

**The Gospel According to John***An Overview of Chapters 1-11*

For each of these verses (taken out of context, I know!), write your thoughts or impressions as you recall our earlier discussion of the first eleven chapters of the Gospel According to John. What verses would you select as representative of each of those eleven chapters? How would you summarize the first eleven chapters?

| <b>Ch</b> | <b>Selected Verses</b>   | <b>Comments</b> |
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| <b>1</b>  | <sup>9</sup> There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.   |                 |
| <b>2</b>  | <sup>11</sup> This beginning of <i>His</i> signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.  |                 |
| <b>3</b>  | <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; <sup>15</sup> so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.   |                 |
| <b>4</b>  | <sup>10</sup> 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.”   |                 |
| <b>5</b>  | <sup>8</sup> Jesus *said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.” <sup>9</sup> Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and <i>began</i> to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.  |                 |
| <b>6</b>  | <sup>13</sup> 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.<br><sup>14</sup> Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”  |                 |
| <b>7</b>  | <sup>14</sup> But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and <i>began</i> to teach. <sup>15</sup> The Jews then were astonished, saying, “How has this man become learned, having never been educated?” <sup>16</sup> So Jesus answered them and said, “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. <sup>17</sup> If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or <i>whether</i> I speak from Myself.”                         |                 |
| <b>8</b>  | <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”<br><sup>13</sup> So the Pharisees said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true.” <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony 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. |                 |
| <b>9</b>  | <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “ <i>It was</i> neither <i>that</i> this man sinned, nor his parents; but <i>it was</i> so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”  |                 |
| <b>10</b> | <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup> even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock <i>with</i> one shepherd.   |                 |
| <b>11</b> | <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent <i>word</i> to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard <i>this</i> , He said, “This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”   |                 |

## Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

### Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)? Mark the passage (underline, circles, etc.) to help bring out the writer's thought process.

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

### Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you **interpret** the writer's meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

### Application (What does it mean for me?)

How does the writer's meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel**