



BIBLE TIMELINE

Where does the Gospel of John fit into the whole story of God's word?

JOHN written c.80-85AD

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John 1 v 1 – 2 v 12

MEETING THE WORD



talkabout

1. If you asked 100 people on the street, “Why did Jesus come to earth 2,000 years ago?” what kind of answers would you get?

- What about if you asked the same question of people in your church?



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2. **Read John 20 v 30-31.** Why did John write his Gospel?

DICTIONARY

Signs (v 30): miracles.
Messiah (v 31): the all-powerful, eternal King promised throughout the Old Testament.

- **Read 4 v 13-14; 10 v 10.** What is the “eternal life” that belief in Jesus offers like?

▶ **Read John 1 v 1-18**

3. What do we learn about the Word?

DICTIONARY

The Word (v 1): God the Son; Jesus Christ.

His own (v 11): the Jewish people.

Glory (v 14): God's awesome presence.

- What is the Word's relationship with God?



getting personal

Which single verse from this section will you memorize and call to mind throughout each day to remind you of who God is and who you are?

▶ **Read John 1 v 19-37**

4. What does John (not the Gospel writer!), who "came as a witness" (v 7), tell us about Jesus in these verses?

DICTIONARY

Testimony (v 19): evidence.

Elijah (v 21): an important Old Testament prophet.

The Prophet (v 21): In the Old Testament God promised to raise up a prophet greater than Moses (see Deuteronomy 18 v 15).

- How does John show remarkable humility in this section?



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5. How do you think these verses should make us feel about Jesus Christ?

6. John's message can be summed up as, *Not Me But Him*. What would it look like for us to live that way in our lives?

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▶ **Read John 1 v 37-51**

7. Who do Andrew and Philip realize Jesus is?

DICTIONARY

Son of Man (v 51): Jesus often used this title to refer to himself (see Daniel 7 v 13-14).

8. What is one of the first things that they both do next?

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Andrew is less well known to posterity than Simon (or, as he is usually called, Peter), but without Andrew's ministry of bringing there would have not been Peter's ministry of preaching. If we do not have Andrews then, under God's providence, we are unlikely to have Peters. You may not be a Peter, but you can be an Andrew.

How might you invite someone to come and see Jesus this week?



9. What does Jesus promise Nathanael (v 50-51)?



explore more

optional

➤ **Read Genesis 28 v 10-17**

What did Jacob (who was later renamed Israel, 35 v 10) see in his dream (28 v 12)?

What did he realize was the significance of the dream (v 16-17)?

➤ **Read John 1 v 51**

According to Jesus, where is this place where heaven touches earth—where we find a stairway to heaven?

➤ **Read John 2 v 1-12**

10. What is the purpose of Jesus' miracle here (v 11)? What is the right response to it?

11. What do you think the choice of event, and the type and amount of wine produced, are meant to tell us about Jesus and life with him?



→ apply

12. If someone researching Jesus Christ spent a week looking at your life, would they get a picture of the one you follow similar to the picture of Jesus that John has given us here?

- How can we use the truths of 1 v 1 – 2 v 12 to change in order to reflect better the light that gives life?

↑ pray

Thank God:

- that the Word became flesh.
- that the Word became flesh so that you could know the Father.
- that the Word became flesh to bring life in abundance.

Ask God:

- to enable you to live with a *Not Me But Him* attitude.
- to fill you with awe and excitement as you read about the Word in John's Gospel.
- to give you a deep and joyful confidence in the power and goodness of the One who turns water into wine.