

The Gospel of John, Part 1 – AK 17

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

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(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – In John 1:9-18 Jesus is described in several ways. List and explain two of the ways He is described.

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

- Jesus is the Light (v. 9): Jesus came as the True Light shining on every man. This does not mean that every person has received knowledge of the light but that Jesus as the perfect Man reveals the true nature, the darkness, in every person.
- Jesus is the Creator (v. 10): It was through Him that all things were made; He is the rightful owner of all things, included the planet He was born on and the people who rejected Him
- Jesus is the Savior (v. 11): He came to make people be able to become children of God. There was no other way, either by birth or by human choice, for humans to enter into the family of God.
- Jesus is the Incarnate One (v. 14): Jesus' life did not begin when He was born. He is God "in the flesh". He veiled His visible glory in a human body, yet showed God's grace and truth in His earthly, human life by His words and deeds.
- Jesus is the Son of God (v. 15ff): As the Son of God, Jesus has a unique special relationship to the Father. He is One with the Father and acts and speaks only as He receives from the Father. His Sonship makes Him equal to the Father and His perfect representative.

1 – HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 – VERSES

- Jesus as Light: John 8:12; 12:35
- Jesus as Creator: Colossians 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 8:6
- Jesus as the Incarnate One: Philipians 2:5-8; John 14:7-13
- Jesus as Son: John 5:18; 10:29-38; 14:7-13
- Jesus as Savior: John 3:16-17

Questions 2 – After reading chapter seven of the course as well as John 5, what are the real reasons why people do not accept the Savior?

2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

At the end of John 5, Jesus explains all the reasons why the Jews rejected Him. First He tells them that they do not have God's word abiding in them because they do not believe God; if they did then they would believe in Jesus, His Son. Jesus goes on to explain that the Jewish leaders had misplaced their trust in scripture for eternal life instead of seeing that they pointed to Him. They had no love for God and sought glory from men instead of God. Lastly, they did not believe the writings of Moses because of they had, they would've believed in Him. They were trusting in things other than God for their salvation. They could not hear His voice or His truth.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

2 - VERSES

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – What is your personal response to the multi-faceted description of Jesus Christ given in these verses?

1 - COMMENTS

- Since Christ is the Word Who was in the beginning with God and is Himself God (v 1), our response should be one of worship.
- He is the Creator and He is the light of men, the true light that has come into the world coming as a man to reveal God (vv 3-4, 18).
- The world did not recognize Him, nor did His own people, who rejected Him (vv 10-11).
- However, whoever receives Him and believes on Him receives the right to become a child of God (v 12); therefore our response should be one of faith in Him.

1 - VERSES

- John 1:1- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:3-4- All things were made through Him... in Him was life..
- John 1:10a; 14, 18 He was in the world.. and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. He has declared Him.
- John 1:12- as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God.

EXAM 2 – What is one lesson you take away from this portion about telling people about Christ?

2 - COMMENTS

- We are to bear witness to what we have seen concerning Christ as John the Baptist did (John 1:29-34)
- We are to witness to our family and friends about Christ as Andrew did in telling his brother Peter; and as Philip did in telling Nathanael (John 1:40-45; Mark 5:1-19)

2 - VERSES

- John 1:32- John bore witness saying...
- John 1:34- I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God
- John 1:4- He first found his own brother...
- John 1:45- Philip found Nathanael...
- Mark 5:19- Go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you,...

EXAM 3 – Reflecting back on John 1:14, which verses in this section demonstrate Jesus was (a) “full of grace” and (b) “full of truth”?

3 - COMMENTS

- Jesus responded graciously to His mother but did speak truthfully (John 2:4)
- He drove out those who were misusing the temple for their own purposes rather than God's glory (John 2:16)

- He did not commit Himself to man, because He knew what was in man (John 2:24-25)

3 - VERSES

- John 2:4- Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.
- John 2:16- Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of Merchandise!
- John 2:24-25- He knew all men. He knew what was in man

EXAM 4 – How has the teaching on this section furthered your understanding of salvation?

4 - COMMENTS

- Nicodemus needed to be born again, or born from above, like anyone else although he was a Pharisee and well taught in the Scriptures (John 3:4-7) We learn that everyone needs salvation and it is not of works.
- Salvation is not reforming one's life but a new birth, a spiritual birth, which is of God (John 3:3-7)

4 - VERSES

- John 3:3, 7- 'Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God'.. Do not marvel that I said unto you, 'You must be born again'.

EXAM 5 – From this section give at least one current-day application from Christ's concern for the lost.

5 - COMMENTS

- He cares for those who are forgotten and despised and desires that they hear the good news of the Gospel as seen in chapter 4. But He needed to go through Samaria in order to meet the women at the well (John 4:4,7)
- We need to be aware of spiritual needs around us and those ready to hear and believe. (John 4:25)

5 - VERSES

- John 4:4-He needed to go through Samaria
- John 4:39-And many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified...
- John 4:35- Do not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold..look on the fields, for they are already white for harvest.

EXAM 6 – Identify at least 3 divine characteristics of Christ from this lesson's passage. What should our response be?

6 - COMMENTS

- His power to heal instantly and from a distance (John 4:52-53) Our response should be to ask Him in prayer for whatever we need (Philippians 4:6; Hebrews 4:16)
- He is omniscient (John 5:6) Our response should be to be honest with the Lord as He knows all about us (Psalm 139:1-6)

- He is God, being equal with the Father (John 5:16, 18) Our response should be to worship Him (Philippians 2:9-10)

6 - VERSES

- John 4:53-So the Father knew that it was the same hour in which Jesus said... ‘Your son lives’
- Philippians 4:6-Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be known to God...
- Hebrews 4:16-Let us therefore, come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- Psalm 139:3-You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
- John 5:17- ‘My Father has been working.. and I have been working’.
- Philippians 2:10-at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.. and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord..

EXAM 7 – Rewrite John 5:24-25 in your own words.

7 - COMMENTS

- Truly I tell you that whoever hears My Word and believes My Father Who sent me into the world will now have eternal life. He who believes will not be judged for his sins but has passed from spiritual death into eternal life. The time is coming and is already here when those who are dead in their sins will be given life.

7 - VERSES

- John 5:24-25

EXAM 8 – The feeding of the 5,000 is very well-known. What do you enjoy about it?

8 - COMMENTS

- Christ had compassion for the need of the people to have something to eat (John 6:5)
- Jesus used the physical need of the people to test Philip (John 6:6)
- He used the disciples to help supply their need (John 6:11)
- He was able to meet the needs of thousands from just a small lunch (John 6:2, 9, 12)

8 - VERSES

- John 6:5-Jesus lifted up His eyes, seeing a great multitude coming toward Him
- John 6:6-But this He said to test him..
- John 6:11- Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down...
- John 6:12- So when they were filled...

EXAM 9 – How has Jesus, the Bread of Life, “satisfied you”?

9 - COMMENTS

- Jesus said He is the bread of life Who came down from heaven to give life to the world (John 6:33). Those who come to Him will never hunger or thirst. He is speaking of spiritual, not physical,

hunger and thirst . As the bread of life, He satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst when we believe on Him. (John 6:35)

9 - VERSES

- John 6:33, 35- 'For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world'. ..'He who comes to Me shall never hunger..he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'

EXAM 10 – The Jews were so quick to resist and even attack Christ's teachings. What practical lesson does this have for us?

10 - COMMENTS

- They should not have been so quick to resist and attack His teachings because it turned out they were wrong about Christ. It was not that they *could* not believe, but they were *unwilling* to believe; therefore, they rejected His teachings without considering whether they were from God or not. Jesus said if they *willed* to do His will, they would know concerning the doctrine whether it is of God or whether he spoke on His own authority (John 7:17) It does not have to do with the ability to accept, but the will to do so.

10 - VERSES

- John 7:17- 'If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or...

EXAM 11 – Identify some evidences of Christ's character here that makes Him worthy of our worship?

11 - COMMENTS

- He did not condemn the woman taken in adultery (John 8:11)
- He claimed to be the light of the world and those who follow Him will have the light of life (John 8:12; 1:4, 9)
- The Father bore witness to His identity (John 8:18)

11 - VERSES

- John 8:11- 'neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more'
- John 8:12- 'I am the light of the world, he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life'
- John 1:4-.and the life was the light of men
- John 1:9- He is that true light that came into the world
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EXAM 12 – If you are a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ how has your commitment to follow Him deepened through your study of John's gospel so far? If you are not, what is keeping you from believing in Him?

12 - COMMENTS

- John's testimony and John the Baptist's testimony as to Who Christ is helps us understand that He is God and the promised Messiah (John 1:1-23, 29; Christ's miracles and His claim to deity in these first eight chapters should deepen our commitment to Him as He is worthy of our all (John 2:23;5:21-23) Jesus said that believing is not a matter of understanding, or knowing, but of the will (John 7:17)

12 – VERSES

- John 1:1-In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:29-The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!'
- John 2:23 ..many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He did.
- John 5:21- For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.
- John 7:17- If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God..