

The Book of John

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

Today we commence our study of the book of **John**, which has been called "the most wonderful book in the world." The author refers to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (**13:23; 21:7,20**), and tradition tells us that this was John, the closest of Jesus' disciples.

This book was probably written between AD 85 and 95, when John was elderly. A papyrus fragment, containing just two verses from **John**, has been dated to AD 140, showing that the fourth Gospel account was already in circulation as early as the first half of the second century.

Here is a breakdown of the first ten chapters of **John**, which is our focus this morning:

- ☞ **1:1-18** – John's introduction of Jesus
- ☞ **1:19-51** – The baptism of Jesus and the calling of the first disciples
- ☞ **2:1-11** – Jesus changes the water into wine
- ☞ **2:12-25** – Jesus cleanses the temple
- ☞ **3:1-36** – Jesus' discourse with Nicodemus
- ☞ **4:1-42** – Jesus in Samaria
- ☞ **4:43-54** – Jesus heals the servant of a royal official
- ☞ **5:1-15** – Jesus heals a man by the pool of Bethesda
- ☞ **5:16-30** – Jesus is reprimanded for healing on the Sabbath
- ☞ **6:1-24** – Jesus feeds the five thousand
- ☞ **6:25-59** – Jesus calls himself the bread of heaven
- ☞ **6:60-71** – Many disciples are disillusioned by Jesus
- ☞ **7:1-53** – Jesus teaches at the Feast of Tabernacles
- ☞ **8:1-59** – Jesus' conflict with the religious leaders
- ☞ **9:1-41** – Jesus heals a man born blind
- ☞ **10:1-42** – Jesus heals a man born blind

Let's now settle in and read **John 1-10**.

Memory Verse

Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33

Your Fishing Kit

This is the thirty-third verse in your fishing kit. It explains further what Bible means when it says to “confess with your mouth: ‘Jesus is Lord’” (**Romans 10:9**). This confession is not meant to be just a private confession to God, but a public confession before men – an acknowledging of Christ as Lord before others. The result, says Jesus, is that he himself will acknowledge us before his Father in heaven.

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

John 3:16	Isaiah 55:6-7	John 1:12	2 Corinthians 5:17
John 3:18	Romans 5:8	John 3:3	2 Corinthians 5:21
John 3:36	1 John 4:10	John 5:24	Matthew 10:32-33
Ephesians 1:7-8	Acts 2:38	John 6:37	Romans 2:4-5
Romans 3:23	Acts 3:19	John 8:32	Acts 17:30
Romans 6:23	Acts 4:12	John 8:36	1 John 5:10
Isaiah 53:5	John 14:6	John 10:10	1 John 5:11-12
Isaiah 53:6	1 John 1:8	John 10:28	John 14:1-3
Isaiah 59:1-2	1 John 1:9	Romans 10:9	John 16:33
Isaiah 64:6	1 John 1:10	Romans 10:13	Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.