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HELPFUL STUDY TOOLS

ARTHUR, KAY

How to Study Your Bible Precept Upon Precept

Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 1994.

Greek Word Study Tools

Commentaries on John

(See commentary list below.)

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BAXTER, J. SIDLOW

Explore the Book

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1960.

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Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1960

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Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995

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Be Alive

Colorado Springs, Colorado: ChariotVictor Publishing, 1986

LESSON ONE

Overview

THIS LESSON
INCORPORATES

Observation Worksheets of John 1–9, located in the Appendix
“John at a Glance,” located in the Appendix

“And the Word became flesh . . . and we beheld His glory . . .” (John 1:14). The prayer for this first lesson on the Gospel of John is that Christ will become more real to us as we behold His glory and in beholding His glory that we may believe and in believing that we may do the works that He did and even greater. For the next eighteen weeks we will saturate our minds and our hearts with the infallible truths of John. The Gospel of John is referred to by many as the most profound of the Gospels, and has been called the most precious jewel of the Word of God. As we discover and take possession of this jewel which is ours, we will truly find ourselves inheritors of wealth untold. Men will stand in awe, for The Word will become flesh in us, and they will behold His glory. “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves” (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Beloved, don’t quit until you have finished the course you have set before you. Be diligent to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed (note: need not!), handling accurately the Word of Truth. Be steadfast, immovable, for I promise on the authority of God’s Word, your labor shall not be in vain. In your patient persistence, you will find yourself developing skills and study habits that you never dreamed were possible for you to obtain apart from going to a Bible college or a seminary. You will labor long and you will labor hard; you will agonize in study and in prayer, searching out the truth; you will bow your head over your desk as you cry out to God for understanding; then, in the stillness of a moment will come that sweet voice of the Spirit as He leads you into His truth. How precious it is to be taught of the Spirit all by yourself . . . just you and God. He is no respecter of persons. However, Beloved, His truths — the deep, rich ones — are

reserved for those who cry for discernment, who lift their voices for understanding, and who seek for her as silver and search as for hidden treasure (Proverbs 2:3-4).

Let's begin, and let's dig deeply!

DAY
ONE

1. The next two weeks will be spent in getting an overview of the Gospel of John. Ideally the book should be read through several times before beginning your "John at a Glance" chart. This week read through the Gospel of John in one sitting. As you read through it, look for John's purpose for writing. Use your Observation Worksheets, located in the Appendix, and as you read, look for this statement of purpose, keeping in mind that everything the author does throughout the book is designed to accomplish this purpose for writing. Once you see this clearly stated purpose, you will be much more equipped to understand the message of this gospel.

Write out the author's purpose, giving chapter and verse reference.

2. Read the chapter entitled "Getting the Big Picture" in *How to Study Your Bible Precept Upon Precept*.

DAY
TWO
AND
DAY
THREE

Read through the first nine chapters of John, taking five chapters one day and four the next. As you read, note the theme of each chapter on your "John at a Glance" chart, located in the Appendix.

DAY
FOUR
AND
DAY
FIVE

1. Using your Observation Worksheets, read through chapters 1–9 once more and note the following things from each chapter. Record your answers in the space provided below.
 - a. **The Witnesses:** Those who testify concerning who Jesus is.
 - b. **Ministry To:** The class or group to whom Jesus is ministering.
 - c. **Signs and Miracles:** The sign or miracle that Jesus performed.
 - d. **Portrayals of Jesus:** A portrayal is a picture or description, a drawing in words. Note how Jesus is portrayed in each chapter — how is He described or how He describes Himself. Some chapters will be more difficult than others, but you will eventually see how you can describe Him in a word or two.
 - e. **Sequence of Events:** Note the various religious events or happenings. These events will help you to discern time.
 - f. **Geographical Locations:** You will note references to “being in” or “going to” certain places. As you note these, your chart will enable you to see where different events occurred.

Chapter 1

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

Chapter 4

Chapter 5

Chapter 6

Chapter 7

Chapter 8

Chapter 9

How we thank God for each and every one of you who is taking this course. You are enabling us to fulfill 2 Timothy 2:2 as we commit to you faithful men and women the things which God has taught us.

JOHN 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

¶ 6 There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light, but *came* that he might bear witness of the light.

¶ 9 There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¶ 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 John bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I

said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'”

16 For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

¶ 19 And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

20 And he confessed, and did not deny, and he confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

21 And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”

22 They said then to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

23 He said, “I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.”

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

26 John answered them saying, “I baptize in water, *but* among you stands One whom you do not know.

27 “*It is* He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”

28 These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

¶ 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

30 “This is He on behalf of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’

31 “And I did not recognize Him, but in order that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”

32 And John bore witness saying, “I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

33 “And I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’

34 “And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

¶ 35 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,

36 and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to Him, “Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?”

39 He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.

41 He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means Christ).

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

¶ 43 The next day He purposed to go forth into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “Follow Me.”

- 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.
- 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and *also* the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
- 46 And Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”
- 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!”
- 48 Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
- 49 Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”
- 50 Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.”
- 51 And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see the heavens opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

JOHN 2
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- AND on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;
- 2 and Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the wedding.
- 3 And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”
- 4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come.”
- 5 His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”
- 6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each.
- 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.
- 8 And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take it to the headwaiter.” And they took it *to him*.
- 9 And when the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom,
- 10 and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and when *men* have drunk freely, *then* that which is poorer; you have kept the good wine until now.”
- 11 This beginning of *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

- ¶ 12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother, and *His* brothers, and His disciples; and there they stayed a few days.
- ¶ 13 And the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 14 And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers seated.
- 15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the moneychangers, and overturned their tables;
- 16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, “Take these things away; stop making My Father’s house a house of merchandise.”
- 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “ZEAL FOR THY HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.”
- 18 The Jews therefore answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?”
- 19 Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”
- 20 The Jews therefore said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”
- 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.
- 22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.
- ¶ 23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, beholding His signs which He was doing.
- 24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,
- 25 and because He did not need anyone to bear witness concerning man for He Himself knew what was in man.

JOHN 3
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

NOW there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

2 this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

8 “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things?

11 “Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and you do not receive our witness.

- 12 “If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”
- 13 “And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, *even* the Son of Man.
- 14 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;
- 15 that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life.
- ¶ 16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- 17 “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.
- 18 “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- 19 “And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil.
- 20 “For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.
- 21 “But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”
- ¶ 22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing.
- 23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and they were coming and were being baptized.
- 24 For John had not yet been thrown into prison.
- 25 There arose therefore a discussion on the part of John’s disciples with a Jew about purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have borne witness, behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him.”

27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing, unless it has been given him from heaven.

28 “You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before Him.’

29 “He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. And so this joy of mine has been made full.

30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.

¶ 31 “He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

32 “What He has seen and heard, of that He bears witness; and no man receives His witness.

33 “He who has received His witness has set his seal to *this*, that God is true.

34 “For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.

35 “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

36 “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

JOHN 4
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

WHEN therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus

was making and baptizing more disciples than John

2 (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were),

3 He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.

4 And He had to pass through Samaria.

5 So He came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;

6 and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 The Samaritan woman therefore said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?"

12 "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?"

- 13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again;
- 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”
- 15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw.”
- 16 He said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”
- 17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband’;
- 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”
- 19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.
- 20 “Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”
- 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father.
- 22 “You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
- 23 “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
- 24 “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- 25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”
- 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

- ¶ 27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He had been speaking with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”
- 28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city, and said to the men,
- 29 “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?”
- 30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.
- 31 In the meanwhile the disciples were requesting Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”
- 32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”
- 33 The disciples therefore were saying to one another, “No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?”
- 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.
- 35 “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.
- 36 “Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.
- 37 “For in this *case* the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’
- 38 “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”
- ¶ 39 And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I *have* done.”
- 40 So when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.
- 41 And many more believed because of His word;

42 and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.”

¶ 43 And after the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.

44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

¶ 46 He came therefore again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain royal official, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him, and was requesting *Him* to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

48 Jesus therefore said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you *simply* will not believe.”

49 The royal official said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

50 Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he started off.

51 And as he was now going down, *his* slaves met him, saying that his son was living.

52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

53 So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives”; and he himself believed, and his whole household.

54 This is again a second sign that Jesus performed, when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

JOHN 5
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AFTER these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.
 - 3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters;
 - 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]
 - 5 And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his sickness.
 - 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He said to him, “Do you wish to get well?”
 - 7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”
 - 8 Jesus said to him, “Arise, take up your pallet, and walk.”
 - 9 And immediately the man became well, and took up his pallet and *began* to walk.
- ¶ Now it was the Sabbath on that day.
- 10 Therefore the Jews were saying to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet.”

- 11 But he answered them, “He who made me well was the one who said to me, ‘Take up your pallet and walk.’”
- 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up *your pallet*, and walk?’”
- 13 But he who was healed did not know who it was; for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place.
- 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse may befall you.”
- 15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.
- 16 And for this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.
- 17 But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”
- 18 For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.
- ¶ 19 Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever *the Father* does, these things the Son also does in like manner.
- 20 “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel.
- 21 “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.
- 22 “For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

- 23 in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.
- 24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.
- 25 “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live.
- 26 “For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;
- 27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man.
- 28 “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,
- 29 and shall come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.
- ¶ 30 “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
- 31 “If I *alone* bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not true.
- 32 “There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the testimony which He bears of Me is true.
- 33 “You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.
- 34 “But the witness which I receive is not from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.
- 35 “He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.
- 36 “But the witness which I have is greater than *that of* John; for the works

which the Father has given Me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37 “And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

38 “And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

39 “You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;

40 and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.

41 “I do not receive glory from men;

42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 “I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him.

44 “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and only* God?

45 “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

46 “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me.

47 “But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

JOHN 6
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AFTER these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).

- 2 And a great multitude was following Him, because they were seeing the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.
- 3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.
- 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.
- 5 Jesus therefore lifting up His eyes, and seeing that a great multitude was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?"
- 6 And this He was saying to test him; for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.
- 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."
- 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,
- 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"
- 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.
- 11 Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted.
- 12 And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments that nothing may be lost."
- 13 And so they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten.

- 14 When therefore the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is of a truth the Prophet who is to come into the world."
- ¶ 15 Jesus therefore perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force, to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.
- ¶ 16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,
17 and after getting into a boat, they *started to* cross the sea to Capernaum. And it had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.
18 And the sea *began* to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.
19 When therefore they had rowed about three or four miles, they beheld Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.
20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."
21 They were willing therefore to receive Him into the boat; and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.
- ¶ 22 The next day the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but *that* His disciples had gone away alone.
23 There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.
24 When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.
25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"
26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled.

- 27 “Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, *even* God, has set His seal.”
- 28 They said therefore to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”
- 29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”
- 30 They said therefore to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?”
- 31 “Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’”
- 32 Jesus therefore said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.
- 33 “For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.”
- 34 They said therefore to Him, “Lord, evermore give us this bread.”
- 35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
- 36 “But I said to you, that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.
- 37 “All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.
- 38 “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
- 39 “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.
- 40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and

believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

- ¶ 41 The Jews therefore were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of heaven.”
- 42 And they were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’”
- 43 Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.
- 44 “No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.
- 45 “It is written in the prophets, ‘AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.
- 46 “Not that any man has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.
- 47 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.
- 48 “I am the bread of life.
- 49 “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.
- 50 “This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.
- 51 “I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh.”
- ¶ 52 The Jews therefore *began* to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?”
- 53 Jesus therefore said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

54 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 “For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

56 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

57 “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

58 “This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate, and died, he who eats this bread shall live forever.”

59 These things He said in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum.

¶ 60 Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?”

61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble?”

62 “*What* then if you should behold the Son of Man ascending where He was before?”

63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

64 “But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

65 And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

¶ 66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore.

67 Jesus said therefore to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”

68 Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

- 69 “And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.”
- 70 Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and *yet* one of you is a devil?”
- 71 Now He meant Judas *the son* of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

JOHN 7
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AND after these things Jesus was walking in Galilee; for He was unwilling to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was at hand.

3 His brothers therefore said to Him, “Depart from here, and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may behold Your works which You are doing.

4 “For no one does anything in secret, when he himself seeks to be *known* publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.”

5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

6 Jesus therefore said to them, “My time is not yet at hand, but your time is always opportune.

7 “The world cannot hate you; but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil.

8 “Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come.”

9 And having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

¶ 10 But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as it were, in secret.

11 The Jews therefore were seeking Him at the feast, and were saying, “Where is He?”

12 And there was much grumbling among the multitudes concerning Him; some were saying, “He is a good man”; others were saying, “No, on the contrary, He leads the multitude astray.”

13 Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

- ¶ 14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and *began to teach*.
- 15 The Jews therefore were marveling, saying, “How has this man become learned, having never been educated?”
- 16 Jesus therefore answered them, and said, “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.
- 17 “If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or *whether* I speak from Myself.
- 18 “He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
- 19 “Did not Moses give you the Law, and *yet* none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”
- 20 The multitude answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?”
- 21 Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one deed, and you all marvel.
- 22 “On this account Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on *the* Sabbath you circumcise a man.
- 23 “If a man receives circumcision on *the* Sabbath that the Law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on *the* Sabbath?
- 24 “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”
- ¶ 25 Therefore some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, “Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?
- 26 “And look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ, do they?
- 27 “However, we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from.”

- 28 Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.
- 29 “I know Him; because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”
- 30 They were seeking therefore to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- 31 But many of the multitude believed in Him; and they were saying, “When the Christ shall come, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?”
- 32 The Pharisees heard the multitude muttering these things about Him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.
- 33 Jesus therefore said, “For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.
- 34 “You shall seek Me, and shall not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.”
- 35 The Jews therefore said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we shall not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?
- 36 “What is this statement that He said, ‘You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come?’”
- ¶ 37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.
- 38 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.’”
- 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- 40 *Some* of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, “This certainly is the Prophet.”

- 41 Others were saying, "This is the Christ." Still others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?"
- 42 "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"
- 43 So there arose a division in the multitude because of Him.
- 44 And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.
- ¶ 45 The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?"
- 46 The officers answered, "Never did a man speak the way this man speaks."
- 47 The Pharisees therefore answered them, "You have not also been led astray, have you?"
- 48 "No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?"
- 49 "But this multitude which does not know the Law is accursed."
- 50 Nicodemus said to them (he who came to Him before, being one of them),
- 51 "Our Law does not judge a man, unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"
- 52 They answered and said to him, "You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."
- 53 [And everyone went to his home.

JOHN 8
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

BUT Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

- 2 And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and *began* to teach them.
- 3 And the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst,
- 4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.
- 5 “Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?”
- 6 And they were saying this, testing Him, in order that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground.
- 7 But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him *be the* first to throw a stone at her.”
- 8 And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground.
- 9 And when they heard it, they *began* to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst.
- 10 And straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?”
- 11 And she said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more.”]

- ¶ 12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”
- 13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You are bearing witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.”
- 14 Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true; for I know where I came from, and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from, or where I am going.
- 15 “You people judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone.
- 16 “But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and He who sent Me.
- 17 “Even in your law it has been written, that the testimony of two men is true.
- 18 “I am He who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”
- 19 And so they were saying to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me, nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also.”
- 20 These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- ¶ 21 He said therefore again to them, “I go away, and you shall seek Me, and shall die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.”
- 22 Therefore the Jews were saying, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’”
- 23 And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.
- 24 “I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am *He*, you shall die in your sins.”

25 And so they were saying to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them,
“What have I been saying to you *from* the beginning?

26 “I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who
sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to
the world.”

27 They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.

28 Jesus therefore said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will
know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak
these things as the Father taught Me.

29 “And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always
do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

30 As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

¶ 31 Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you
abide in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine;

32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s offspring, and have never yet
been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You shall become free?’”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin
is the slave of sin.

35 “And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain
forever.

36 “If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

37 “I know that you are Abraham’s offspring; yet you seek to kill Me, because
My word has no place in you.

38 “I speak the things which I have seen with *My* Father; therefore you also
do the things which you heard from *your* father.”

39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to
them, “If you are Abraham’s children, do the deeds of Abraham.

40 “But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

41 “You are doing the deeds of your father.” They said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.”

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me; for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.

43 “Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot hear My word.

44 “You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

45 “But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 “Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 “He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God.”

¶ 48 The Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 “But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

51 “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

52 The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets *also*; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he shall never taste of death.’

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- 53 “Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out *to be*?”
- 54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’;
- 55 and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like you, but I do know Him, and keep His word.
- 56 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”
- 57 The Jews therefore said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”
- 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”
- 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

JOHN 9
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AND as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?”

3 Jesus answered, “*It was* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* in order that the works of God might be displayed in him.

4 “We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.

5 “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,

7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). And so he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.

8 The neighbors therefore, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?”

9 Others were saying, “This is he,” *still* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.”

10 Therefore they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?”

11 He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam, and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.”

12 And they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

¶ 13 They brought to the Pharisees him who was formerly blind.

14 Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

- 15 Again, therefore, the Pharisees also were asking him how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”
- 16 Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them.
- 17 They said therefore to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”
- 18 The Jews therefore did not believe *it* of him, that he had been blind, and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight,
- 19 and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?”
- 20 His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;
- 21 but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he shall speak for himself.”
- 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed, that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.
- 23 For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”
- ¶ 24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.”
- 25 He therefore answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.”
- 26 They said therefore to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”
- 27 He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?”

28 And they reviled him, and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

29 “We know that God has spoken to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.”

30 The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and *yet* He opened my eyes.

31 “We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears him.

32 “Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 “If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

34 They answered and said to him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they put him out.

¶ 35 Jesus heard that they had put him out; and finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

36 He answered and said, “And who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

37 Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.”

38 And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.

39 And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see; and that those who see may become blind.”

40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?”

41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

JOHN AT A GLANCE

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