

# Wycliffe Associates

## Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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# 1:1-4

**Background:** John was one of Jesus' 12 disciples. He was with Jesus during his earthly ministry. He was an eyewitness to these events, and he wrote an account of what he saw Jesus do and what he heard Jesus say. This section was John's introduction to his Gospel.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ In the beginning of everything, the Word existed. [1:1]
- ☐ The Word was with God and the Word was God. [1:2-3]
- ☐ All things were made through the Word. [1:3]
- ☐ In the Word was life. [1:4]
- ☐ The life was the light of men. [1:4]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who is 1:1-4 about?  
It is about the one who is called "the Word."
2. What did John say about the Word in relation to God? [1:1]  
The Word was with God; the Word was God.
3. How did God make all things? [1:3]  
God made all things through the Word.
4. What things were made in some other way? [1:3]  
None. All things that were made were made through the Word.
5. What does this say about the Word and life? [1:4]  
Life was in the Word.
6. What do you think it means to be the "light of men"?  
It means to be something that gives people knowledge and understanding.

**Comment Section:**

# 1:14-18

**Background:** Many men had the name “John.” The man who wrote this book was named John. Starting in John 1:6 he wrote about another man named John. That man was a preacher who baptized people, so he was also called “John the Baptist.”

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Word became flesh, which meant Jesus became a human being, and he lived among people. [1:14]
- ☐ The Word had glory. [1:14]
- ☐ John the Baptist testified about The Word. [1:15]
- ☐ Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [1:17]
- ☐ No one has seen God, but the one who is at the Father’s side has made God known. [1:18]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the Word become and do? [1:14]  
The Word became flesh, which meant the Word became a human being, and lived among people.
2. What did John say he and the other eyewitnesses saw concerning the Word? [1:14]  
They saw the glory of the Word.
3. What do you think it meant to be “the one and only who came from the Father”? [1:14]  
It meant that he was the only Son of God.
4. According to John the Baptist, why was the Word greater than he was? [1:15]  
The Word was greater because the Word was before John.
5. What did God give through Moses? [1:17]  
He gave the law.
6. John first wrote of “Jesus Christ” by name in verse 1:17. What do you think Jesus Christ had to do with the information in verses 14-16? [1:17]  
Jesus Christ is the Word who became flesh, the one and only who came from the Father, the one that John the Baptist testified about, and the one from whom grace and truth came.
7. Who made God the Father known to people? [1:18]  
The only God (that is, the Son of God), who is at the side of the Father, made God the Father known.

**John 1:14-18 continued**

8. Why do you think John called Jesus the Word in verse 14? [1:17, 18]  
A person spoke words to express their thoughts. Perhaps John called Jesus "the Word" because God the Father fully expressed his truth through Jesus, the Son. Jesus made God the Father known to people in a way that no one else could.
9. In 1:1, John wrote that the Word was with God and the Word was God. In 1:18 John wrote about the only God, who is at the Father's side. What do you think this suggests about Jesus Christ?  
Jesus Christ is divine and sits beside the Father in heaven.

**Comment Section:**

## 2:1-12

**Background:** In chapter 1, John the Baptist announced that Jesus is the Son of God. Andrew, one of John's disciples, then told his brother Simon that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus told a man named Philip to follow him, and Philip told Nathaniel that Jesus is the one that Moses and the prophets had written about. When Jesus spoke to Nathaniel, Nathaniel realized that Jesus is the Son of God, the King of Israel.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were at a wedding. [2:1-2]
- ☐ Jesus' mother told him that there was no more wine. [2:3]
- ☐ Jesus turned the water into wine. [2:9]
- ☐ The head waiter said it was the best wine they had at the wedding. [2:10]
- ☐ This was Jesus' first miraculous sign, and the disciples believed in him. [2:11]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did this story take place? [2:1]  
It took place at a wedding in Cana.
2. What did Jesus say to his mother when she told him that there was no more wine? [2:4]  
He asked her why she was trying to involve him, and he told her it was not his time yet.
3. What did Jesus' mother say to the servants? [2:5]  
She told them to do whatever Jesus told them to do.
4. What did Jesus do? [2:6-8]  
He told the servants to fill the water pots with water and to take some of that water to the head waiter.
5. What did the head waiter do? [2:9-10]  
He tasted it, and then he called the bridegroom and commented on how good the wine was. It was better than what had been served at first.
6. What happened to the water? [2:9]  
It became wine.
7. Why do you think John called what Jesus did a "sign"? [2:11]  
Perhaps the miracle that Jesus did showed something about himself to people.
8. What do you think it meant that Jesus revealed his glory? [2:11]  
It meant that Jesus showed that he is glorious. Perhaps it meant that he showed that he is God. Or perhaps it meant that God gave him power to do miracles.

**John 2:1-12 continued**

9. What do you think it meant that the disciples believed in him? [2:11]

They probably believed that God had sent Jesus and had given him power. They probably believed that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah.

**Comment Section:**

# 3:16-18

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ God loved the world by giving his one and only Son. [3:16]
- ☐ Whoever believes in the Son will have eternal life. [3:16]
- ☐ God sent his Son to save the world, not to condemn it. [3:17]
- ☐ He who believes in the Son is not condemned. [3:17]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who does God love? [3:16]  
The world, all people in the world, everyone.
2. What did God do because he loved the world? [3:16]  
God sent his one and only Son so that whoever believed in him would have eternal life
3. What do you think it meant to believe in God's only Son? [3:16]  
It meant to trust in him. That is, to trust that he is who he says he is, that he spoke the truth, and that he will do what he has promised.
4. What do you think happens when a person has eternal life? [3:16]  
The person lives with God forever.
5. For what purpose did God send his Son into the world? [3:17]  
God sent his Son into the world to save the world through him.
6. How did Jesus describe those who do not believe in him? [3:18]  
They were "already condemned." This meant that God would punish these people because they sinned and did not believe in Jesus for forgiveness.

**Comment Section:**

## 4:9-14

**Background:** Jesus was traveling through Samaria and rested by a well of water. It was a well that his ancestor Jacob had dug long ago. A Samaritan woman came to get water from the well, and Jesus asked her to give him some water to drink.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The woman asked why a Jew was asking a Samaritan woman for something. [4:9-10]
- ☐ Jesus said that if she had asked him, he would have given her living water. [4:10]
- ☐ She asked if Jesus was greater than Jacob, who gave the people the well. [4:11-12]
- ☐ Jesus said that everyone who drinks the water he gives will never be thirsty again. [4:13]
- ☐ Jesus said the water that he gives will become a fountain of water, springing up to eternal life. [4:14]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the Samaritan woman ask Jesus? [4:9]  
She asked him why he, a Jew, was asking her, a Samaritan, for a drink.
2. Why was the woman surprised that Jesus was talking to her? [4:9]  
She was surprised because Jews did not associate with Samaritans.
3. What did Jesus say to the woman? [4:10]  
If she had known who he is, she would have asked him and he would have given her living water.
4. What did the woman say about the living water? [4:11]  
The woman asked Jesus where he would get the living water.
5. What did Jesus say about the water in the well? [4:13]  
Everyone who drinks the water from the well will be thirsty again.
6. What did Jesus say about the water that he gives? [4:14]  
Whoever drinks from the water Jesus gives will never be thirsty, and the water will become a spring that flows with lots of water that gives eternal life.
7. What kind of water do you think Jesus was talking about that causes a person never to be thirsty again?  
He was talking about spiritual water, that is, Jesus provides for every spiritual need.

**Comment Section:**



## 5:16-23

**Background:** One Sabbath day, Jesus healed a man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus told him to pick up his mat and walk. When the Jews saw the man, they told him that he was not permitted to carry his mat on the Sabbath, and they asked who had healed him. The man later told them that Jesus had healed him.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Jews persecuted Jesus because of what he did on the Sabbath. [5:16]
- ☐ Jesus said that his Father and he were working. [5:17]
- ☐ The Jews wanted to kill Jesus because he called God his own Father. [5:18]
- ☐ Jesus spoke about the Father and the Son. [5:19-23]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. When Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath, what did the Jews do? [5:16]  
They persecuted Jesus.
2. How did Jesus respond to the Jews? [5:17]  
Jesus said, "My Father is working even now, and I, too, am working."
3. Why did the Jews seek even more to kill Jesus? [5:18]  
They wanted to kill him because he broke the Sabbath and he called God his own Father.
4. When Jesus called God his own Father, what did the Jews understand? [5:18]  
They understood that Jesus believed that he was equal with God.
5. What do you think it means for Jesus to be equal with God?  
It means that things that are true only about God are also true about Jesus, the Son of God. [5:19]
6. What did Jesus say about what the Son does? [5:19]  
He said that the Son does only what he sees the Father doing.
7. What does the Father do concerning the Son? [5:20]  
The Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he does.
8. What do the Father and the Son do concerning those who have died? [5:21]  
The Father and Son raise them to life.

**John 5:16-23 continued**

9. What did the Father give to the Son? [5:22]

The Father gave all judgment to the Son. This means the Father allows the Son to judge everyone.

10. For what purpose did the Father give all judgment to the Son? [5:23]

The Father did this so that everyone will honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

11. Why did the Son come? [5:23]

The Son came because Father sent him.

12. To whom was Jesus referring when he spoke about the Father and the Son? [5:19-23]

He was speaking about God the Father and himself.

13. What facts are true only of God and the Son? [5:19-23]

The following facts are true only of God and the Son:

The Son does what God the Father does in the same way. [5:19]

Both the Father and the Son give people life. [5:21]

The Father and the Son have authority to judge everyone. [5:22]

Everyone will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. [5:23]

**Comment Section:**

# 5:36-47

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus said that his testimony was greater than that of John the Baptist. [5:36]
- ☐ Jesus said that the Father testified about him. [5:37]
- ☐ Jesus said that the scriptures testified about him. [5:39]
- ☐ Jesus told the people that they did not have the love of God in themselves. [5:42]
- ☐ Jesus told them that if they believed what Moses wrote, they would believe Jesus. [5:46-47]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What testimony did Jesus say was more important than even the testimony of John the Baptist? [5:36]  
The works that Jesus was doing.
2. What did Jesus' works testify? [5:36]  
They testified that the Father had sent Jesus.
3. Who else testified concerning Jesus? [5:37]  
The Father also testified concerning Jesus.
4. How do you think the Father testified about Jesus? [5:37-39]  
He testified about Jesus through his word, the scriptures.
5. What evidence did Jesus give when he said that the people did not have God's word remaining in them? [5:38-40]  
Jesus was the one that the Father sent, yet the people did not believe in him. Also, the scriptures testify about Jesus, but they were unwilling to come to him. These things show that God's word was not in them.
6. Why was it foolish for them not to come to Christ? [5:39-40]  
They wanted eternal life, and Jesus was the one who could give it to them.
7. What evidence did Jesus give that the love of God was not in them? [5:42-43]  
Jesus came in the Father's name, yet they did not receive him. This shows that they did not love God.
8. Why were the people unable to believe? [5:44]  
They were unable to believe because they were more concerned about receiving praise from each other than receiving praise from the only God.
9. Why would Moses accuse them? [5:45-46]  
Moses would accuse them because he wrote about Jesus, but they did not believe Jesus. If they had believed Moses, they would have believed Jesus.

**Comment Section:**

## 6:25-40

**Background:** Earlier in John 6, Jesus performed a miracle near the Sea of Galilee. He took five loaves of bread and two fish and fed a large crowd of over 5,000 people. Then Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum.

The next morning some of the people from the crowd got into boats and went to Capernaum to look for Jesus.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When the crowd found Jesus, he told them that they came to him only because of the bread, not because they had seen signs. [6:25-26]
- ☐ They asked Jesus what God required of them, and he told them to believe in him. [6:28-29]
- ☐ But they demanded a sign, like Moses who gave their ancestors bread from heaven. [6:30]
- ☐ Jesus explained that he is the true bread from God that gives life to the world. [6:33-40]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus say was the reason that the people looked for him, and what should have been their reason? [6:26]  
He said that they looked for him because they had eaten the bread and were satisfied. They should have gone to him because they had seen his signs.
2. What kind of food is really valuable? [6:27]  
The food that endures to eternal life is really valuable.
3. Who did Jesus say would give them this food? [6:27]  
The Son of Man.
4. What did Jesus say the work of God was? [6:29]  
Jesus said the work of God was to believe in the one God sent.
5. What did the crowd want Jesus to do, and why did they want him to do that? [6:30]  
They wanted him to perform a sign so that they might believe him.
6. What do you think was the crowd's reason for talking about the manna their ancestors had eaten? [6:31]  
Perhaps they wanted Jesus to give a sign like the one their ancestors had seen.
7. What do you think was Jesus' reason for mentioning Moses? [6:32]  
The people probably thought that Moses was the one who had given the bread from heaven to their ancestors.
8. Who did Jesus say gave the true bread from heaven? [6:32]  
Jesus' Father.

**John 6:25-40 continued**

9. Where did the bread of God come from, and what did the bread of God do? [6:33]

The bread of God came down from heaven and gave life to the world.

10. How did Jesus answer the people when they asked him to give them this bread? [6:35]

He told them that he is the bread of life, and those who come and believe in him will never be hungry or thirsty.

11. In what way do you think believers in Jesus will never be hungry or thirsty? [6:35]

Believers in Jesus will never have a spiritual hunger or thirst. God will provide for their every spiritual need.

12. Who will come to Jesus? [6:37]

Everyone whom the Father gives to Jesus will come to him.

13. Where did Jesus say he came from? [6:38]

He said he came down from heaven.

14. To whom do you think Jesus was referring when he spoke of the one who sent him? [6:38-39]

He was referring to God the Father.

15. What did Jesus say was the will of the Father? [6:39-40]

It was the will of the Father that Jesus should not lose any of those whom God gave to him. All who believed in the Son (Jesus) received eternal life and would be raised up on the last day

**Comment Section:**

## 8:48-59

**Background:** Several times in this chapter the Jews spoke about their ancestor Abraham. He was a great man who lived over 2000 years earlier.

Later when speaking to Moses, God called himself “I AM.”

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus said that anyone who kept his word would never see death. [8:51]
- ☐ The Jews said that Abraham and the prophets had died, and they asked who Jesus thought he was. [8:52-53]
- ☐ Jesus said that Abraham rejoiced when he saw Jesus’ day. [8:56]
- ☐ Jesus also said, “Before Abraham was, I AM.” [8:58]
- ☐ The Jews picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple. [8:59]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the Jews accuse Jesus of? [8:48]  
The Jews said that Jesus was a Samaritan and had a demon.
2. What did Jesus say to the Jews? [8:49]  
Jesus said that he did not have a demon, and that he honored his Father, but the Jews dishonored him.
3. What did Jesus say would happen to those who obeyed Jesus’ word? [8:51]  
They would never see death. This meant they would never die.
4. Why do you think the Jews spoke about Abraham and the prophets? [8:52-53]  
The Jews knew that Abraham and the prophets were great people and yet they died. The Jews did not believe Jesus was greater. They were accusing Jesus of saying something about himself that was not true.
5. What did Jesus say about his Father? [8:54]  
Jesus said that his Father glorified him and that his Father is the one whom the Jews say is their God.
6. Why did Jesus tell the Jews that they were liars? [8:54-55]  
He said they were liars because they said that God is their God, but they did not even know God.
7. Who did Jesus know, and whose word did he obey? [8:55]  
Jesus knew God, his Father, and he obeyed his Father’s word.
8. What did Jesus say about Abraham? [8:56]  
Jesus said that Abraham rejoiced that he would see Jesus’ day, and he did see it and was glad.

**John 8:48-59 continued**

9. Why do you think the Jews spoke about Jesus' age? [8:57]  
They did not believe that Jesus was alive when Abraham was alive, so he could not have seen Abraham.
10. How did Jesus answer the Jews? [8:58]  
Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM."
11. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I AM"? [8:58]  
Jesus was saying that he was God.
12. Why do you think the Jews picked up stones to throw at Jesus? [8:58]  
They wanted to kill Jesus because when Jesus said, "I AM," he was saying that he is God.
13. What did Jesus do? [8:59]  
Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

**Comment Section:**

# 10:24-39

**Background:** Jesus continued teaching and doing miracles. In 10:1-21 Jesus taught that he is the good shepherd, and his followers are his sheep.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Jews asked Jesus to tell them if he is the Christ. [10:24]
- ☐ Jesus told the Jews that he had told them, but the reason they did not believe was that they were not his sheep. [10:25]
- ☐ Jesus told the Jews that the reason they did not believe was that they were not his sheep. [10:25]
- ☐ Jesus told them his Father gave him his sheep and that he and the Father are one. [10:30]
- ☐ The Jews said that they were about to stone Jesus because he spoke blasphemy. [10:33]
- ☐ Jesus told them to believe in his works so that they could know that the Father is in him and he is in the Father. [10:38]
- ☐ The Jews tried to seize him again, but he got away. [10:39]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the Jews want Jesus to tell them? [10:24]  
They wanted Jesus to tell them if he is the Christ.
2. What things did Jesus say that testified about him? [10:25]  
The works that he did in his Father's name testified about him.
3. What do you think Jesus' works testified to? [10:25]  
They testified that he was the Christ.
4. What did Jesus say was the reason that the Jews did not believe him? [10:26]  
They did not believe him because they were not his sheep.
5. What do you think it means to be Jesus' sheep? [10:26-27]  
It means to belong to him the way sheep belong to a shepherd. Just as sheep listen to and obey the shepherd, people who believe in Jesus listen to and obey him.
6. What did Jesus say about him and his Father? [10:30]  
Jesus said that he and his Father are one.
7. What was the Jews' reason for stoning Jesus? [10:33]  
They said that they were stoning him for blasphemy because he claimed to be God.
8. What did Jesus quote from the law? [10:34]  
Jesus quoted the passage that says, "I said, 'You are gods.'"



**John 10:24-39 continued**

9. Who was called gods in this passage? [10:35]  
The people to whom the word of God was written.
10. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that the scripture cannot be broken? [10:35]  
He meant that the scripture is true and it cannot be changed.
11. What do you think Jesus meant when he asked his question in 10:35-36?  
Jesus meant that they should not say that he was blaspheming when he said, "I am the Son of God."
12. What did Jesus say was the reason that it was not blasphemy to call himself the Son of God? [10:35-36]  
In the law, God had called people gods. Jesus was the one whom God set apart and sent into the world. If people could be called gods, then certainly the one whom God sent into the world could be called the Son of God.
13. According to Jesus, under what circumstances should people not believe him? [10:37]  
Jesus said that they should not believe him if he was not doing his Father's works.
14. According to Jesus, what should people do if he was doing his Father's works? [10:38]  
They should believe his works and understand that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus..
15. Why did the Jews try to seize Jesus again? [10:38-39]  
They tried to grab him because he said that the Father was in him and he was in the Father.
16. What do you think the Jews understood Jesus to mean when he said that the Father was in him, and he was in the Father? [10:38-39]  
They understood that Jesus was continuing to say that God was his Father and that he was equal with God.

**Comment Section:**

# 11:17-27; 38-44

**Background:** Earlier in John 11, Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha, sent a messenger to tell him that their brother Lazarus was sick. Jesus did not go immediately to them. Instead, he waited two days, and then he went to them in Bethany.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus came to Bethany and learned that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. [John 11:17]
- ☐ Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." [11:25]
- ☐ Martha told Jesus she believed that he was the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world. [11:27]
- ☐ Jesus went to the tomb and said in a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!" [11:38, 43]
- ☐ Lazarus came out of the tomb still wrapped in linen strips, and Jesus said to untie him and let him go. [11:44]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus learn when he arrived at Bethany? [11:17]  
Jesus learned that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days.
2. How far was Bethany from Jerusalem? [11:18]  
Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia away.
3. Why did many Jews come to Martha and Mary? [11:19]  
The Jews came to comfort Martha and Mary.
4. Who came to meet Jesus when she heard that Jesus was coming? [11:20]  
Martha came to meet Jesus, but Mary stayed in the house.
5. What did Martha say to Jesus? [11:21-22]  
She said that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. But she also knew that God would give to Jesus whatever he might ask of God.
6. What did Jesus say to Martha? [11:23]  
Jesus told Martha that her brother would rise again.
7. How did Martha answer Jesus? [11:24]  
Martha said that Lazarus would rise again in the resurrection on the last day.
8. Who did Jesus say he was? [11:25]  
Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."
9. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that he is the resurrection and the life? [11:25]  
He is the one who raises people from the dead, and he is the one who gives people life.

**John 11:17-27; 38-44 continued**

10. What did Jesus say would happen to whoever believed in him? [11:25-26]  
If the believer dies, he will live, and if the believer lives, he will never die.
11. When Jesus asked Martha if she believed that, how did she answer Jesus? [11:27]  
Martha said that she believed Jesus was the Christ and the Son of God who was coming into the world.
12. Where did Jesus go? [11:38]  
Jesus went to the tomb.
13. What did Jesus command? [11:38-39]  
Jesus said to take away the stone from the tomb.
14. What do you think the stone was there for? [11:38-39]  
It was covering the entrance to the cave.
15. What did Martha say to Jesus? [11:39]  
She said that the body would be decaying because Lazarus had been dead for four days.
16. What did Jesus remind Martha about? [11:40]  
He reminded her that if she believed, she would see the glory of God.
17. What was Jesus' prayer to the Father? [11:41]  
Jesus thanked the Father that he listened to him.
18. For what purpose did Jesus say that? [11:42]  
He said it so that the crowd would believe that God had sent him.
19. What did Jesus cry out in a loud voice? [11:43]  
Jesus cried out, "Lazarus, come out."
20. What happened at the tomb? [11:44]  
The man who had died came out of the tomb, still wrapped in strips of linen and Jesus commanded that they untie him and let him go.

**Comment Section:**

# 13:1-17

**Background:** People in the ancient Near East walked barefoot or wore sandals, and their feet would get dirty. So, when they went into a house, there would be water for them to wash their own feet, or the host or a servant would wash their feet for them.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet. [13:3-5]
- ☐ Peter objected and said Jesus would never wash his feet. [13:8]
- ☐ Jesus said if Peter didn't wash Peter's feet, Peter had no share with him. [13:8]
- ☐ When Jesus finished washing the disciples' feet, he told them that they also ought to wash one another's feet. [13:14]
- ☐ Jesus told the disciples that a servant was not above his master. [13:16]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus know? [13:1]  
He knew that his hour had come to go back to the Father.
2. What had happened to Judas Iscariot? [13:2]  
The devil had put into the heart of Judas to betray Jesus.
3. What did Jesus do? [13:4-5]  
Jesus got up from dinner, took off his outer clothes, tied a towel around his waist, poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel.
4. What would Peter understand later? [13:7]  
He would understand what Jesus was doing.
5. What did Jesus tell Peter when Peter told Jesus not to wash his feet? [13:8]  
Jesus told Peter that if he did not wash him, Peter would have no share with him.
6. What do you think Jesus meant when he told Peter, "You will have no share with me"? [13:8]  
Jesus meant that Peter would not belong to him and could have no fellowship with him.
7. What did Jesus say to Peter when Peter told Jesus to wash his hands and head, too? [13:9-10]  
Jesus said that a person who has bathed only needs to wash his feet. He is completely clean.
8. Who do you think Jesus was speaking about when he said, "You are clean"? [13:10]  
Jesus was speaking about the disciples.

**John 13:1-17 continued**

9. Who was Jesus talking about when he said that one of them was not clean? [13:2, 11]  
Jesus was talking about Judas Iscariot.
10. What do you think Jesus meant when he said Judas was not clean?  
Judas was not clean spiritually. He did not truly believe in Jesus. Instead, he was listening to the devil, and as a result he was going to betray Jesus.
11. Why should the disciples wash each other's feet? [13:12-15]  
When Jesus washed their feet, he was giving them an example. Since he was Lord and Teacher and washed their feet, then they should wash each other's feet.
12. What did Jesus say about servants and messengers? [13:16]  
A servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him.
13. What did Jesus tell the disciples would happen if they followed his example? [13:17]  
They would be blessed.

**Comment Section:**

# 14:16-17

**Background:** In the first part of John 14, Jesus told his disciples that he would be leaving them and going to the Father.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus said he would pray to the Father and the Father would give them another Comforter, the Spirit of truth. [14:16-17]
- ☐ The world could not receive the Spirit, but the Spirit lived in the disciples and would be with them forever. [14:17]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus say he would pray for? [14:16]  
He would pray for the Father to give them another Comforter. (The word “Comforter” or “Advocate” in the original language refers to a counselor who helps a person in court. But other English versions also communicate these ideas: one who comforts, one who encourages, one who helps.)
2. Who did Jesus say would be with them forever? [14:16]  
The Comforter would be with them forever.
3. What other name did Jesus call the Comforter? [14:17]  
Jesus called him the Spirit of truth.
4. Why did the disciples know the Spirit of truth? [14:17]  
They knew him because he lived with them and would be in them.

**Comment Section:**

# 15:1-8

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus told his disciples that he was the vine, his Father was the gardener, and they were the branches. [15:1,5]
- ☐ The Father cuts off every branch that does not bear fruit and prunes the other branches so they will be more fruitful. [15:2]
- ☐ Just as branches cannot bear fruit unless they remain in the vine, the disciples could not bear fruit unless they remained in Jesus. [15:4-5]
- ☐ If disciples remained in Jesus and his words remained in them, they could ask what they wish and it would be done. [15:7]
- ☐ The Father was glorified when Jesus' disciples bore much fruit and so proved that they were Jesus' disciples. [15:8]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus say about the vine and the gardener? [15:1]  
Jesus said that he is the vine and his Father is the gardener.
2. What does the Father do? [15:2]  
He removes every branch in Jesus that does not bear fruit, and he prunes the branches that bear fruit so they will bear more fruit.
3. What did Jesus tell the disciples they were? [15:3]  
They were already clean because of the message that Jesus spoke.
4. Why did Jesus tell the disciples to remain in him, that is, to stay joined to him spiritually? [15:4]  
Just like a branch cannot bear fruit unless it remained in the vine, so the disciples could not bear fruit unless they remained in Jesus.
5. What do you think it means for a person to bear fruit? [15:2-4]  
It means for a person to mature spiritually and to do the things that please God.
6. What did Jesus tell the disciples they could do without him? [15:5]  
Without Jesus the disciples could not do anything.
7. What were those who do not remain in Jesus compared to? [15:6]  
They were compared to a branch that no longer remained attached to the vine.
8. What happened to those that did not remain in Jesus? [15:6]  
They were thrown away and dried up like branches that were gathered up and thrown into the fire and burned up.

**John 15:1-8 continued**

9. What did Jesus say about the prayers of those who remained in him? [15:7]  
If Jesus' words remained in them, they could ask what they wanted and it would be done for them.
10. What do you think it meant to remain in Christ? [15:4, 5, 7]  
It meant to trust Jesus and love him faithfully.
11. What do you think it meant for Christ's words to remain in a person? [15:7]  
It meant that the person remembered, believed, and obeyed what Christ said.
12. How was the Father glorified? [15:8]  
The Father was glorified when the disciples bore much fruit.

**Comment Section:**



# 16:12-14

**Background:** In John 14, Jesus told his disciples that he would be leaving and that the Father would give them another Comforter, the Spirit of truth. In chapters 14-16, he continued to tell them things they would need to know and what the Comforter would do.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus wanted to tell the disciples many things, but they would not be able to bear them at that time. [16:12]
- ☐ The Spirit of truth would guide them into all truth. [16:13]
- ☐ The Spirit of truth would glorify Jesus by telling them what he heard from Jesus. [16:13,14]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Jesus not tell his disciples all of the things he had to say? [16:12]  
He did not tell them because they could not bear them then.
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said the disciples could not bear them then? [16:12]  
Perhaps he meant that they would not be able to understand the things he wanted to tell them. Perhaps he meant that they would be too upset about those things or opposed to them.
3. Who did Jesus say was coming? [16:13]  
The Spirit of truth
4. What did Jesus say the Spirit of truth would do when he came? [16:13]  
He would guide them into all truth, he would speak whatever he heard, and he would tell them of things that would happen in the future.
5. How would the Spirit of truth glorify Jesus? [16:14]  
He would take from whatever belongs to Jesus and he would tell it to the disciples.
6. What do you think Jesus meant when he said that the Spirit of truth would take from whatever belongs to Jesus and tell it to them? [16:14]  
He probably meant that the Spirit would take all that Christ told him to teach, and he would teach them.

**Comment Section:**

# 17:20-26

**Background:** In John 17 Jesus prayed to the Father. In 17:1-5 he prayed about himself, and in 17:6-19 he was praying for those who already believed in him, that God would keep them safe.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus said that he was also praying for those who would believe in him through the word of those who already believed in him. [17:20]
- ☐ Jesus prayed that they all would be one so that the world would believe that God had sent him. [17:21-23]
- ☐ Jesus wanted them to be with him and to see his glory. [17:24]
- ☐ Jesus said he knows the Father and has made his name known to those the Father sent him. [17:25-26]
- ☐ Jesus said he will make the Father's name known so that the Father's love will be in them. [17:26]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who was Jesus praying for? [17:20]  
Jesus was praying both for those who had already believed in him and for those who would believe in him because of what the first group of believers would tell them.
2. What was Jesus praying for all who believed in him? [17:21]  
Jesus was praying that all believers would be one, just as Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus.
3. Why did Jesus pray that all believers might be in him and the Father? [17:21]  
He prayed this so that the world might believe that the Father had sent him.
4. Why did Jesus give to the believers the glory that the Father had given him? [17:22]  
He gave it so that the believers would be one just as he and the Father are one.
5. How will the world know that the Father sent Jesus? [17:23]  
The world will know this when the believers are unified.
6. What did Jesus want? [17:24]  
Jesus wanted those the Father had given him to be with him and to see his glory.
7. Who knew that God had sent Jesus? [17:24-25]  
Jesus said, "These know that you sent me." The word "these" refers to the people God had given him.
8. What did Jesus say he had done and would continue to do? [17:26]  
Jesus had made the Father's name known to them, and he would continue to make the Father's name known to them.

**John 17:20-26 continued**

9. Why would Jesus continue to make the Father's name known to the believers? [17:26]  
He would do this so that the love with which God had loved him would be in them, and so that he would be in them.

**Comment Section:**

# 18:1-11

**Background:** Long ago God spoke to the prophet Moses and called himself, “I AM.”

In the Old Testament, prophets sometimes spoke of God punishing someone by saying that God made him drink the cup of God’s wrath.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus and the disciples went across the Kidron Brook to a garden. [18:1]
- ☐ Judas came to the garden with a band of soldiers. [18:3]
- ☐ When Jesus told the crowd, “I am,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. [18:6]
- ☐ Jesus told the crowd to let the disciples go. [18:8-9]
- ☐ Peter pulled out a sword and cut off the ear of the high priest’s servant. [18:10-11]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Jesus and the disciples go after Jesus’ prayer in John 17? [18:1]  
They crossed the Kidron Brook to the garden.
2. What did Judas do? [18:3]  
He got a band of soldiers and some officers of the chief priests and officers of the Pharisees and led them to the garden.
3. Why do you think Judas took the soldiers and officers to the garden? [18:2-3]  
Judas was betraying Jesus to them. He wanted them to arrest Jesus.
4. What did Jesus know? [18:4]  
He knew all that would happen to him.
5. What did Jesus say to the crowd? [18:4]  
He asked who they were looking for.
6. When the crowd said they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth, what did Jesus tell them? [18:5]  
Jesus said, “I am” or “I am he.”
7. Why do you think the crowd moved backward and fell to the ground when Jesus said that? [18:6] (See the Background above.)  
When Jesus said, “I am,” he was saying he is God. Perhaps they fell because they were overpowered by who he is. Or perhaps they were afraid, so they stepped back and fell.

**John 18:1-11 continued**

8. What did Jesus ask the crowd the second time and what did they answer? [18:7]  
Jesus asked them who they were looking for, and again they said: "Jesus of Nazareth."
9. What did Jesus tell the crowd to do if they were looking for him? [18:8]  
He told the crowd to let the men with him go.
10. What had Jesus said sometime earlier? [18:9]  
Jesus had said, "I lost none of those you have given me." (This is recorded in Jesus' prayer in John 17:12)
11. How do you think Jesus' words in 18:8 would fulfill what Jesus had said earlier? [18:9]  
Jesus told the crowd to let his disciples go. Because he did that, he would not lose any of those God had given him.
12. What did Peter do? [18:10]  
He took out his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest.
13. What did Jesus say to Peter? [18:11]  
"Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"
14. What do you think was the cup the Father had given Jesus? [18:11] (See the Background above.)  
It was the cup of God's wrath.
15. What do you think Peter wanted to do, and why do you think Jesus told Peter to put his sword away? [18:10-11]  
Peter wanted to stop the soldiers and officials from arresting Jesus. But Jesus knew that Peter must not stop them because Jesus had to drink the cup the Father had given him. This meant Jesus had to suffer and die as the Father planned for him to do.

**Comment Section:**

# 19:28-42

**Background:** In John 18 the soldiers and officers arrested Jesus. First, they took him to be tried by the high priest. Then they took him to be tried by Pilate, the governor. Then they crucified him. They hung him on a cross to die.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus said, "It is finished," and gave up his spirit. [19:30]
- ☐ The soldiers did not break Jesus' legs because he was dead. [19:33]
- ☐ One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear. [19:34]
- ☐ Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus prepared the body of Jesus for burial. [19:38-40]
- ☐ They laid Jesus' body in a tomb in which no one had been laid. [19:42]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus say so that the scriptures would be fulfilled? [19:28]  
Jesus said that he was thirsty.
2. What happened when Jesus said he was thirsty? [19:29]  
People filled a sponge with sour wine and put it up to Jesus' mouth.
3. What happened after Jesus drank some of the sour wine? [19:30]  
Jesus said that it was finished, and then he gave up his spirit.
4. What did the Jews ask Pilate for? [19:31]  
They asked that the legs of those on the crosses be broken so that people could take the bodies away.
5. Why did the Jews want the bodies on the crosses to be taken away? [19:31]  
It was the day of Preparation, and the Jews did not want the bodies to stay on the crosses during the Sabbath.
6. What do you think the day of Preparation was? [19:31]  
It was the day before the Sabbath. People had to prepare for the Sabbath.
7. What did the soldiers do to the two men who were crucified with Jesus? [19:32]  
The soldiers broke their legs.
8. Why do you think the soldiers broke their legs? [19:32]  
They broke their legs probably to make those on the cross die more quickly.
9. Why didn't the soldiers break Jesus' legs? [19:33]  
They did not break his legs because he was already dead.

**John 19:28-42 continued**

10. What happened when the soldier pierced the side of Jesus with a spear? [19:34]  
The soldier pierced the side of Jesus and blood and water came out.
11. Who do you think the author, John, was referring to when he wrote "the one who saw"? [19:35]  
He was referring to himself.
12. Why did John testify to the things that happened? [19:35]  
He did this so that people would believe.
13. What scriptures were fulfilled after Jesus died? [19:36-37]  
The first scripture fulfilled was: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and the second scripture was: "They will look at him whom they pierced."
14. What did Joseph of Arimathea ask of Pilate? [19:38]  
Joseph asked Pilate for permission to take away Jesus' body.
15. Why was Joseph a secret disciple of Jesus? [19:38]  
Joseph was afraid of the Jews. He did not want them to know that he followed Jesus.
16. What did Joseph of Arimathea do? [19:39]  
He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes.
17. Why do you think John mentioned Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night? [19:39]  
He may have done this to help his readers know who this man named Nicodemus was. He was probably doing it to remind them of what he had written about Nicodemus earlier in the book. (John had written about Nicodemus in John 3.)
18. What did Joseph and Nicodemus do after they prepared the body of Jesus for burial? [19:41-42]  
They placed his body in a new tomb where no one had been buried.

**Comment Section:**

## 20:26-29

**Background:** On the day Jesus rose from the dead, he came to some of his disciples and spoke with them. But one of his disciples, Thomas, was not with them. When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen the Lord, he did not believe them. He said he would only believe if he could see and touch the wounds in Jesus' hands and side.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus appeared to Thomas and the other disciples. [20:26]
- ☐ Jesus told Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side and to believe. [20:27]
- ☐ Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God." [20:28]
- ☐ Jesus said, "Blessed are those who believe without seeing." [20:29]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Describe the place where the disciples were. [20:26]  
They were inside, and the doors were closed.
2. What did Jesus do? [20:26]  
Jesus came and stood among them.
3. What do you think Jesus' reason was for saying, "Peace to you"? [20:26]  
Perhaps this was a common greeting. Perhaps his disciples were frightened when he came into the room even while the doors were closed.
4. What did Jesus say to Thomas? [20:27]  
He told Thomas to touch his hands and side, to stop doubting, and to believe.
5. What did Thomas say after Jesus spoke to him? [20:28]  
He said, "My Lord and my God!"
6. Why do you think Thomas said, "My Lord and my God"? [20:28]  
He realized that Jesus was raised from the dead and that he must be the Lord God.
7. Who did Jesus say is blessed?  
He said those who believe in Jesus, though they have not seen him, are blessed.

**Comment Section:**



# 21:15-25

**Background:** Jesus appeared to Simon Peter and some of the other disciples while they were fishing. He had prepared fish and bread for them to eat.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Jesus. [21:15-17]
- ☐ Jesus indicated how Peter would die. [21:18-19]
- ☐ Peter asked Jesus about "the disciple whom Jesus loved." [21:20-22]
- ☐ A rumor spread that "the disciple whom Jesus loved" would not die. [21:22-23]
- ☐ "The disciple whom Jesus loved" was the one who wrote these things. [21:24-25]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus say to Peter after they had finished breakfast? [21:15]  
Jesus said, "Peter, do you love me more than these?"
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he asked that? [12:15]  
Jesus probably meant, "Do you love me more than these other disciples love me?"
3. What did Jesus say to Peter after Peter said that he loved Jesus? [21:15]  
Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs.
4. What did Jesus say to Peter a second time? [21:16]  
Jesus said, "Peter, do you love me?"
5. What did Jesus say to Peter after Peter said that he loved Jesus? [21:16]  
Jesus told Peter to shepherd his sheep.
6. Why was Peter sorrowful? [21:17]  
Peter was sorrowful because Jesus asked him if he loved him a third time.
7. How did Peter answer Jesus after Jesus asked him a third time if he loved him? [21:17]  
He said, "Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you."
8. What did Jesus tell Peter? [21:18]  
Jesus told Peter that when he was old, he would stretch out his hands and be carried to where he didn't want to go.
9. Why did Jesus tell Peter that? [21:19]  
Jesus was showing Peter how he would die and glorify God.

**John 21:15-25 continued**

10. What did Jesus tell Peter to do? [21:19]  
Jesus told Peter to follow him.
11. What did Peter ask Jesus about the “disciple that Jesus loved”? [21:20-21]  
Peter asked him what would happen to that man.
12. How did Jesus respond to Peter’s question about the other disciple? [21:22]  
Jesus told Peter it is no concern to Peter if Jesus wants the other disciple to live until Jesus returns.
13. What were believers saying about the “disciple that Jesus loved”? [21:23]  
They were saying that he was not going to die.
14. What did John write about the disciple that Peter asked about? [21:24]  
He wrote that the disciple that Peter asked about was the one who testified and wrote about these things.
15. Who do you think that disciple was? [21:23-24]  
That disciple was John, the author of this book.
16. Were all the things that Jesus did written about? [21:25]  
No, because if everything Jesus did was written about, there would be so many books that there would not be enough space in the world for all of them.

**Comment Section:**