



READING THE BIBLE

How To Get Started



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

A great place to start reading and studying **God's written word** (the Bible) is with the **Gospel of John** in the New Testament. If you have a Bible, it should be page referenced in the Contents under the books of the New Testament.

Why the Gospel of John?

- It was written explicitly to help people to understand and believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in His name (John 20:31).
- It focuses on Jesus' identity, teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection that's centered on God's love and truth.
- Read slowly, perhaps one chapter a day (it's only 21 chapters). Reflect on what it reveals about Jesus and God's character displayed in Jesus.

Moving Forward

The Gospel of John provides a great starting point for the person who wants to get to know Jesus. After you have read the Gospel of John, I highly recommend reading it through again. This repetitive reading format is an excellent way to begin the study process and will help develop your memory retention. I know several Bible teachers that will read a book of the Bible several times before they begin putting together a teaching.

After reading through the Gospel of John consider reading the Book of Romans. The Book of Romans was written by the Apostle Paul to followers of Jesus in the ancient city of Rome. This book has a great overview of our problem of sin in our life and why Jesus came to save us as well as how we should live in response to Jesus' salvation for us.

An important point as you begin to read and study the Bible is how you approach God's written word. The books of the Bible that we have were written down by many different individuals in different locations over hundreds even thousands of years, who were divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit in order to write God's message. God impressed upon these individuals to catalog historical events and circumstances of their time to convey God's love and message of salvation for humanity. In light of this we should approach God's Word with care and respect.

Before reading God's Word take a moment and pray. Ask God to help you understand what you read through His Holy Spirit. Ask God to speak to you through His Word.

At Tamak Ministries we are here to help. If you have questions or need further assistance, send us an email. We are happy to answer questions you may have to the best of our ability. If you need help acquiring a Bible, please let us know. We can get one sent to you as well as provide recommendations on what translations are available.

The Lord loves you and wants you to know Him. Reading the Bible is a great way to get to know Him better.