

Gospel of John

Bible Reading Plan for New Christians

A 30-Day Discipleship Guide to Seeing, Believing, and Following Jesus Christ

Theme Verse

“These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

John 20:31

Prepared for personal devotion, one-to-one discipleship, and small-group discussion

Purpose of This Reading Plan

The Gospel of John is a wonderful book for new Christians because it tells us plainly why it was written: **so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and have life in His name.** John does not merely give facts about Jesus; he calls us to faith in Jesus.

As you read John, watch for repeated words and themes: **believe, life, light, truth, glory, witness, love, abide.** John presents Jesus as the eternal Son of God, the Word made flesh, the Lamb of God, the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and the risen Lord.

Central Question

Who is Jesus, and how should I respond to Him with faith, worship, obedience, and witness?

How to Use This Plan

- Begin with prayer. Ask God to open your eyes to His Word and help you see Christ clearly.
- Read the assigned passage slowly. Mark repeated words, commands, promises, warnings, and questions.
- Write down one truth about Jesus and one response of faith or obedience.
- Talk about what you are learning with a pastor, mentor, parent, or mature Christian friend.
- End with prayer. Turn what you saw in Scripture into worship, confession, thanksgiving, and obedience.

Option 1: Core Observation Questions

1. What does this passage teach me about Jesus?
2. What does this passage teach me about people, sin, faith, unbelief, or discipleship?
3. Is there a command to obey, a promise to trust, a warning to heed, or an example to follow?
4. What word, phrase, or verse stood out most clearly?
5. What is one truth I need to believe today?
6. What is one step of obedience I should take?
7. How should I pray in response to this passage?

Option 2: The S.O.A.P. Method

S — Scripture	O — Observation	A — Application	P — Prayer
Write one verse or phrase that stood out.	What does the passage say? What do you learn about Jesus?	How does this truth apply today?	Ask God to help you believe and obey.

30-Day Reading Plan Through John

Day	Passage	Focus	Done
1	John 1:1-18	The Word Became Flesh	☐
2	John 1:19-34	John the Baptist Witnesses to Jesus	☐
3	John 1:35-51	Come and See: The First Disciples	☐
4	John 2:1-25	Glory Revealed and False Religion Confronted	☐
5	John 3:1-21	You Must Be Born Again	☐
6	John 3:22-36	He Must Increase	☐
7	John 4:1-26	Living Water for the Thirsty	☐
8	John 4:27-54	Witness, Harvest, and Believing Jesus	☐
9	John 5:1-29	The Son Gives Life	☐
10	John 5:30-47	Witnesses to the Son	☐
11	John 6:1-21	Jesus Feeds and Rescues	☐
12	John 6:22-71	The Bread of Life	☐
13	John 7:1-24	Jesus Teaches with Divine Authority	☐
14	John 7:25-52	Rivers of Living Water	☐
15	John 8:1-30	Light, Mercy, and Truth	☐
16	John 8:31-59	Truth, Freedom, and the Eternal I AM	☐
17	John 9:1-41	Blind Eyes Opened	☐
18	John 10:1-21	The Good Shepherd	☐
19	John 10:22-42	The Shepherd and His Sheep	☐
20	John 11:1-44	The Resurrection and the Life	☐
21	John 11:45-12:11	Unbelief, Devotion, and Costly Worship	☐
22	John 12:12-50	The King Comes to Die	☐
23	John 13:1-38	The Servant-Love of Jesus	☐
24	John 14:1-31	The Way, the Truth, and the Life	☐
25	John 15:1-27	Abide in the True Vine	☐
26	John 16:1-33	The Spirit, Sorrow, and Joy	☐
27	John 17:1-26	Jesus Prays for His People	☐
28	John 18:1-19:16	Jesus Arrested, Tried, and Condemned	☐
29	John 19:17-42	It Is Finished	☐
30	John 20:1-21:25	The Risen Lord and the Call to Follow	☐

Weekly Themes for Reflection

Week 1: Jesus Is the Eternal Son Who Came to Save

John 1-4: Jesus is not merely a religious teacher. He is the eternal Word made flesh, the Lamb of God, the giver of new birth, and the source of living water.

Key Question: Am I receiving Jesus as He reveals Himself, or am I trying to fit Him into my own assumptions?

Week 2: Jesus Gives Life and Exposes Unbelief

John 5-8: Jesus confronts spiritual blindness, false religion, shallow belief, and unbelief. He gives life, speaks truth, and calls sinners to come to Him.

Key Question: Where do I need to trust Christ more than my feelings, traditions, or fears?

Week 3: Jesus Shepherds, Raises, and Calls His People

John 9-12: Jesus opens blind eyes, gathers His sheep, raises the dead, and moves toward the cross with sovereign purpose.

Key Question: Do I hear the Shepherd's voice and follow Him with faith and surrender?

Week 4: Jesus Loves, Teaches, Prays, Dies, and Rises

John 13-21: Jesus prepares His disciples, promises the Spirit, prays for His people, finishes the work of redemption, rises from the dead, and restores His followers.

Key Question: How should the finished work and resurrection of Christ shape my obedience today?

Simple Discipleship Prompts

At the end of each week, discuss these questions with a pastor, mentor, parent, or mature believer:

1. What did you learn about Jesus this week?
2. What did you learn about faith and unbelief?
3. What confused you or raised questions?
4. What encouraged you?
5. What convicted you?
6. What is one area where you need to obey Christ?
7. How can someone pray for you this week?

One-Page Weekly Review Sheet

Use this page at the end of each week or copy it for each week of the plan.

1. The clearest truth I saw about Jesus this week:

2. One verse or phrase I want to remember:

3. One area where the Lord convicted or encouraged me:

4. One step of obedience I need to take:

5. One question I want to ask a mentor or pastor:

6. Prayer response:

A Simple Closing Prayer

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to see You in Your Word. Teach me to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, and to find life in Your name. Strengthen my faith, expose my sin, deepen my love, and help me follow You as my Savior, Lord, Shepherd, and King. Amen.