

Reflection Questions for the Gospel of John

John 1 — The Word Became Flesh

- What does it mean that Jesus is “the Word”?
- How does John describe light and darkness?
- What does it mean to “receive” Jesus?
- Which response to Jesus in this chapter do you relate to most?
- What would it have been like to hear Jesus say, “Follow me”?

John 2 — Water Into Wine & Cleansing the Temple

- What does Jesus’ first miracle reveal about His character?
- Why do you think Jesus cared about this wedding situation?
- What does the temple cleansing teach about true worship?
- Are there areas in your life that need spiritual cleansing?
- What does it mean to trust Jesus even before understanding Him fully?

John 3 — Nicodemus & New Birth

- Why was Nicodemus confused about being “born again”?
- What does spiritual rebirth look like in everyday life?
- How does God’s love appear in this chapter?
- What fears or questions keep people from open faith?
- What does John 3:16 personally mean to you?

John 4 — The Samaritan Woman

- Why is Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman surprising?
- What “living water” are people searching for today?
- How does Jesus treat outsiders or rejected people?
- What does worship “in spirit and truth” mean?
- How can your testimony impact others like hers did?

John 5 — Healing at Bethesda

- Why do you think the healed man struggled to respond faithfully?
- What does this chapter reveal about legalism versus compassion?
- How does Jesus describe His relationship with the Father?
- Are there unhealthy patterns you continue returning to?
- What evidence strengthens your confidence in Jesus?

John 6 — Bread of Life

- Why were crowds attracted to Jesus?

- What is the difference between physical hunger and spiritual hunger?
- Why did many disciples stop following Jesus?
- What does Peter's response, "You have the words of eternal life," teach about faith?
- What competes for first place in your heart?

John 7 — Division About Jesus

- Why were people so divided about Jesus?
- How does fear affect public faith?
- What does Jesus promise about "living water"?
- Have you ever hesitated to stand openly for your beliefs?
- How can discernment help separate truth from public opinion?

John 8 — The Woman Caught in Adultery & Light of the World

- What can we learn from Jesus' response to the accusers?
- How do grace and truth work together in this chapter?
- What does it mean to walk in the light?
- What kinds of bondage does Jesus free people from?
- How can truth lead to freedom in your life?

John 9 — The Man Born Blind

- Why did Jesus' miracle create controversy?
- How did the blind man grow spiritually through opposition?
- What forms of spiritual blindness exist today?
- How can suffering become an opportunity for God's work?
- Are you willing to keep trusting God when misunderstood?

John 10 — The Good Shepherd

- What qualities make Jesus a trustworthy shepherd?
- What "voices" compete for your attention?
- What does abundant life mean?
- How does Jesus demonstrate sacrificial love?
- In what ways do you need guidance right now?

John 11 — Lazarus Raised

- How do Mary and Martha respond differently to grief?
- Why might Jesus delay before helping?
- What does this chapter teach about hope?
- Where do you need resurrection power in your life?
- How does Jesus respond to human sorrow?

John 12 — Worship & Preparation

- What motivates Mary's extravagant worship?
- Why was Judas critical of her actions?
- What kind of king were people expecting Jesus to be?
- What keeps people from openly following Christ?
- What does it mean to love darkness more than light?

John 13 — Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

- Why is humility central to Christian leadership?
- How does Jesus redefine greatness?
- What makes betrayal especially painful?
- How can you better serve others?
- What does Jesus' "new commandment" require of believers?

John 14 — Peace & the Way

- What fears were troubling the disciples?
- What does Jesus mean by "I am the way, the truth, and the life"?
- How does the Holy Spirit help believers?
- What kind of peace does Jesus offer?
- Which promise in this chapter encourages you most?

John 15 — The Vine and the Branches

- What does it mean to "abide" in Christ?
- What happens when people try to live spiritually disconnected from God?
- How does pruning help produce growth?
- What kind of fruit should believers bear?
- What relationships help strengthen your faith?

John 16 — Sorrow Turned to Joy

- Why does Jesus prepare His followers for hardship?
- How does the Holy Spirit guide people into truth?
- What gives believers courage during suffering?
- How can sorrow eventually produce growth?
- What does true peace look like during difficulty?

John 17 — Jesus' Prayer

- What does Jesus pray for Himself, His disciples, and future believers?
- Why is unity among believers important?
- What does this prayer reveal about God's heart?
- How can Christians reflect God's love more clearly?

- What would change if you prayed more like Jesus?

John 18 — Arrest and Trial

- How do different characters respond under pressure?
- Why did Peter deny Jesus despite good intentions?
- What does Jesus' calmness reveal during His arrest?
- How does fear affect decisions?
- When have you struggled to stand for truth?

John 19 — Crucifixion

- What emotions stand out in the crucifixion account?
- What does Jesus' sacrifice reveal about love?
- Why is the cross central to Christianity?
- How do people respond differently to Jesus' suffering?
- What does "It is finished" mean spiritually?

John 20 — Resurrection

- How do the disciples react to the empty tomb?
- Why was Thomas skeptical?
- What does Jesus' resurrection change about hope and fear?
- How does belief grow through encounter and experience?
- What helps strengthen your faith when you doubt?

John 21 — Restoration and Calling

- Why does Jesus restore Peter publicly?
- What does Jesus mean by "Feed my sheep"?
- How does failure shape spiritual maturity?
- What distractions keep people from focusing on their own calling?
- What might Jesus be asking you to do next?