“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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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)

II. The Period of Consideration (1:19–4:54)

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 where 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)

**B. The Testimony of Jesus’ Works (2:1–22)**

1. What do we learn from the story of Jesus at the wedding feast in Cana? (2:1–11)

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)


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)


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)

D. Presented in Discourse (6:22–71)

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)
IV. THE PERIOD OF CONFLICT 7:1–11:53

A. The Conflict Described: With Jesus’ brethren (7:1–9)

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. Why did the Jewish leaders seek to kill Jesus? (8:33–41a)

6. What charge did these leaders make against Jesus? (8:41b–47)

7. What other charge did they bring against Jesus? (8:48–53)

8. How did Abraham “rejoice” to see the day of Jesus? (8:54–59)

E. The Conflict Illustrated: By the blind man (9:1–41)

1. What question did the disciples have concerning the blind man? (9:1–5)

2. How was the blind man healed? (9:6–7)

3. What did “public opinion” say about the blind man? (9:8–12)

4. Describe the conversation between the blind man who had been healed and the Pharisees. (9:13–17)

5. Why were the man’s parents brought in? What did they say? (9:18–23)
6. What did the Pharisees accuse the *formerly* blind man of? (9:24–34)

7. How did Jesus react to what the Pharisees had done? (9:35–41)

F. The Conflict Illustrated: By the discourse on the Shepherd (10:1–21)

1. What is a “sheepfold”? What did it illustrate in this passage? (10:1–6)

2. How is Jesus the “door of the sheep”? (10:7–10)

3. How and why is Jesus the “good shepherd”? (10:11–15)

4. Who are the sheep “not in this fold”? (10:16)

5. What did public opinion say about Jesus now? (10:17–21)

G. The Conflict Illustrated: By argument (10:22–42)

1. What was the Feast of Dedication? Where was Jesus walking? (10:22–23)

2. What did the Jews want to know about Jesus? (10:24)
3. Why did the Jews attempt to stone Jesus? (10:25–39)

4. Where did Jesus visit? Why did He go there? (10:40–41)

H. The Conflict Illustrated: By the raising of Lazarus (11:1–53)

1. Where did Lazarus, Mary, and Martha live? (11:1–2)


3. What did Thomas think was about to happen? (11:16)

4. Describe the scene when Jesus reached Bethany. (11:17–19)

5. Describe the conversation between Jesus and Martha. (11:20–27)

6. Describe the conversation between Jesus and Mary. (11:28–34)

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)


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)

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)


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)


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)


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)


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)