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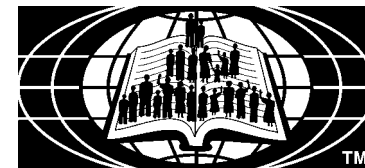
# **Powerful Messages from John's Gospel**



**Pastoral Leader Training Booklet**

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## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

John's Gospel gives us a unique view of Jesus Christ. It is different from the Gospels written by Matthew, Mark and Luke that are called "synoptic" (looking from the same perspective), because they relate, basically, the same events.

John wrote his Gospel several years later, and included some events that the others did not mention. He repeated the most important things they wrote. John also gives us much dialogue between the Lord and His disciples. He tells us of signs that prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. (John 20:30-31)

This Gospel was written by the Apostle John. He was not John the Baptist, who baptized Jesus.

This study has outlines of key passages, to help you teach them. Questions follow the points of the outlines. To answer them, examine the Bible passage.

## PRACTICAL WORK

- Teach your people a series of messages from John's Gospel, using the outlines you studied (a series of messages).
- Present the Bible passages with a lot of conversation, as dramatic readings. Different people take the parts of the Narrator and the other speakers in the accounts. If the passage is long, the Narrator does not read it all, only the verses which tell enough background to understand the account.
- All the readers speak in a loud voice, with expression. When they rehearse, they mark the places in their Bibles, to know when to speak. Practice until they can all do their parts without help. We recommend that the readers should be adults, not children, to give greater authority and impact to what is read (this is not entertainment).

f. What did Thomas have to see, to believe? (verses 24-25)

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g. Why are we more blessed than Thomas? (verses 26-29)

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h. Why did John make a record of the Lord Jesus' miracles?  
(verses 30-31)

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Answers: a: She could not find Jesus' body. b: That she had seen and spoken to the risen Jesus. c: For fear of the Jews. d: Peace. e: The Holy Spirit and power to forgive sins. f: Jesus' wounds. g: We believe without seeing. h: That we might believe and have life.

We recommend relating these appearances as dramatic readings. A Narrator reads the background, another reads what Jesus says, others read the words of Mary and Thomas.

Look at the following summary (or outline), of John 1:1-18, called "Jesus Reveals All That God Is."

Notice the following:

- 1) The "points" for the message are in larger letters and begin with "The Eternal Word..." which is the main theme of the message. This is one way to tie each point in a message outline to the main theme.

How many such points do you find in the outline below for John 1:1-18?

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- 2) Each point deals with several verses, written in parentheses.

What verses does the first point deal with below?

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- 3) Each point lists beneath it several truths about it. These truths appear in the form of questions, to help you think about them. To prepare your own outlines, you do not need to write all such key truths as questions.

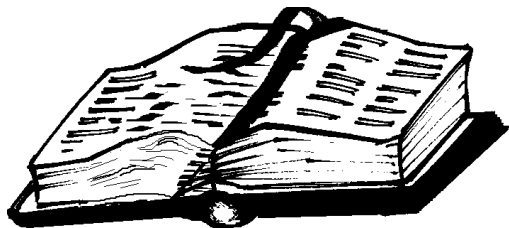
What small letter precedes the first such question below?

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Answers:

- 1) 3 points (outlines may have any number of points).
- 2) The first point deals with John 1:1-9.
- 3) The small letter “a”.

Before studying each outline, read the corresponding Bible passage.



- b. What news did Mary take to the disciples? (John 20:16-18)

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Point: **JESUS CHRIST APPEARS TO THE  
DISCIPLES (John 20:19-23)**

- c. Why did they have the doors locked? (verse 19)

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- d. What blessing did Jesus give His disciples? (verses 19-21)

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- e. What did the apostles receive, and what did it empower them to do? (verses 22-23)

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Point: **JESUS CHRIST APPEARS TO THOMAS  
(John 20:24-31)**

- h. Which three people first discovered that the tomb was empty?
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Answers: a: “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” b: So as not to tear the garment; to fulfill the Scripture. c: To John. d: Wine vinegar. e: He was about to give His life as a once-for-all and eternal sacrifice, for the sins of the world. f: He was already dead, and to fulfill Scripture. g: Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. h: Mary Magdalene, Peter and John.

## OUTLINE OF JOHN 20:10-31

Theme: **APPEARANCES OF THE  
RESURRECTED CHRIST**

Point: **JESUS CHRIST APPEARS TO MARY  
MAGDALENE (John 20:10-18)**

- a. Why was Mary Magdalene weeping? (verses 10-15)
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## OUTLINE OF JOHN 1:1-18

Theme: **JESUS REVEALS TO US ALL THAT  
GOD IS**

Point: **THE ETERNAL WORD ENLIGHTENS  
ALL MEN (John 1:1-9)**

- a. Which verse says the Word was God? \_\_\_\_\_

- b. What was made by Him? \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Who was not that light, but came as a witness to it?
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- d. To whom does the Word give light? (verse 9)
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Point: **THE ETERNAL WORD WAS MADE  
HUMAN TO MAKE US SONS OF GOD  
(John 1:10-16)**

e. Who will be the children of God?

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f. When the Word lived among men, what did His disciples see?  
(verse 14)

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Point: **THE ETERNAL WORD MAKES KNOWN  
THE FATHER TO US (John 1:17-18)**

g. The law was given through Moses. What two things came  
through Jesus Christ?

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e. Why did Jesus say: "It is finished."? (verse 30)

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f. Why did they not break the Lord's legs? (verses 31-37)

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Point: **JESUS CHRIST WAS BURIED  
(John 19:38-42)**

g. Who were the two who put the body into the grave?

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Point: **JESUS CHRIST ROSE FROM THE  
DEAD (John 20:1-9)**

- a. What did Pilate write, to place on the cross? (verses 17-22)

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- b. For what two reasons did the soldiers throw lots for Jesus' clothes? (verses 23-24)

The soldiers' reason was: \_\_\_\_\_

God's reason was: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. To whom did Jesus commend His mother? (verses 25-27)

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Point: **JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US  
(John 19:28-37)**

- d. What did they give Jesus to drink? (verses 28-29)

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- h. The natural man cannot see God. Through whom do we know the Father?

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Answers: a: Verse 1. b: All things. c: John the Baptist. d: Every man.  
e: Those who received Jesus Christ. f: His glory. g: Grace and truth.  
h: Jesus Christ.

## OUTLINE OF JOHN 1:19-34

Theme: **LET'S PRESENT JESUS TO OUR  
FRIENDS, AS JOHN THE BAPTIST DID**

Point: **JOHN THE BAPTIST DRAWS ATTEN-  
TION TO CHRIST, NOT TO HIMSELF  
(John 1:19-28)**

- a. Many went out to the River Jordan. They repented of their sins and were baptized. The Pharisees asked John who he was. Some said he was the Christ or Elijah. John answered that he was only a \_\_\_\_\_.

“Christ” (“Messiah” in Hebrew) means the King who is anointed by God to free His people. To anoint means to put oil on, as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

- b. What did John acknowledge that he was unworthy to do?

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Point: **JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNOUNCES THAT JESUS TAKES AWAY SINS (John 1:29-31)**

- c. In the Old Testament sinners sacrificed a lamb, so as to receive forgiveness (their sins were “taken away”). To what animal did John compare Jesus?

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- d. Why did John call Jesus “The Lamb of God”?

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- m. Who permitted Pilate to authorize Jesus’ death? (John 19:11)

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Answers: a: Because Roman law did not permit Jews to condemn to death. b: “Is this your own idea, or did others talk to you about me?” c: The Jews were God’s people; Jesus, being God, was their Lord and King. d: “My kingdom is not of this world....” e: None. f: “You are right in saying I am a King. In fact, for this reason was I born...” g: To testify to the truth. h: No. i: Because he does not belong to the Kingdom of God, he does not understand spiritual things. j: Because Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. k: No. l: “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.” m: God the Father.

## **OUTLINE OF JOHN 19:17-42 AND JOHN 20:1-9**

Theme: **THE HISTORICAL BASIS OF THE GOSPEL**

Point: **JESUS CHRIST WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS (John 19:17-27)**



Point: **WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?  
(John 19:9)**

j. Why was Pilate afraid? (John 19:7-8)

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k. Did Jesus defend Himself? (Compare Isaiah 53:7) \_\_\_\_\_

Point: **DO YOU REFUSE TO SPEAK TO ME?  
DON'T YOU REALIZE I HAVE POWER  
EITHER TO FREE YOU OR CRUCIFY  
YOU? (John 19:10)**

l. What did Jesus answer? (John 19:11)

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Point: **JOHN PROPHECIES THAT JESUS  
WILL BAPTIZE US WITH THE  
HOLY SPIRIT (John 1:32-34)**

e. John baptized with water. How will Jesus baptize us?

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f. Do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your heart,  
which John foretold?

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g. Jesus' first disciples had previously followed John the Baptist.  
Through John's testimony, they followed Jesus. Do you want  
your flock to follow you, or Jesus?

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Answers: a: A voice in the desert. b: Untie the thongs of Jesus' sandals.  
c: A lamb. d: Because He takes away the sins of the world. e: With the  
Holy Spirit. f: Your personal response. g: Your personal response.

# OUTLINE OF JOHN 2:1-12

Theme: **WHAT DID JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE SHOW?**

Point: **JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE SHOWS THAT HE SHARES IN OUR DAILY LIFE AND JOYS (John 2:1-2)**

- a. Jesus went to a wedding with His disciples, and changed water into wine. In the Bible, weddings were joyful occasions. The wine symbolizes God's blessing. Today's brides and grooms should also invite Jesus to their wedding. In doing this, they invite Him to share their homes and lives, making Him Head of the household. Why ask God's blessing on a marriage?

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- b. Where did the wedding take place? \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Does the Gospel bring joy to daily life? \_\_\_\_\_

- e. What crime had Jesus committed? \_\_\_\_\_

Point: **ARE YOU A KING, THEN? (John 18:37)**

- f. What did Jesus answer? (verse 37)

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- g. Why did Jesus come into the world?

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Point: **WHAT IS TRUTH? (John 18:38)**

- h. Did Jesus answer? \_\_\_\_\_

- i. Why should a non-Christian governor, like Pilate, not judge church matters?

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- a. Read what happened before John 18:28-32. Why did they want Pilate to judge Jesus?

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- b. What did Jesus answer to Pilate's question? (John 18:33-34)

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- c. In what sense was Jesus King of the Jews?

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Point: **WHAT IS IT YOU HAVE DONE? (John 18:35)**

- d. What did Jesus answer? (verse 36)

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Point: **JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE SHOWS HIS  
COMPASSION TOWARDS HUMAN  
NEEDS (John 2:3-10)**

- d. What had run out? \_\_\_\_\_

- e. Mary told the people to deal directly with Jesus. To whom should we take our needs today?

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- f. In the Old Testament, Moses changed the water into blood as a plague. Jesus' first miracle in the New Testament was a blessing. What did He change water into?

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- g. What needs do you see in your family, church or community, to ask Jesus to fill?

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Point: **JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE SHOWS HIS  
GLORY (John 2:11-12)**

h. What did His disciples do, as a result of this miracle?

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i. What can we do, to see the glory of the Lord today?

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Answers: a: Their married life begins with Jesus as Head of their household. b: At Cana in Galilee. c: Yes. d: Wine. e: Jesus Christ. f: Wine. g: Personal answer. h: They believed in Him. i: Ask for what we and others need and obey His commands as the servants at the wedding did, and we will see His glory and power in the answers to prayer.

m. In whom did He ask to be? (verse 26) \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: a: The time of Jesus' betrayal, which led to His trial and death, and, of course, His resurrection. b: To give eternal life to those the Father had given Him. c: Knowing the true God. d: Before the world began. e: God the Father. f: That the Father had sent Jesus. g: That we may be one. h: From the evil one. i: No. j: God the Father and God the Son—we are to be one in the Lord just as Jesus is in the Father and the Father in Him. k: Personal answer. l: His glory with the Father. m: In us.

## OUTLINE OF JOHN 18:28 TO 19:16

Theme: **PILATE'S QUESTIONS**

(We suggest that someone reads Pilate's words, another reads Jesus' answers, in a well-rehearsed drama).

Point: **ARE YOU KING OF THE JEWS?  
(John 18:33)**

Point: **THE LORD JESUS ASKS HIS FATHER  
TO UNITE US (John 17:20-23)**

- j. Unity between believers is to be like the eternal relationship between what two persons? (verses 20-21)

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- k. What can we do to increase unity among Jesus' disciples?

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Point: **THE LORD JESUS ASKS HIS FATHER  
TO MANIFEST HIS GLORY TO US  
(John 17:24-26)**

- l. What did Jesus ask that we should see? (verse 24)

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## OUTLINE OF JOHN 2:13-22

Theme: **HOW TO CORRECT ERROR IN THE  
CHURCH**

Point: **WE CORRECT PROVEN ERROR NOT  
BASED ON RUMORS (John 2:13-14)**

- a. Where were they? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Jesus did not base His reactions on rumor or gossip, but on His own observation of people. What error did He find in the temple?

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Point: **WE CORRECT PROVEN ERROR WITH  
COURAGE AND MEEKNESS (John 2:15-17)**

- c. What did Jesus do with those who used religion for business opportunities?

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- d. Errors must be corrected with a humble spirit, because we, too, are sinners. (Matthew 7:1, Galatians. 6:1) At the same time, we correct them with courage and firmness, speaking directly to whoever gives offense. We do not go round criticizing them. Why not?

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Point: **WE CORRECT ERRORS WITH THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST, NOT OUR OWN (John 2:18-22)**

- e. They asked the Lord for a sign of His authority. Jesus has authority from His Father. We also have that authority when we act according to Christ's will, and in His name. Which temple was He referring to?

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- e. Who gave Jesus' disciples to Him? (verse 6)

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- f. What had His disciples believed? (verses 7-8)

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Point: **THE LORD JESUS ASKS HIS FATHER TO PROTECT US (John 17:11-19)**

- g. Why did Jesus ask the Father to protect us? (verse 11)

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- h. From what did Jesus ask His Father to protect us? (verse 15)

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- i. Did Jesus ask His Father to take us out of the world? \_\_\_\_\_

a. Jesus prayed this prayer on Thursday at the Last Supper, just before being arrested in Gethsemane. What did He mean when He said His time had come? (verse 1)

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b. For what purpose had the Father given Jesus power? (verse 2)

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c. What is eternal life? (verse 3)

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d. When had the Father shared His glory with Jesus? (verse 5)

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f. What error do you see in the church, which you will deal with courageously and meekly?

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Answers: a: Jerusalem. b: Men selling animals (for sacrifice) and changing money. c: He made a whip and drove them out. d: Jesus teaches us not judge or condemn (Matthew 7:1). e: His risen body. f: Personal answer.

## OUTLINE OF JOHN 3:1-15

Theme: **EVEN THE MOST RELIGIOUS  
PEOPLE NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN**

Point: **NICODEMUS SEEKS JESUS (John 3:1-2)**

a. To which religious group did Nicodemus belong?

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b. When did Nicodemus visit Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Point: **NICODEMUS ACKNOWLEDGES HIS SPIRITUAL NEED (John 3:3-8)**

- c. Our first birth is the product of flesh. What brings about our second birth?

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Point: **NICODEMUS BELIEVES IN JESUS (John 3:9-16 and 19:39-42)**

- d. What must we do to born of the Holy Spirit? (John 3:9-16)

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- e. What did Nicodemus do later on, which showed His faith? (John 19:39-42)

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Point: **THE COUNSELOR GLORIFIES JESUS (John 16:12-15)**

- d. According to verse 14, whom does the Holy Spirit glorify?

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- e. Can we follow Jesus Christ without guidance from the Holy Spirit?

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Answers: a: So that He could send His Spirit (to be with us all).  
b: God the Son (Jesus). c: Guilt, righteousness, judgment. d: Jesus.  
e: No.

## OUTLINE OF JOHN 17

Theme: **JESUS CHRIST PRAYS FOR HIS OWN**

Point: **THE LORD JESUS ASKS HIS FATHER TO GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE (John 17:1-10)**



# OUTLINE OF JOHN 16:5-15

Theme: **THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Point: **JESUS SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT TO  
BE WITH US (John 16:5-7)**

a. Why did Jesus have to leave this world, physically? (verse 7)

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b. Who sends us the Counselor? (verse 7)

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Point: **THE COUNSELOR CONVINCES THE  
WORLD (John 16:8-11)**

c. What three things does the Spirit of God convince the world  
of? (verse 8)

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f. If our faith does not produce good works, what kind of faith  
is it? (James 2:17)

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Answers: a: The Pharisees. b: By night. c: The Holy Spirit.  
d: Believe in Jesus Christ. e: Helped to prepare Jesus' body for  
burial. f: Dead (does not save).

We recommend presenting this episode in dramatic form; (one person  
reads Nicodemus' dialogue, another Jesus', and a "Narrator" reads  
the rest, to explain the context).

# OUTLINE OF JOHN 4:4-30

Theme: **LIVING WATER FOR THE THIRSTY**

Point: **JESUS OFFERS ETERNAL  
SATISFACTION (John 4:7-14)**

- a. Why did it seem strange to the Samaritan woman that Jesus should speak to her?

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- b. The Lord Jesus compared salvation to drinking water. What kind of water does the Lord give us? (verses 13-14)

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Point: **JESUS SHOWS US OUR SPIRITUAL  
NEED (John 4:15-18)**

- c. What was the Samaritan woman's sin? \_\_\_\_\_

- d. No one seeks salvation until they realize that they are lost. Have you realized the danger in which your sin puts you? Have you and your people repented and turned to God for forgiveness?

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- i. What is the very important "new commandment" that Jesus gave us? (John 13:34)

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Write what is most important in verse 21, as the third point:

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What do we learn from John 14:14-21, that we should do?

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Answers: a: Forever. b: The Spirit of truth (the Holy Spirit). c: Yes. d: Yes. e: No. f: In Jesus. g: Keep His commandments. h: Jesus and His Father. i: That we should love one another.

- f. Jesus is in the Father, and also in us. In whom are we?  
(verses 20)

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Write what is the most important in verses 19-20, as the  
second point:

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Point: **(John 14:21)**

- g. What does the person who loves Jesus do?

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- h. Who will love those who keep Jesus' commands?

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Point: **JESUS AWAKENS OUR FAITH**  
**(John 4:19-29)**

- e. Jesus revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman so that she  
would believe that He is the Christ. Where does this faith  
come from, God or ourselves? (Ephesians 2:8)

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- f. How do we know she believed?

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- g. God uses us to help lost sinners to believe. What should we do  
to help them?

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Answers: a: The Jews and Samaritans were not on speaking terms, (Jesus was a Jew). b: Living water that flows for eternal life. c: Adultery. d: Personal answer. e: Faith is the gift of God. f: She told her people about Jesus. g: Love them and tell them about Jesus Christ.

We suggest presenting this episode as a dramatic reading; one reader for the Samaritan woman, one for Jesus, and a Narrator for the rest.

## OUTLINE OF JOHN 5:1-18

Make your own outline of John 5:1-18. Study the passage carefully first.

What is the theme of the whole passage (verses 1-18)?

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Points:

1. Write what Jesus did with the sick man (verses 1-9), as the first point:

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b. Who is this Counselor? (verses 16-17)

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c. Does Jesus also come to us, through the Holy Spirit? (verse 18)

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Write what is most important in these verses 15-18, as the first point:

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Point: **(John 14:19-20)**

d. Would the disciples see Jesus after His resurrection? (verse 19)

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e. Would the entire world see Him? (verse 19) \_\_\_\_\_

What did we learn from John 11, that we should do?

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## OUTLINE OF JOHN 14:15-21

Write the theme of the whole passage.

Theme: 

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Point: **(John 14:15-18)**

- a. For how long will the “other Counselor”, that Jesus promised to His obedient disciples, be with us? (verses 15-16) Some Bibles translate the word “Counselor” as Comforter, Helper, Defender or Advocate.

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2. Write what the legalistic Jews did with the man (verses 10-13), as the second point:

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3. Write what the man did, and the result (verses 14-18):

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### APPLICATION:

The legalistic Jews criticized both Jesus and the man who was healed. How can we correct this kind of gossip and criticism in our church?

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We advise presenting this as a dramatic reading. Name readers for the Narrator, the Lord Jesus, the invalid and one of the Jews.

# OUTLINE OF JOHN 6:1-15

Write the theme of the whole passage.

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

We recommend telling the whole story first, and then dealing with the following points:

Point: **GOD MULTIPLIES WHAT WE GIVE HIM**

Notice where the Lord got the loaves and fish (verses 8-9). The boy gave what little he had to Jesus. What can we do to imitate this boy?

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The corresponding verses: \_\_\_\_\_

The most important verse or verses: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

The corresponding verses: \_\_\_\_\_

The most important verses: \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

The corresponding verses: \_\_\_\_\_

The most important verses: \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus do then? (verses 38-44)

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### **Make your own outline:**

Make your own outline of John chapter 11 (like previous ones).  
Divide the text into three or four sections. Write down the most important point of each section:

Points:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Which verses correspond to this point? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these verses is the most important, for you to read to the congregation?

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Point: **WHAT WE GIVE GOD,  
SACRIFICIALLY AND IN LOVE, HE  
CHANGES INTO A BLESSING**

Write what the Lord did with the boy's lunch.

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What can the Lord do with our offerings, if we give in faith?

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## **OUTLINE OF JOHN 9**

Theme: **SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS**

Sometimes we preach on a long passage. Do not read it all, if it would tire those listening. First study the episode; read out only the most important verses; summarize the rest of the story. To tell about the blind man in John 9, divide it into three points.

Point: **JESUS CHRIST GIVES US SPIRITUAL  
VISION (John 9:1-12)**

When preaching, read only verses 1-3, and summarize the story up to verse 12.

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Point: **WITH VISION, COMES  
RESPONSIBILITY (John 9:13-34)**

Read only verses 13 -15, and summarize the story up to verse 34.

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## APPLICATION:

Let's rely on the Lord's promises. He promises us complete forgiveness of all sin, and His sure protection forever.

## OUTLINE OF JOHN 11

Read the chapter, and meditate on it, then write the theme.

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What did the Lord Jesus promise Martha, to console her?  
(verses 21-27)

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How did Jesus show his love for the dead man? (verses 28-37)

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d. Can anyone snatch them away? \_\_\_\_\_

e. How long does life in Christ last? \_\_\_\_\_

Point: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD GUARDS HIS  
SHEEP FOREVER BY GOD'S GREAT  
POWER (John 10:29-30)**

f. Who gave us to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

g. Has anyone more power than our Heavenly Father? \_\_\_\_\_

h. How do we know that Jesus is God? (verse 30)

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Answers: a: They hear and follow Him. b: The disciples who  
believe in and obey Him. c: Eternal life. d: No one. e: Forever.  
f: God the Father. g: No one. h: Because He and the Father are one.

Point: **THOSE WHO SEE ONLY WITH THEIR  
PHYSICAL EYES CONTINUE TO BE  
BLIND (John 9:35-41)**

(Read or summarize by memory verses 35-41.)

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### **APPLICATION:**

In what sense does Jesus heal every believer of spiritual blindness?

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How might we suffer, after the Lord heals our spiritual blindness?

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In what sense do those who do not ask Jesus to save them, remain blind?

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We suggest reading this account as a dramatic reading. Name a reader for a disciple, Jesus, the blind man, the Jews, the parents, and a Narrator.

## OUTLINE OF JOHN 10

Theme: **THE WORK OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
(verses 27-30)

Point: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD CARES FOR**  
**HIS FLOCK (John 10:27)**

a. What do Jesus' sheep do?

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b. Who are Jesus' sheep?

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Point: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD GUARDS HIS**  
**SHEEP FOREVER (John 10:28)**

c. What does Jesus give those who are His?

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