Bible questions plan week 39 day 1
John 1
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The start of John's record of Jesus' life.

1 In the beginning* was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God**. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.3 All things were made through him. Without him, nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it.	What are we told about the Word?
* *See information below The beginning of the Good News* ** *There is no definite article in front of "God" here unlike the other occurrences of God in verses 1 and 2*	
6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came as a witness, that he might testify about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but was sent that he might testify about the light. 9 The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world.	What was John sent to do?
10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world didn't recognise him. 11 He came to his own, and those who were his own didn't receive him. 12 But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.	What were the different responses?
14 The Word became flesh and lived amongst us. We saw his glory, such glory as of the only born* Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. * *The phrase "only born" is from the Greek word "μονογενοῦς", which is sometimes translated "only begotten" or "one and only".*	What happened when the Word became flesh?
15 John testified about him. He cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me, for he was before me.' " 16 From his fullness we all received grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth were realised through Jesus Christ.	What do we learn about Jesus Christ?
18 No one has seen God at any time. The only born Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, has declared him.	How has God been declared?
19 This is John's testimony, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He declared, and didn't deny, but he declared, "I am not the Christ." 21 They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." 22 They said therefore to him, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'* as Isaiah the prophet said." * *Quotation from Isaiah 40 v 3*	How do John answer those who asked who he was?
24 The ones who had been sent were from the Pharisees. 25 They asked him, "Why then do you baptise if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptise in water, but amongst you stands one whom you don't know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, who is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to loosen." 28 These things were done in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptising.	What did John say about the one coming after him?
29 The next day, he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is preferred before me, for he was before me.'	How did John describe Jesus?
31 I didn't know him, but for this reason I came baptising in water, that he would be revealed to Israel." 32 John testified, saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven, and it remained on him. 33 I didn't recognise him, but he who sent me to baptise in water said to me, 'On whomever you will see the Spirit descending and remaining on him is he who baptises in the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."	What did John see that confirmed Jesus' identity?
35 Again, the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, being interpreted, Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.* * *4 pm*	What did John say and what did his disciples do?
40 One of the two who heard John and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother, Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah!" (which is, being interpreted, Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is by interpretation, Peter"). * *"Cephas" (Aramaic) and "Peter" (Greek) both mean "Rock".*	What did Andrew tell Simon, and what new name did Jesus give Simon?
43 On the next day, he was determined to go out into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets, wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."	What did Philip say to Nathanael?
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said about him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."	What did Jesus say about Nathanael?
49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I told you, 'I saw you underneath the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these!" 51 He said to him, "Most certainly, I tell you all, hereafter you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."	How did Jesus respond to Nathanael's answer?

The beginning of the Good News

*A selection of verses showing how the Bible uses the word beginning to refer to the start of Jesus' ministry.*A selection of verses showing how the Bible uses the word beginning to refer to the start of Jesus' ministry.

Gospel writers Mark, Luke and John all talk about the start of Jesus' life and work as the beginning:

Mark 1 verse 1

1 The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Luke 1 verses 1 - 2

1 Since many have undertaken to set in order a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled amongst us, 2 even as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word delivered them to us,

John 6 verse 64

64 But there are some of you who don't believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who didn't believe, and who it was who would betray him.

Jesus himself uses the same expression:

John 8 verse 25

25 They said therefore to him, "Who are you?"
Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.

John 15 verse 27

27 You will also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

The apostle John implies that the beginning was when they were with Jesus in his ministry:

1 John 1 verse 1

1 That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we saw, and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life

The apostle John says that the beginning was when they heard the message:

1 John 2 verse 24

24 Therefore, as for you, let that remain in you which you heard from the beginning. If that which you heard from the beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the Son, and in the Father.

1 John 3 verse 11

11 For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

2 **John 1 verse 5**

5 Now I beg you, dear lady, not as though I wrote to you a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.