

## FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS Lesson 18

### John 1

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are four books written by four different men about the same Man, even the God-Man, Jesus Christ.

The key chapter to John, and for that matter, to the entire New Testament, is John 1. Let us notice its truths as it unfolds.

”IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,” John 1:1a.

1. According to Revelation 19:11-13, Jesus is that “\_\_\_\_\_.” Here we have the fact that Jesus was from the beginning.
2. Though He became \_\_\_\_\_ at Bethlehem, the Son of God is eternal.

He prayed in John 17:5, “...O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.” He said in John 8:58, “Before Abraham was, I am.”

“...AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD,” John 1:1b.

1. Here is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the deity of Christ.
2. One cannot be a \_\_\_\_\_ unless he believes in the deity of Christ. He is God. In Isaiah 9:6 and 7, He is called “The mighty God, The everlasting Father.”
3. This same \_\_\_\_\_ is given in John 1:2 which says, “The same was in the beginning with God.”

JESUS WAS THE CREATOR. John 1:3.

1. Here we find that not only was Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but He was the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the “Elohim,” the God of creation, the plurality in one. He was in a real sense the Creator.

HE CAME UNTO HIS OWN CREATION. John 1:11.

1. Here is a picture of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to earth to pay the penalty for our sins.

SALVATION IS IN RECEIVING HIM. John 1:12.

1. Salvation is in receiving Jesus and believing on His \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is not by \_\_\_\_\_, not by good \_\_\_\_\_, but by receiving Christ and His payment on Calvary.

THE “HOW NOTS” OF BEING SAVED. John 1:13.

1. "...not of blood." Salvation cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "...nor of the will of the \_\_\_\_\_."
3. "...nor of the will of \_\_\_\_\_." Not only can man not be saved by the will of his own flesh, but he cannot be saved by the will of another.

A preacher may baptize him, but that cannot save him. One may give him communion, but that will not save him. One may try to absolve his sins, but that will not save him.

The simple truth is, there is nothing a man can do to save himself, and there is nothing one man can do to save another. Not another Christian, not a preacher, not a group of people forming a denomination, not a pope, not anyone can save another!

THE "HOW" OF SALVATION. John 1:13, "but of God."

1. This is the \_\_\_\_\_: A man must be born of God!
2. No one can be a \_\_\_\_\_ of God unless he is born of God. One is born of God by putting his faith in Jesus Christ and the finished work of Calvary.

THE INCARNATION. John 1:14a, "And the Word was made flesh."

1. It means that "the Word became flesh." This is really what it is all about. God became \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The incarnation means "\_\_\_\_\_." God was clothed upon with human flesh. Herein is the real Christmas story.

GOD WAS TEMPORARILY WITH US. John 1:14b "and dwelt among us."

1. The word "dwelt" means "\_\_\_\_\_." God's Son came to tabernacle with men. His heavenly body is likened unto a temple.
2. His earthly body is \_\_\_\_\_ unto a tabernacle. Many soldiers live in barracks, but when they are on maneuvers, they live in tents. Jesus came to earth to live in a tent.
3. The physical body is likened unto a tabernacle; it is \_\_\_\_\_.

HE WAS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER. John 1:14c the phrase, "the only begotten of the Father."

1. Here we have the \_\_\_\_\_ birth. Modernists take the word "begotten" out of the Bible, but Jesus was begotten of the Father.

HE WAS "FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH," John 1:14d.

1. Notice the balance of our Lord. He was not just full of \_\_\_\_\_, but He was full of \_\_\_\_\_. He had conviction, yet He had grace. What a balance! We should have the same.