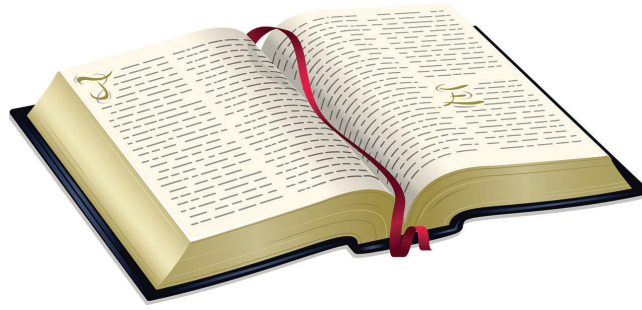


# toServe Bible Study - WHS-2



## Gospel According to John - 1 of 5

### Chapters 1 - 4

## Answer Sheet New Living Translation (NLT)

### Overview of the four Gospels

While the entire Bible is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16), He used human authors with different backgrounds and personalities to accomplish His purposes through their writing. Each of the gospel authors had a distinct purpose behind his gospel, and in carrying out those purposes: each emphasized different aspects of the person and ministry of Jesus Christ.

**Matthew** was writing to a Hebrew audience, and one of his purposes was to show from Jesus' genealogy and fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies that He was the long-expected Messiah, and thus should be believed in. Matthew's emphasis is that Jesus is the promised King, the "Son of David," who would forever sit upon the throne of Israel (Matthew 9:27; 21:9).

**Mark** was an eyewitness to the events in the life of Christ as well as being a friend of the apostle Peter. Mark wrote for a Gentile audience, as is brought out by his not including things important to Jewish readers. Mark emphasizes Christ as the suffering Servant, the One who came not to be served, but to serve and give His life as ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

**Luke**, the "beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14), evangelist, and companion of the apostle Paul, wrote both the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the apostles. Luke is the only Gentile author of the New Testament. He has long been accepted as a diligent master historian by those who have used his writings in genealogical and historical studies. As a historian he states that it is his intent to write down an orderly account of the life of Christ, based on the reports of those who were eyewitnesses (Luke 1:1-4). Luke often refers to Christ as the "Son of Man," emphasizing His humanity, and he shares many details that are not found in the other gospel accounts.

## The gospel of John:

Written by John the apostle. This gospel is distinct from the other three Gospels and contains much theological content in regard to the person of Christ and the meaning of faith. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the “Synoptic Gospels” because of their similar styles and content and because they give a synopsis of the life of Christ. The gospel of John begins not with Jesus’ birth or earthly ministry, but with the activity and characteristics of the Son of God before He became man (John 1:14). The gospel of John emphasizes the deity of Christ, as is seen in his use of such phrases as “the Word was God” (John 1:1), “the Savior of the World” (John 4:42), the “Son of God” (used repeatedly), and “Lord and... God” (John 20:28).

### The scripture below is John’s overall purpose for writing his Gospel:

*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** (NKJV)

## John Chapter 1

Please read all of John Chapter 1 ☐ Check

1. (v. 1:1) In this first verse, Word is mentioned three times. Who is the Word?

Jesus

What does it mean when it says “the Word was with God”?

The Word was God.

2. (v. 1:2) Now that we know who “the Word” is, when does He first show up and who is He with?

He existed in the beginning with God.

3. (v. 1:3) According to this verse what can be made/created without the Word?

and nothing was created except through him.

4. (vs. 1:6-8) What was the purpose of this man named John mentioned in verse 6?

John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light.

5. (v.1:12) The ones that did receive Him, what right did He give them?  
to become children of God.
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6. (v. 1:14) In your own words, what does it mean: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us? \_\_\_\_\_
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7. (v. 1:17) The law was given through? Moses  
Grace and truth through? Jesus
8. (vs. 1:19-20) When the Jews sent priests and Levites to ask John who he was, what did he confess? "I am not the Messiah."
9. In chapter 1, verses 19 through 22 the priests and Levites are quizzing John to try and figure out who he was. Finally, in verse 23 John tells them by quoting Isaiah/Esaias. What was that quote?  
"I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Clear the way for the Lord's coming!"
- 10.(v. 1:29) When John first saw Jesus, what did he call Him? The Lamb of God  
What did he say that He was going to do? who takes away the sin of the world!
11. In verse 26 John answered a question that he baptizes with water, but in verse 33 John reveals how the One that comes after him will baptize, how is that?  
baptize with the Holy Spirit.
12. (v. 1:42) The first time Jesus saw Simon He knew who his father was and He also changed his name. Who was Simon's father? John  
What did He change Simon's name to? Cephas  
What did his new name translate to? Peter

**Simon Peter**, also known as Cephas (John 1:42), was one of the first followers of Jesus Christ. He was an outspoken and passionate disciple, one of Jesus' closest friends, an apostle, and a "pillar" of the church (Galatians 2:9). Peter was enthusiastic, strong-willed, impulsive, and, at times, brash. But for all his strengths, Peter had several failings in his life. Still, the Lord who chose him, continued to mold him into exactly who He intended Peter to be.

Peter was part of the inner circle of Jesus' disciples, along with James and John. Only those three were present when Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:37), and when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain (Matthew 17:1). Peter and John were given the special task of preparing the final Passover meal (Luke 22:8).

13. (v. 1:45) When Philip found Nathanael, who did he say they found?

the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus,  
the son of Joseph from Nazareth."

14. (v. 1:46) Nathanael responded to Philip's announcement with prejudice. Hearing that Jesus came from Nazareth. Nathanael thought he had no more reason to think that He might be the Messiah or anyone important. What was this prejudice remark?

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

*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."*

**John 1:48**

## Notes on John 1:48

It is possible Nathanael liked to pray and meditate upon God and His Word under the shade of an actual fig tree. Yet, 'under the fig tree' was a phrase Rabbis used to describe meditation on the Scriptures. We can suppose that Nathanael spent time in prayer and in meditating on the Scriptures, and Jesus told him "I saw you" there.

# Chapter 2

Please read all of John Chapter 2 ☐ Check

1. (vs. 2:4-5) What response did Jesus give to his mother when she asked Him to do something at the wedding?

that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come.

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How does Jesus' mother respond after He made this comment to her?

"Do whatever he tells you."

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2. (v. 2:11) What effect did this first sign/miracle that Jesus did at the wedding in Cana of Galilee have on His disciples? And His disciples believed in Him.
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3. (v. 2:12) Where did Jesus go after the wedding, and who all went with Him?

he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.

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4. (v. 2:13) What festival was taking place when they reached Jerusalem? Passover
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5. (vs. 2:14-15) When Jesus found all that was going on in the temple on Passover, what did He do? Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple.

He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables.

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6. (v. 2:16) What did Jesus say they were turning His Father's house into?

Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

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7. (vs. 2:18-19) How did Jesus answer the Jews when they asked.

“Show us the authority you have to do these things? “

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

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8. (vs. 2:20-21) What temple was Jesus referring to when the Jews said it took forty-six years to build this temple, and You will raise it up in three days?

But when Jesus said “this temple,” he meant his own body.

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## Chapter 3

Please read all of John Chapter 3 ☐ Check

1. (v. 3:1-2) Who did Nicodemus, the Pharisee, refer to Jesus as? Rabbi

What profound statement (as a Pharisee) did he make about Jesus in verse 2?

“we all know that God has sent you to teach us.

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Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

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2. (v. 3:3) What is the major statement that Jesus makes to Nicodemus after that?

unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

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3. (v. 3:5) Next, Jesus tells Nicodemus he can not enter the kingdom of God unless what happens?

born of water and the Spirit

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4. (v. 3:15) When Jesus is talking to Nicodemus, what does He tell him he must do to have eternal life?

so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

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5. (v. 3:16) **Memory Scripture:** Please write out John 3:16 from memory:

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6. (v. 3:17) God sent His Son into the world not to condemn it, but to what?

save the world through Him.

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7. Verses 19 & 20 talk about the light and about the darkness. In your own words, what is this Light? What is this darkness?

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8. In verse 28 what statement does John the Baptist make about why he is here?

I am only here to prepare the way for him.

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9. (v. 3:36) This verse tells of the consequences of believing and not believing.

First question is: Believing or not believing in what?

believes in God's Son

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Second question is: What are the consequences for believing?

has eternal life,

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Third question is: What are the consequences for NOT believing?

Who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment.

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# Chapter 4

Please read all of John Chapter 4 ☐ Check

## Conflict between the Jews and the Samaritans

In 732 B.C., the Assyrians swooped in and conquered the northern kingdom. The Assyrians killed a lot of people, but many they carried off to Assyria. In their place, Assyria planted pagan Gentiles from around their empire and these Gentiles intermarried with remaining Israelites. Many of their descendants considered themselves Jews.

The Jews in Judea did not agree. They considered the Samaritans to be a mongrel race and saw many problems with the way they practiced Judaism. This offended the Samaritans. This is where the hatred started between the Jews and the Samaritans. Then in 585 B.C. Judea itself was conquered and many of its citizens were carried off to Babylon. After 70 years of captivity, when Babylon was conquered by the Medes and Persians, the Jews were encouraged to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple.

Jesus and His disciples have now left Judea (Jerusalem) and were traveling to Galilee. The shortest route was through Samaria, but it was not the preferred route because of the hatred between the two.

*Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria.*

**John 4:1-4 (NKJV)**

## Notes on John 4:1-4

Jesus knew that because of His rising prominence and popularity, there would soon be a confrontation with the religious establishment (among whom were the Pharisees). Yet, Jesus knew that the time was not yet right for a confrontation in Jerusalem, so He returned to Galilee.

1. (v. 4:9) What did Jesus ask of the Samaritan woman that surprised her?

*"You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"*

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2. (v. 4:10) Jesus said to the Samaritan women:

If you knew who asked "Give me a drink", What kind of water would He have given you?

*I would give you living water.*

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A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her "Give Me a drink". The woman said to Him "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan Woman?"

3. (vs. 4:13-14) What is the point that Jesus is making about drinking this water (from the well)? Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again.

What is the point that Jesus makes about drinking the water that He shall give?

But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again.

4. (v. 4:15) What does the woman ask Jesus for?

"give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again,

5. (vs. 4:16-18) Describe and explain in your own words the conversation that Jesus and the woman have about her husband (s)?

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6. After studying, and answering the last question, why did the women think Jesus was a prophet?

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband."

(Answer may vary)

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7. (v. 4:24) Jesus tells the woman that God the Father is seeking people to worship Him how?

worship in spirit and in truth.

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8. (v. 4:25) What did the woman tell Jesus that she knew about the Messiah?

"I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ."

When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

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9. (v. 4:26) At the end of the conversation between the woman and Jesus, what was the final statement that Jesus made?

Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!"

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10. (vs. 4:28-30) After Jesus telling the woman exactly who He was, what did the woman do?

She ran back to the village, telling everyone,

"Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"

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11. (v. 4:34) How did Jesus reply when His disciples asked Him if He had something to eat, or had anyone brought Him food?

My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.

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12. In your own words, please explain your understanding of John 4:35-36.

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13. (v. 4:50) What is the point that Jesus has made here about the man's son being healed.  
What healed him?

*And the man believed what Jesus said*

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14. (v. 4:52) What was told to the man when he asked; When was the time/hour his son  
got better? *Yesterday, at one in the afternoon.*

After finding out the time/hour, what did he realize (in your own words)?

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## A verse to underline and memorize

*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,  
and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction,  
for instruction in righteousness,*

**2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)**

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