

# Workbook On The Gospel Of John



*The Synagogue at Capernaum*

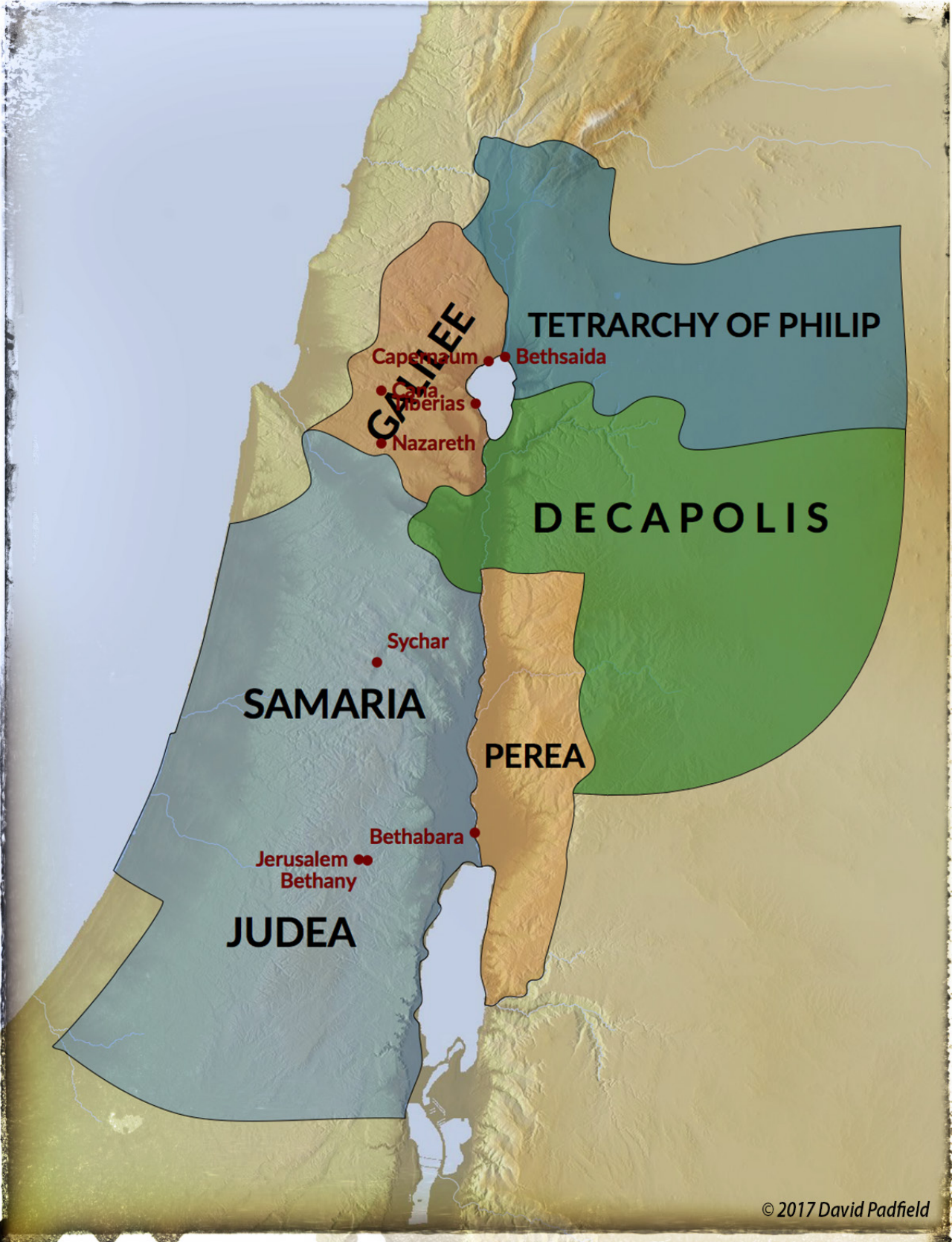
*“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:30–31)*

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# New Testament Palestine

Cities Mentioned in the Gospel of John





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# JOHN: THE GOSPEL OF BELIEF

## I. THE PROLOGUE (1:1–18)

1. Why is Jesus referred to as “the Word”? (1:1–5)
2. How can one harmonize John 1:3 with Genesis 1:1?
3. What was the purpose of John the Baptist? (1:6–9)
4. Who has the right to become a child of God? (1:10–13)
5. Why did the “Word become flesh”? (1:14)
6. How did Christ “declare” the Father unto mankind? (1:15–18)

## II. THE PERIOD OF CONSIDERATION (1:19–4:54)

### A. The Testimony of John’s Witness (1:19–51)

1. What questions did the priests and Levites from Jerusalem ask John? (1:19–25)

2. What was the purpose of John's baptism? (1:26–27)
  
3. Is there any significance to *where* John was baptizing? (1:28)
  
4. *Why* was Jesus baptized? (1:29–34)
  
5. Describe how Jesus selected His disciples. (1:35–42)
  
6. What good news did Philip give to Nathanael? (1:43–46)
  
7. Describe the first meeting between Nathanael and Jesus. (1:47–51)

## **B. The Testimony of Jesus' Works (2:1–22)**

1. What do we learn from the story of Jesus at the wedding feast in Cana? (2:1–11)
  
2. Where is Capernaum? Why did Jesus go there? (2:12)
  
3. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple in Jerusalem? (2:13–22)

### C. The Testimony of Jesus' Words (2:23–4:54)

1. Why did Jesus “not commit Himself” to those who believed in Him? (2:23–25)
2. Who was Nicodemus, and why did he come to Jesus? (3:1–2)
3. What did Jesus explain about the new birth? (3:3–9)
4. How did Jesus explain the *meaning* of the new birth? (3:10–21)
5. Why was John “baptizing in Aenon near Salim”? (3:22–24)
6. What was the dispute between the disciples of John and the Jews? (3:25–36)
7. How many people did Jesus baptize? (4:1–2)
8. Where was Jacob’s well? Did many Jews live in this area? (4:3–6)
9. What was so unusual about Jesus talking to the woman of Samaria? (4:7–9)

10. Summarize the conversation between Jesus and the woman of Samaria. (4:10–26)
  
11. What question did the disciples want to ask of Jesus? (4:27)
  
12. What did the woman of Samaria tell the men in her city? (4:28–30)
  
13. Summarize the conversation between Jesus and His disciples. (4:31–38)
  
14. How did the Samaritans react to the ministry of Jesus? (4:39–42)
  
15. Why did Jesus go back to Galilee? (4:43–45)
  
16. Why did Jesus go back to Cana of Galilee? (4:46–54)

### **III. THE PERIOD OF CONTROVERSY (5:1–6:71)**

#### **A. Presented in Action (5:1–18)**

1. What happened at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem? (5:1–9a)
  
2. Why did some people think that Jesus had violated the Sabbath? (5:9b–17)

3. What else did Jesus do that made the Jews angry? (5:18)

## **B. Presented in Argument (5:19–47)**

1. How does Jesus describe His relationship with the Father? (5:19–30)

2. On whose authority was Jesus acting? (5:30)

3. What “witnesses” did Jesus offer to prove His identity? (5:31–40)

4. Who “accused” the Jews in the audience? (5:41–47)

## **C. Presented in Demonstration (6:1–21)**

1. What happened on a mountain near the Sea of Galilee? (6:1–14)

2. What did some Jews want to force Christ to do? (6:15)

3. What happened on the Sea of Galilee? (6:16–21)



## **D . Presented in Discourse (6:22–71)**

1. Why were the people seeking Jesus? (6:22–27)
2. How does one “work the works of God”? (6:28–40)
3. Why did the Jews complain about Jesus? (6:41–42)
4. How did Jesus answer their charges? (6:43–51)
5. Why did the Jews quarrel among themselves? (6:52–59)
6. Why were so many people offended by Jesus? (6:60–65)
7. Once offended, what did these people do? (6:66)
8. What did Jesus ask His disciples? (6:67–69)
9. What do we learn about the character of Judas? (6:70–71)

## **IV. THE PERIOD OF CONFLICT 7:1–11:53**

### **A. The Conflict Described: With Jesus' brethren (7:1–9)**

1. Why did Jesus avoid Judea at this time? (7:1)
2. What did the brothers of Jesus want Him to do? (7:2–5)
3. How did Jesus answer His brothers? (7:6–9)

### **B. The Conflict Described: With the populace (7:10–52)**

1. What was the “public opinion” about Jesus? (7:10–13)
2. Why did the Jews marvel at Jesus? (7:14–15)
3. Why did some people claim that Jesus had a demon? (7:16–20)
4. How are we to “judge”? (7:21–24)
5. What else did the public say about Jesus? (7:25–31)

6. What did the Pharisees and the chief priests seek to do? (7:32–36)

7. What happened on the last day of the feast? (7:37–44)

8. Describe the conversation between the officers, chief priests and Pharisees. (7:45–52)

### **C. The Conflict Described: The woman taken in adultery (7:53–8:11)**

1. Why did the Pharisees bring a woman “caught in adultery” to Jesus? (7:53–8:6)

2. How did Jesus answer the scribes and Pharisees? (8:7–11)

### **D. The Conflict Described: With the Pharisees and Jews (8:12–59)**

1. How many witnesses did Jesus have on His side? (8:12–18)

2. What was the topic of discussion near the temple treasury? (8:19–24)

3. From Whom did Jesus receive the message He taught? (8:25–30)

4. What does it mean to “abide” in the words of Jesus? (8:31–32)

5. Why did the Jewish leaders seek to kill Jesus? (8:33–41a)
  
6. What charge did these leaders make against Jesus? (8:41b–47)
  
7. What other charge did they bring against Jesus? (8:48–53)
  
8. How did Abraham “rejoice” to see the day of Jesus? (8:54–59)

#### **E. The Conflict Illustrated: By the blind man (9:1–41)**

1. What question did the disciples have concerning the blind man? (9:1–5)
  
2. How was the blind man healed? (9:6–7)
  
3. What did “public opinion” say about the blind man? (9:8–12)
  
4. Describe the conversation between the blind man who had been healed and the Pharisees. (9:13–17)
  
5. Why were the man’s parents brought in? What did they say? (9:18–23)

6. What did the Pharisees accuse the *formerly* blind man of? (9:24–34)

7. How did Jesus react to what the Pharisees had done? (9:35–41)

### **F. The Conflict Illustrated: By the discourse on the Shepherd (10:1–21)**

1. What is a “sheepfold”? What did it illustrate in this passage? (10:1–6)

2. How is Jesus the “door of the sheep”? (10:7–10)

3. How and why is Jesus the “good shepherd”? (10:11–15)

4. Who are the sheep “not in this fold”? (10:16)

5. What did public opinion say about Jesus now? (10:17–21)

### **G. The Conflict Illustrated: By argument (10:22–42)**

1. What was the Feast of Dedication? Where was Jesus walking? (10:22–23)

2. What did the Jews want to know about Jesus? (10:24)

3. Why did the Jews attempt to stone Jesus? (10:25–39)

4. Where did Jesus visit? Why did He go there? (10:40–41)

## **H. The Conflict Illustrated: By the raising of Lazarus (11:1–53)**

1. Where did Lazarus, Mary, and Martha live? (11:1–2)

2. What happened to Lazarus? How did Jesus react? (11:3–15)

3. What did Thomas think was about to happen? (11:16)

4. Describe the scene when Jesus reached Bethany. (11:17–19)

5. Describe the conversation between Jesus and Martha. (11:20–27)

6. Describe the conversation between Jesus and Mary. (11:28–34)

7. Why do *you* think Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus? (11:35–37)



8. How was Mary going to see “the glory of God”? (11:38–40)
  
9. What happened when Lazarus came forth from the grave? (11:41–45)
  
10. What fear did the Pharisees and Jewish council have? (11:46–53)

## **V. THE PERIOD OF CRISIS (11:54–12:36A)**

1. Where is the city of Ephraim? Why did Jesus go there? (11:54–55)
  
2. What were the religious leaders trying to find out before the Passover? (11:56–57)
  
3. Why did Mary anoint our Lord with spikenard? (12:1–3)
  
4. What concern did Judas have over the cost of the spikenard? (12:4–6)
  
5. What lesson did Jesus teach concerning the generosity of Mary? (12:7–8)
  
6. What happened as Jesus entered Jerusalem? Why? (12:9–19)

7. Why did “certain Greeks” want to see Jesus? How did Jesus respond? (12:20–36a)

## **VI. THE PERIOD OF CONFERENCE (12:36B–17:26)**

### **A. Transition (12:36b–13:30)**

1. What did the prophet Isaiah say about Jesus? (12:36b–43)
2. Where did Jesus get His message from? (12:44–50)
3. What did Jesus do for His apostles at the Last Supper? (13:1–11)
4. What lesson was Jesus trying to teach by His actions? (13:12–17)
5. Why were the apostles so perplexed at the Last Supper? (13:18–25)
6. Where was Judas seated (or reclining) during the Last Supper? (13:26–30)

### **B. Conference with the Disciples (13:31–16:33)**

1. In this section of Scripture, how was God glorified? (13:31–35)

2. What was Peter concerned about? (13:36–38)
  
3. What is the most comforting aspect of John 14:1–3?
  
4. What did Thomas and Philip want to know? (14:4–15)
  
5. Who or what did Jesus promise to send to His apostles? Why? (14:16–31)
  
6. What is the lesson we can learn from the story about the vines? (15:1–8)
  
7. How can one prove their friendship towards Christ? (15:9–17)
  
8. Why will the world hate us? (15:18–25)
  
9. What warning did Jesus give His disciples? (15:26–16:4)
  
10. What was the Holy Spirit going to do? How? (16:5–11)
  
12. What else was the Holy Spirit going to do? (16:12–15)

13. What discussion did the disciples have among themselves? (16:16–24)

14. Why was Jesus speaking in figurative language? (16:25–33)

### **C. Conference with the Father (17:1–26)**

1. Who does Jesus pray for in the *first* part of His prayer? (17:1–5)

2. Who does Jesus pray for in the *second* part of His prayer? (17:6–19)

3. Who does Jesus pray for in the *final* part of His prayer? (17:20–26)

## **VII. THE PERIOD OF CONSUMMATION (18:1–20:31)**

### **A. The Betrayal (18:1–27)**

1. What do we know about the garden mentioned in John 18:1–2?

2. What groups of people were present when Jesus was arrested? (18:3)

3. Describe the conversation between Jesus and this group of men. (18:4–9)

4. What impetuous act did Peter commit in the garden? (18:10–11)
  
5. After His arrest, where was Jesus taken? Why? (18:12–14)
  
6. Who followed Jesus after His arrest? What happened in the courtyard? (18:15–18)
  
7. What did the high priest want to know about Jesus? (18:19–24)
  
8. What did Peter discuss with one of the servants of the high priest? (18:25–27)

## **B. The Trial Before Pilate (18:28–19:16)**

1. What was the Praetorium? Why was Jesus taken there? (18:28)
  
2. Describe the conversation between Pilate and the Jewish leaders. (18:29–32)
  
3. What did Pilate want to know about Jesus? What did he find out? (18:33–38)
  
4. Who was Barabbas? What Passover custom did he benefit from? (18:39–40)

5. Why did Pilate have Jesus scourged? (19:1–5)

6. Why was Pilate so confused in John 19:6–16?

### **C. The Crucifixion (19:17–37)**

1. Describe the scene at the cross, as John saw it. (19:17–24)

2. Who stood at the foot of the cross? What did they hear? (19:25–30)

3. Why did the soldiers intend to break the legs of Jesus? (19:31–37)

### **D. The Burial (19:38–42)**

1. What did Joseph of Arimathea ask of Pilate? (19:38)

2. How did Nicodemus assist Joseph of Arimathea? (19:39)

3. How does John describe the burial place of Jesus? (19:40–42)

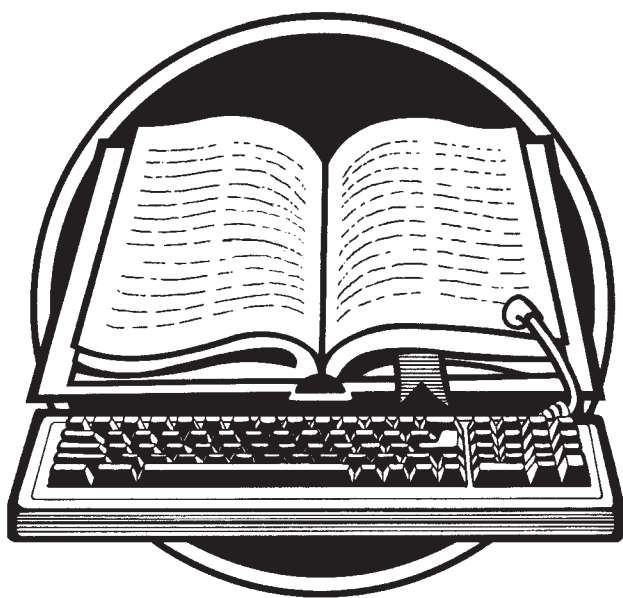


## **E. The Resurrection (20:1–29)**

1. What did Mary Magdalene observe at the tomb of Jesus? (20:1)
2. Who did she tell? What did they do? What did they see? (20:2–9)
3. Why did these men go to their homes? (20:10)
4. Who did Mary meet at the tomb? What did they say? (20:11–13)
5. Who else did she see at the tomb? (20:14–18)
6. What happened on the evening of the resurrection? (20:19–23)
7. Who had to learn about this event from others? (20:24–25)
8. What happened one week later? (20:26–29)
9. Why did John write this account of the gospel? (20:30–31)

## **VIII. EPILOGUE (21:1–25)**

1. Name the men present at the Sea of Tiberias. (21:1–2)
2. What task were these men occupied with? (21:3–4)
3. What advice did Jesus give to these men? (21:5–6)
4. How did Peter know that the one speaking to him was the Lord? (21:7–8)
5. When these men got to shore, what did they find? (21:9–14)
6. Describe the conversation between Jesus and Peter. (21:15–17)
7. What did the Lord reveal to Peter? (21:18–19)
8. What question did Peter ask about one of the other disciples? (21:20–23)
9. What point was John trying to make in the last two verses of this book? (21:24–25)



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