

Sunday August 9, 2026

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POP QUIZ

1. According to John 1:2, where was Jesus in the beginning?

- A. With the angels
- B. With God
- C. In creation
- D. In Bethlehem

(Answer: B)

2. Which statement best describes Jesus?

- A. Jesus became God at His baptism
- B. Jesus was the first being God created
- C. Jesus is eternal, and uncreated
- D. Jesus began when He was born in Bethlehem

(Answer: C)

3. Why does John repeat important truths in the opening verses of his Gospel?

- A. Because he forgot what he had already written
- B. To place emphasis on important truths
- C. Because Greek had no punctuation
- D. To make the Gospel longer

(Answer: B)

4. According to John 1:3, how many created things came into existence through Jesus?

- A. Most things
- B. Spiritual things only
- C. Everything except humanity
- D. All things

(Answer: D)

5. Approximately how many Earths could fit inside our Sun?

- A. 13,000
- B. 130,000
- C. 1.3 million
- D. 13 million

(Answer: C)

6. What does the vastness and complexity of creation ultimately point us toward?

- A. Humanity's greatness
- B. The greatness of the Creator
- C. The limits of scientific discovery
- D. The age of the universe

(Answer: B)

7. What is unique about Jesus as Creator?

- A. He improves things that already exist
- B. He creates from nothing and sustains everything
- C. He created only spiritual things
- D. He created the universe but no longer sustains it

(Answer: B)

8. What is the difference between resuscitation and the life Jesus gives?

- A. There is no difference
- B. Resuscitation restores earthly life; Jesus gives resurrection and eternal life
- C. Resuscitation forgives sin
- D. Resurrection only extends physical life

(Answer: B)

9. According to Ephesians 2:1, what is humanity's spiritual condition apart from Christ?

- A. Confused but basically good
- B. Spiritually sick
- C. Spiritually dead in trespasses and sins
- D. Spiritually neutral

(Answer: C)

10. What happens when people remain in spiritual darkness long enough?

- A. Darkness eventually disappears
- B. Darkness begins to feel normal
- C. They automatically begin searching for God
- D. They become spiritually enlightened

(Answer: B)

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Monday — Jesus Is Eternal | John 1:2

1. If Jesus is truly God, what authority should His Word have over your beliefs, decisions, priorities, and behavior?
2. In what area of your life are you resisting His authority?
3. What should you do with that specific area in your life?

Tuesday — Jesus Is Creator | John 1:3

1. Spend a few minutes observing something God has created—the sky, mountains, trees, your own body. What does creation reveal to you about the greatness of Christ?
2. John says that *all things* were created through Christ. How does knowing that affect the way you use your time, money, abilities, and possessions?
3. What created things do you tend to enjoy more than your Creator?

Wednesday — Jesus Is Life | John 1:4

1. Our culture spends enormous amounts of time and money trying to extend physical life. Why is the eternal life Jesus offers infinitely more valuable than simply living longer?
2. “Salvation is life with Jesus—a life without sin and without end.” How does that description change the way you think about Heaven?
3. If the greatest treasure of Heaven is not merely the place but the Person of Jesus Christ, how does that change the amount of time you spend with Him today?

Thursday — From Death to Life | Ephesians 2:1

1. Scripture describes unbelievers not merely as spiritually confused or sick, but as dead in trespasses and sins. Why is that distinction important for understanding salvation?
2. A physically dead person cannot make himself alive. What does that illustration teach you about your dependence upon God's grace in salvation?
3. Romans 5:8 says, “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Spend time today thanking God specifically for what Christ has done for you.

Friday — Jesus Is the Light | John 1:4

1. The sermon says, “Stay in darkness long enough, and darkness begins to feel normal.” What attitudes or behaviors does our culture now consider normal that Scripture identifies as darkness?
2. Isaiah warns against calling evil good and good evil. Where are you most tempted to allow the culture rather than Scripture to determine what you consider good, true, and acceptable?
3. Psalm 119:105 describes God's Word as a lamp and a light. What specific step can you take to allow Scripture to guide your decisions more consistently?

Saturday — The Darkness Cannot Overcome the Light | John 1:5

1. John says the darkness cannot overcome or extinguish Christ's light. How should that truth affect the way you respond to discouraging events in our culture and world?
2. The sermon reminds us that people can imprison Christians, burn Bibles, and close churches, “but you cannot turn off the Light of the world.” How should that confidence affect your willingness to share Jesus day-by-day?
3. Consider John’s progression so far: *Jesus is eternal* → *Creator* → *Life* → *Light* = *Darkness cannot overcome Him*. Which of these truths about Christ do you most need to remember right now, and how will you apply it this coming week?