

The Gospel of John

Lesson 1: *The Logos* John 1 (20 March 6BC - 9 April 26AD)

John 1:1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word was God**. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him **all things were made**; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the **light** of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has **not overcome** it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was **John**. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might **believe**. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a **witness** to the light. 9 The true **light** that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was **in** the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did **not** recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his **own** did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did **receive** him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become **children** of God— 13 children born **not** of **natural** descent, nor of human **decision** or a husband's **will**, but born of **God**. 14 The Word became **flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of **grace and truth**. 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has **surpassed** me because he was **before** me.'") 16 Out of his **fullness** we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the **law** was given through **Moses**; **grace and truth** came through Jesus Christ. 18 **No one** has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, **has made him known**. 19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "**I am not the Messiah**." 21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you **Elijah**?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the **Prophet**?" He answered, "No." 22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 John replied in the words of **Isaiah** the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" 24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, "**Why then do you baptize** if you are not the **Messiah**, nor **Elijah**, nor the **Prophet**?" 26 "I baptize with **water**," John replied, "but **among** you stands one **you do not** know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose **sandals** I am not worthy to untie." 28 This all happened at **Bethany** on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The **next day** John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "**Look, the Lamb of God**, who takes away the **sin** of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be **revealed** to Israel." 32 Then John gave this testimony: "I **saw** the Spirit come down from heaven as a **dove** and **remain** on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and **remain** is the one who will **baptize** with the **Holy Spirit**.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." 35 The **next day** John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "**Look, the Lamb of God!**" 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they **followed** Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "**What do you want?**" They said, "**Rabbi**" (which means "**Teacher**"), "where are you **staying**?" 39 "**Come**," he replied, "and you will **see**." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they **spent** that **day** with him. It was about four in the afternoon. 40 Andrew, Simon **Peter's** brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the **Messiah**" (that is, the **Christ**). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are **Simon son of John**. You will be called **Cephas**" (which, when translated, is **Peter**). 43 The **next day** Jesus decided to **leave** for **Galilee**. **Finding Philip**, he said to him, "**Follow** me." 44 **Philip**, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of **Bethsaida**. 45 Philip found **Nathanael** and told him, "**We have found the one** Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the **prophets** also wrote—**Jesus** of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 "**Nazareth!** Can anything good come from **there**?" Nathanael asked. "**Come and see**," said Philip. 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an **Israelite** in whom there is no **deceit**." 48 "**How do you know me?**" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the **Son of God**; **you are the king of Israel**." 50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. **You will see greater things than that**." 51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Jesus is the Logos that John Identified

John 1:1 In the beginning was the **Word**, (**Logos = principle of reality; medium of Creation, governance, revelation; image of God, first born Son; High Priest, Paraclete for forgiveness/blessing**) and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word was God**. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him **all things were made**; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the **light** of all mankind. (**He gives life and His life lets us see**) 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has **not overcome** it. (**He shines in a world that doesn't understand.**) 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was **John**. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might **believe**. (**God sent John who came to tell of the light so others could believe in God and Jesus**) 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a **witness** to the light. (**John was not the Messiah**) 9 The true **light** that gives light to everyone (**His light is available to all**) was coming into the world. 10 He was **in** the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did **not** recognize him. (**He made the world but it did not recognize the Creator**) 11 He came to that which was his own, but his **own** did not receive him. (**Jews did not receive Him**) 12 Yet to all who did **receive** him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become **children** of God— (**Some did become God's children**) 13 children born **not** of **natural** descent, nor of human **decision** or a husband's **will**, but born of **God**. (**Born again, not from parental blood, sexual passion, human choice, but by God's choice.**)

The Logos became a Human Being

14 The Word became **flesh** and made his dwelling among us. (**The Logos became human, lived with us and we saw God's glory**) We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of **grace** (**Jesus is full of grace - God's gift we don't deserve**) and **truth**. (**Jesus is Truth - The Ultimate**) 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has **surpassed** me because he was **before** me.'") (**Jesus outranks John and pre-existed him**) 16 Out of his **fullness** we have all received grace in place of grace already given. (**We receive from Jesus' fullness**) 17 For the **law** was given through **Moses**; (**Moses had his place - the law is important**) **grace and truth** came through Jesus Christ. (**Jesus' grace and truth are its source**) 18 **No one** has ever seen God, (**Not even Moses saw God**) but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, **has made him known**. (**Jesus shows us God**)
Saturday 20 March 6BC 1 Nisan Luke 2:8 ... shepherds ... keeping watch ... (Watching the lambs during this lamb birthing season)

John the Baptist

February 26AD. John 1:19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. **(Who is John?)** 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." **(John knew he was not the Messiah)** 21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you **Elijah?**" He said, "I am not." **(Is he Elijah?)** "Are you the **Prophet?**" He answered, "No." **(Is he Christ?)**

Malachi 4:5 "See, I will send the prophet **Elijah** to you before that great and dreadful day of the **LORD** comes.

Matthew 11:14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is the **Elijah** who was to come.

Deuteronomy 18:15 The **LORD** your God will raise up for you a **prophet** like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ... 18 I will raise up for them a **prophet** like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.

John 1:22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 John replied in the words of **Isaiah** the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

Isaiah 40:3 A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the **LORD**; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

John 1:24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the **Messiah**, nor **Elijah**, nor the **Prophet?**" 26 "I baptize with **water**," **(John baptizes/immerses to show cleanliness using only water but a greater is coming)** John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. **(Jesus was among them - very human but unrecognized - see his pictures)** 27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose **sandals** I am not worthy to untie." **(In Egypt it was custom to remove sandals in the presence of a superior - thus Moses removed his sandals before the Bush. The lowest act of a slave was to untie the sandals - John is not even good enough to be Jesus' slave)**

The Lamb of God

Monday 25 February 26AD Luke 3:21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened

Matthew 4:1 Then **(on Monday 25 February 26AD)** Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted by the devil**. 2 After fasting forty days ... 3 The tempter came to him **(on Friday 5 April 26AD.)** and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

John 1:28 This all happened at **Bethany** on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The **next day (Sunday 7 April 26AD is the day after 1 Nisan 3786 which is the beginning of the acceptable year of the Lord, a shmita year of rest, where people have time to spend listening to Jesus.)** John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the **Lamb of God**, who takes away the **sin** of the world! **(As they prepare to walk 80 miles to Galilee, John recognizes him not as a cousin, but as the Passover Lamb to be slain to take away sin)** 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be **revealed** to Israel." **(John's purpose was to reveal the Lamb)**

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a **lamb** to the slaughter, ...

Genesis 22:10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to **slay his son**. ... 13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a **ram** caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and **sacrificed** it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Exodus 12:11 This is how you are to eat ... the **LORD'S Passover**. ... 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. ... 46 "It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. **Do not break any of the bones**.

John 19:36 ... so that the **scripture** would be fulfilled: "**Not one of his bones will be broken**,"

Follow the Lamb Wherever He Leads

John 1:32 Then John gave this testimony: "I **saw** the Spirit come down from heaven as a **dove** and **remain** on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and **remain (The dove was John's cue who would be the Messiah, because He did not look special)** is the one who will **baptize** with the **Holy Spirit**.' **(Jesus baptizes in the Spirit)** 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." **(More than Israel, David's progeny is Messianic)**

Exodus 4:22 Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the **LORD** says: **Israel** is my firstborn son,

2 Samuel 7:14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. ...

Psalms 2:7 I will proclaim the **LORD'S** decree: He said to me, "**You are my son; today I have become your father**."

Psalms 89:26 He will call out to me, 'You are my **Father, my God, the Rock my Savior**.'

John 1:35 The **next day (Monday 8 April 26AD)** John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, **(They are walking toward Galilee to begin the journey)** he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" **(Look, Go follow Him)** 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they **followed** Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "**What do you want?**" They said, "**Rabbi**" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you **staying?**" **(They want to see how the teacher lives because where you live tells about you)** 39 "**Come**," he replied, "and you will **see**." **(He invites them to come and see)** So they went and saw where he was staying, and they **spent** that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon **Peter's** brother, **(Everybody knows Peter)** was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the **Messiah**" (that is, the **Christ**). **(Andrew is convinced after one evening that Jesus is the Anointed One)** 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are **Simon** son of **John**. You will be called **Cephas**" (which, when translated, is **Peter**). **(Simon/hearing becomes the Peter/rock. His character change is fulfilling prophecy. We help others grow.)**

43 The **next day (Tuesday 9 April 26AD)** Jesus decided to **leave** for **Galilee**. **Finding Philip, (In the 80 mile walk from Bethany to Bethsaida)** he said to him, "**Follow** me." 44 **Philip**, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of **Bethsaida**. 45 **Philip (who gets another)** found **Nathanael (A disciple other than the 12)** and told him, "**We have found the one** Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the **prophets (Isaiah's servant)** also wrote—**Jesus** of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 "**Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?**" **(Nazareth is unprophetic - the offense of the incarnation: is God a man?)** Nathanael asked. "**Come and see**," said Philip.

Isaiah 11:1 A shoot will come up from the **stump** of **Jesse**; from his roots a **Branch (netzer)** will bear fruit.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an **Israelite (Israelite = strives with God)** in whom there is no **deceit**." **(He has no deceit like Jacob)**

Psalms 32:2 Blessed is the one whose sin the **LORD** does not count against them and in whose spirit is no **deceit**.

48 "**How do you know me?**" **(He knows his own character)** Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the **Son of God; you are the king of Israel**." **(God's Son, the King is a unified title)**

Zechariah 6:13 It is he who will build the **temple** of the **LORD**, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and **rule** on his **throne**. And he will be a **priest** on his throne. And there will be harmony between the **two**.' **(Priest and King who rules)**

50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. **You will see greater things than that.**" **(The rest of John shows us signs and wonders)** 51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending **(Jesus is greater than Jacob)** on' the Son of Man." **(Jesus is the new Israel.)**