

Assignments on John 1

Please read John 1 and answer the following questions:

1. List 4 things you know about the apostle John.

2. Who is "the Word" (cf. v14), and what does 1:1,2 tell us about Him?

3. List and explain two **passages** elsewhere that express the Divine nature of Jesus (that He is called "God" or possesses Deity).

4. Find and list two **passages** that show the Son is a separate individual from the Father (i.e., the Father and Son are two separate beings).

5. **Special Assignment:** Explain how the Son could be with God and still **be** God.

6. What did "the Word" make – 1:3?

7. List other **passages** showing the Universe was made through Jesus.

8. **Case Study:** Suppose a friend asks whether Jesus was eternal or was a created being. How could you use John 1 to answer the question?

9. What two characteristics did the Word have according to 1:4,5?

10. For each of these characteristics, find another **passage** showing Jesus possessed it. (Think: In what sense did Jesus possess these qualities?)

11. **Define** “witness.” Who bore witness in 1:6-8? (Think: Note words like “witness,” “testimony,” etc., throughout John. What does this tell about the purpose of John’s book?)

12. Why did this witness give his testimony?

13. How did the world react to “the light” – 1:9,10? Why was this improper?

14. How did “his own” treat Him – 1:11? (Think: Who were “his own,” and how should they have treated Him?)

15. What blessing did He give to those who believe on Him – 1:12?

16. **Case Study:** Suppose a friend claims that whenever anyone believes, he immediately becomes a child of God. Is this what the passage actually says? Explain.

17. What information does 1:13 add about being born to become a child of God?

18. List and explain two other **passages** showing how people become children of God or are born again.

19. 1:14 identifies the “Word” as being who? (Think: What does it mean that He is the “only begotten of the Father”?)

20. What did the Word do according to v14? (Think: According to other gospel accounts, how and when did the only begotten of the Father become flesh?)

21. What did John (the Baptist) say about Jesus – 1:15? Explain. (Think: How could the “Word” have been both before and after John – cf. v1?)

22. What have we received from Jesus – 1:16?

23. What contrast is made between Moses and Jesus – 1:17?

24. List other *passages* showing the gospel offers men grace.

25. List other *passages* showing the gospel requires obedience to commands or law.

26. Case Study: Suppose a preacher says Jesus brought grace and truth, so we don't have to obey commands. How would you respond? Did Moses reveal any truth? Does the gospel include any laws? In what sense did Jesus reveal grace and truth, in contrast to Moses?

27. In what way can we *not* know about God? Then how can we know about God – 1:18? (Think: Why is Jesus qualified to declare God to us?)

28. Who questioned John the Baptist, and what did they ask – 1:19?

29. Who did John say that he was not – 1:20? (Think: What does this show about John?)

30. Who else did John deny that he was – 1:21? (Think: Was there any sense in which John was Elijah? Who was “the prophet”?)

31. What further question was asked of John, and how did he reply – 1:22,23?
32. What passage was the basis of John's statement, and what does it mean?
33. What question did the agents of the Pharisees ask next – 1:24,25?
34. How did John compare himself to the one to come after him, and what does this mean – 1:26,27?
35. Where was John baptizing, and what is meant by "beyond Jordan" – 1:28?
36. How did John describe Jesus in 1:29? Where else is Jesus called a lamb?
37. What Old Testament practice does John's expression refer to, and what does it mean as applied to Jesus?
38. What statement, previously made by John, is applied directly to Jesus in 1:30?
39. What sign was used by God to identify to John the one for whom he was preparing the way – 1:31-33? According to other accounts, when did this sign occur (give b/c/v)?
40. In what would Jesus baptize people? List other **passages** about this practice.

41. **Special Assignment:** Explain at least three facts you know about Holy Spirit baptism.

42. In 1:34, who did John say Jesus was, and what does this term mean?

43. On the next day, who did John again identify Jesus to be – 1:35,36? Where else had John said this about Jesus?

44. What happened as a result – 1:37?

45. What did John's disciples request and what happened as a result – 1:38,39?

46. Who was one of John's disciples who followed Jesus? Who was his brother – 1:40? (Think: Since the other one of the disciples who followed Jesus is not named, who might he be?)

47. List some other things you know about these two brothers.

48. What did Andrew do for Peter in John 1:41,42?

49. Who did he say Jesus was? Explain the significance of this term.

50. What name did Jesus give Simon, and what does this name mean?

51. **Case Study:** Catholics claim Jesus gave Peter this name because the church would be built on Peter — Matt. 16:18. How would you respond? Note 1 Corinthians 3:11.

52. **Application:** What can we learn from observing what Andrew did for Peter in this story?

53. On the next day, whom did Jesus call – 1:43? What did He say to him?

54. Where was this man from? Who also lived there – 1:44? (Note: See a *map*.)

55. Whom did Philip find, and what did he say regarding Jesus – 1:45?

56. What attitude was expressed toward Nazareth – 1:46? How did Philip respond? (Think: What does this tell us about Jesus' hometown?)

57. How did Jesus describe Nathanael – 1:47? What does this tell you about him?

58. What question did Nathanael ask Jesus, and what was Jesus' answer – 1:48? (Think: What ability of Jesus does this demonstrate?)

59. What did Nathanael then call Jesus – 1:49?

60. Explain the meaning of the terms Nathanael used for Jesus.

61. What did Jesus say Nathanael would see – 1:50,51? (Think: Explain this.)

62. **Application:** What can we learn about personal evangelism from these stories? (Think: Four people became disciples of Jesus in John 1:35-51. What did they later have in common?)