. Why do *you* think Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus? (11:35–37)

- 8. How was Mary going to see "the glory of God"? (11:38–40)
- 9. What happened when Lazarus came forth from the grave? (11:41–45)
- 10. What fear did the Pharisees and Jewish council have? (11:46–53)

V. THE PERIOD OF CRISIS (11:54-12:36A)

- 1. Where is the city of Ephraim? Why did Jesus go there? (11:54–55)
- 2. What were the religious leaders trying to find out before the Passover? (11:56–57)
- 3. Why did Mary anoint our Lord with spikenard? (12:1–3)
- 4. What concern did Judas have over the cost of the spikenard? (12:4-6)
- 5. What lesson did Jesus teach concerning the generosity of Mary? (12:7–8)
- 6. What happened as Jesus entered Jerusalem? Why? (12:9–19)

7. Why did "certain Greeks" want to see Jesus? How did Jesus respond? (12:20–36a)

VI. THE PERIOD OF CONFERENCE (12:36B-17:26)

A. Transition (12:36b-13:30)

- 1. What did the prophet Isaiah say about Jesus? (12:36b–43)
- 2. Where did Jesus get His message from? (12:44–50)
- 3. What did Jesus do for His apostles at the Last Supper? (13:1–11)
- 4. What lesson was Jesus trying to teach by His actions? (13:12–17)
- 5. Why were the apostles so perplexed at the Last Supper? (13:18–25)
- 6. Where was Judas seated (or reclining) during the Last Supper? (13:26–30)

B. Conference with the Disciples (13:31–16:33)

1. In this section of Scripture, how was God glorified? (13:31–35)

2. What was Peter concerned about? (13:36–38) 3. What is the most comforting aspect of John 14:1–3? 4. What did Thomas and Philip want to know? (14:4–15) 5. Who or what did Jesus promise to send to His apostles? Why? (14:16–31) 6. What is the lesson we can learn from the story about the vines? (15:1–8) 7. How can one prove their friendship towards Christ? (15:9–17) 8. Why will the world hate us? (15:18–25) 9. What warning did Jesus give His disciples? (15:26–16:4) 10. What was the Holy Spirit going to do? How? (16:5–11) 12. What else was the Holy Spirit going to do? (16:12–15)

- 13. What discussion did the disciples have among themselves? (16:16–24)
- 14. Why was Jesus speaking in figurative language? (16:25–33)

C. Conference with the Father (17:1–26)

- 1. Who does Jesus pray for in the *first* part of His prayer? (17:1–5)
- 2. Who does Jesus pray for in the *second* part of His prayer? (17:6–19)
- 3. Who does Jesus pray for in the *final* part of His prayer? (17:20–26))

VII. THE PERIOD OF CONSUMMATION (18:1–20:31)

A. The Betrayal (18:1-27)

- 1. What do we know about the garden mentioned in John 18:1–2?
- 2. What groups of people were present when Jesus was arrested? (18:3)
- 3. Describe the conversation between Jesus and this group of men. (18:4–9)

4. What impetuous act did Peter commit in the garden? (18:10–11) 5. After His arrest, where was Jesus taken? Why? (18:12–14) 6. Who followed Jesus after His arrest? What happened in the courtyard? (18:15–18) 7. What did the high priest want to know about Jesus? (18:19–24) 8. What did Peter discuss with one of the servants of the high priest? (18:25–27) B. The Trial Before Pilate (18:28–19:16) 1. What was the Praetorium? Why was Jesus taken there? (18:28) 2. Describe the conversation between Pilate and the Jewish leaders. (18:29–32) 3. What did Pilate want to know about Jesus? What did he find out? (18:33–38) 4. Who was Barabbas? What Passover custom did he benefit from? (18:39–40)

5. Why did Pilate have Jesus scourged? (19:1–5) 6. Why was Pilate so confused in John 19:6-16? **C. The Crucifixion (19:17–37)** 1. Describe the scene at the cross, as John saw it. (19:17–24) 2. Who stood at the foot of the cross? What did they hear? (19:25-30) 3. Why did the soldiers intend to break the legs of Jesus? (19:31–37) D. The Burial (19:38–42) 1. What did Joseph of Arimathea ask of Pilate? (19:38) 2. How did Nicodemus assist Joseph of Arimathea? (19:39)

3. How does John describe the burial place of Jesus? (19:40–42)

E. The Resurrection (20:1–29)

1. What did Mary Magdalene observe at the tomb of Jesus? (20:1) 2. Who did she tell? What did they do? What did they see? (20:2–9) 3. Why did these men go to their homes? (20:10) 4. Who did Mary meet at the tomb? What did they say? (20:11–13) 5. Who else did she see at the tomb? (20:14–18) 6. What happened on the evening of the resurrection? (20:19–23) 7. Who had to learn about this event from others? (20:24–25) 8. What happened one week later? (20:26–29) 9. Why did John write this account of the gospel? (20:30–31)

VIII. EPILOGUE (21:1-25)

1. Name the men present at the Sea of Tiberias. (21:1–2) 2. What task were these men occupied with? (21:3-4) 3. What advice did Jesus give to these men? (21:5–6) 4. How did Peter know that the one speaking to him was the Lord? (21:7–8) 5. When these men got to shore, what did they find? (21:9–14) 6. Describe the conversation between Jesus and Peter. (21:15–17) 7. What did the Lord reveal to Peter? (21:18–19) 8. What question did Peter ask about one of the other disciples? (21:20–23) 9. What point was John trying to make in the last two verses of this book? (21:24–25)



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