

# John 1 & 2

The book is a message about how the Lord is gracious.  
The Word, in whom was life, that was the light of men.  
Those that believed would become the sons of God.  
Full of grace and truth.  
Light vs darkness.  
John was sent to bear witness.  
He wasn't the Christ.  
He knew him not.  
He baptized with water, but the one the Spirit descended on would baptize with the Holy Ghost.

**Isaiah 11:1** And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:  
2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him...

John called him the Lamb of God.

**John 1:35** Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;  
36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!  
37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

John's ministry was fruitful.  
They heard John speak.

## Verse 38

**John 1:38** Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye?  
They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

Why'd they ask him that?  
It is a beautiful picture.

## Verse 39

**John 1:39** He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

It was getting on toward evening.

“that day” not “that night”

## Verse 40

**John 1:40** One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

They become two of the apostles.  
Who was the other one?

## Verse 41

**John 1:41** He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

They understood that the Lamb of God was Christ.

Family are often the first that we witness to.

## Verse 42

**John 1:42** And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

Simon: hearing  
Jona: dove

He gets a new name, identity.

Disciple 3.

## Verse 43

**John 1:43** The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

This is the fourth day.  
And the fourth disciple.

Now Jesus is being proactive.

## Verse 44

**John 1:44** Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Bethsaida was in Galilee.  
The same area where John was baptizing.  
The same area where Jesus was from.

## Verse 45

**John 1:45** Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Philip finds a guy he knows.

We talked last time about Moses speaking of the Prophet, and the prophets speaking of Messiah, the Lamb of God.

Nazareth was another town in Galilee.

Tells him exactly who he was.

Perhaps Philip had known Jesus before.

“We have found him” vs Jesus went forth and findeth Philip.  
Apparently they’d been seeking him.

## Verse 46

**John 1:46** And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?  
Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

Nathanael is a bit of a skeptic.

Philip: fond of horses  
A Greek name.

Nathanael: given of God  
A Hebrew name.

## Verse 47

**John 1:47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

He has a very Hebrew name, an Israelite indeed.

But Jesus is being sarcastic about him having no guile.

## Verse 48

**John 1:48** Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

How do you know me?  
How would somebody from Nazareth know him very well?

Jesus knows where he was when Philip called him.

Fig tree represents the Jewish system.  
He was more religious and self-righteous.

But God can save them too, if they will look for the Christ.

## Verse 49

**John 1:49** Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

Nathanael says he is indeed the Christ.  
Disciple number 5.

He calls him the Son of God, and the King of Israel.

Before he didn't address him as "Rabbi".

So Nathanael heard Jesus say that, and he believed.

## Verse 50

**John 1:50** Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

Nathanael wouldn't just take their word for it.  
He believed based on this little miracle.

If it works that convince you, be ready to be convinced.

## Verse 51

**John 1:51** And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Reference to Jacob's ladder.

**Genesis 28:10** And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to **heaven**: and behold the **angels of God ascending and descending on it**.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

This is the thing that convinced Israel to follow God.

### HEAVEN OPEN

**Genesis 7:11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of **heaven** were **opened**.

**Deuteronomy 28:12** The LORD shall **open** unto thee his good treasure, the **heaven** to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

**Ezekiel 1:1** Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the **heavens** were **opened**, and I saw visions of God.

**Matthew 3:16** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the **heavens** were **opened** unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

**Acts 7:56** [Stephen] said, Behold, I see the **heavens opened**, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

**Acts 10:11** [Peter] saw **heaven opened**, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

**Revelation 4:1** After this I looked, and, behold, a door was **opened in heaven**: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Last time:

**Revelation 19:11** And I saw **heaven opened**, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Christ comes down.

Elijah, two witnesses, ascend.

**Revelation 11:12** And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they **ascended** up to **heaven** in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Just like John did when it said a door was opened in heaven.

All the saints descend.

The latter rain.

Also fulfilled at the rapture.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall **descend** from **heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Jesus would do many works.  
But this is the ultimate work.

Nathaniel was skeptical, but was convicted by Christ's intuition.  
But that's a very little thing.

## Chapter 2 Verse 1

**John 2:1** And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

Day 5.  
John is giving us a daily record of Christ's early ministry.

A social event.

## Verse 2

**John 2:2** And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

First time Jesus has seen his mother since being declared the Lamb.

## Verse 3

**John 2:3** And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

Jesus's mother is pretty bold.

## Verse 4

**John 2:4** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

That's rude.

Jesus says it isn't time yet.

Mary must have thought that maybe it was. Time for an open declaration.

## Verse 5

**John 2:5** His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

## Verse 6

**John 2:6** And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

They would wash their hands before they eat.

**Mark 7:3** For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. ...

## Verse 7

**John 2:7** Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

That's like filling your sink or bathtub up with water.

## Verse 8

**John 2:8** And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

Taking bathwater for the governor of the feast to drink.

They servants apparently accepted Mary's authority.

## Verse 9

**John 2:9** When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

You know they weren't going to tell him where it came from.  
That's why Jesus did that.

## Verse 10

**John 2:10** And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

They would serve the best wine first.  
Jesus is a good winemaker.

## Verse 11

**John 2:11** This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

This is his first miracle.  
"manifested his glory" but it wasn't his hour.

But his disciples believed on him.  
Didn't they already?  
Didn't they say, "We've found the Christ"?  
Didn't Nathanael say, "Thou art the Son of God"?

Did they believe on him because of this? yeah.  
Did they believe on him aside from this? yeah.

They already heard and believed.

## Verse 12

**John 2:12** After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

The family goes to Capernaum, and Jesus takes his disciples.

On the coast of the sea of Galilee.

**Matthew 4:13** And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in **Capernaum**, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

He was in Cana of Galilee.



Capernaum: Hebrew “village” + “comfortable”

A short stay.

## Verse 13

**John 2:13** And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

Jesus and his disciples may have left before the others.  
The passover is when the people are sanctified by a lamb.

## Verse 14

**John 2:14** And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

Within the temple complex is the holy house, but also courtyards.

The temple has become a good place of business.

## Verse 15

**John 2:15** And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

Scourge was used to punish someone.  
A whip.

**Acts 22:24** The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by **scourging**; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

**John 19:1** Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and **scourged** him.

It would cause pain, and leave a mark, and even draw blood.

Jesus has made a weapon.  
He's just engaged in violence.

He didn't have to do this. (He could have used a miracle instead.)  
But his hour was not yet come.

## Verse 16

**John 2:16** And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

They're lucky he didn't let all their doves fly away.

Jesus has just declared himself the Son of God.

That's the first time he has said that.

## Verse 17

**John 2:17** And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

His disciples are there.

They know the scriptures.  
Psalm 69:9.

## Verse 18

**John 2:18** Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

Contrast with the disciples response.

They understand what Jesus is implying.

## Verse 19

**John 2:19** Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

They're going to get a sign.

He's just made himself the protector of the temple.  
And now he's painting them as the destroyers of.

## Verse 20

**John 2:20** Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

Well, they just asked for a sign.

They aren't willing to believe him.

They're incredulous. They're offended.

## Verse 21

**John 2:21** But he spake of the temple of his body.

The Spirit abode upon him.  
He's the son of God.

But they didn't believe that.

They took him literally.  
And he intended that.  
They're infatuated with the temple system.  
They're not willing to accept grace and truth, they like the law of Moses.

## Verse 22

**John 2:22** When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

The disciples didn't fully understand it then either.  
But they took note of it.  
So they believed.

The Jews did destroy that temple.

What did they believe?

Why didn't the Jews believe?  
They remembered too.

They got their sign.

## Verse 23

**John 2:23** Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

Jesus remained there until the feast day.  
The day the passover is killed.  
That is one of the days when all Israel must appear before the LORD.  
A good day to declare yourself the Lamb of God.  
He's prepared the temple (cast out the leaven).

They believed he was the Savior.

They asked for a sign, and he's doing miracles.

Isn't it time for him to declare himself?

## Verse 24

**John 2:24** But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,

He didn't confirm what they were believing.

He didn't commit himself into their hands.

Because he knew all men.

John just gave us a preview of what is going to happen.

What was it that Jesus knew? That is what this book is about.

Belief in miracles comes from the flesh, belief in the word comes from the heart.

## Verse 25

**John 2:25** And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

Jesus didn't need an explanation of how men think.

He created us.

He knew what was in man.

There is a spirit in man, and also a mind of flesh.

Jesus turned down being accepted as the Christ.