

John chapter 1

What relationship exists between *the word* and *the light* [2-4]? The light [9-12] grants a certain right to certain people; what right is granted, and to whom? Is this the same light as in verses 2-5?

John “did not deny but confessed” that he was not the Messiah; why such an odd, defensive reply to a simple and seemingly innocent query: “who are you” [19-20]? Who saw the Spirit descending [32-34]?

Personal identity, especially as indicated by one's name, seems very important in this chapter. There are at least 9 different names (or titles)  Jesus in this chapter; verse 12 says that those who believe in his name become God's children -- which name is the right one?

John chapter 9

Does verse 3 teach that every circumstance of our lives is planned in detail by God to accomplish His divine purposes? or does it mean that we have no control and are completely subject to the whims of divine forces (remember the story of Job) [3]?

Why [13]?

Jesus seemingly had a chance encounter with a blind man, healed him, and moved on. But what happened next in the blind man's life [34-39]? Has Jesus accomplished his stated goal: “so that the acts of God may be revealed”?

John chapter 17

According to verse 2, what was Christ's purpose on earth? Who gets the glory? How does Jesus describe eternal life?

Is there a secret name of God that unlocks the blessings God desires to give us? What is Jesus teaching us with his four mentions of “*your name*” [6-12, 26]? Oh, and by the way, why **did** He share with us this intimate conversation between himself and his father?

Who does Jesus pray for, and *what* does Jesus pray for?

Next week: Acts chapters 2, 8, and 19.