



Alpha-Omega Bible Study: The New Testament
Session 1: The Gospels
Lesson 5: The Gospel of John

READ

- A. Review the list of theological themes and doctrines covered in Alpha-Omega.
- B. Choose one of the following two reading plans. For either, look for recurring themes and perhaps mark them in your Bible.
 1. Read all of John
 2. Read only the following sections from John:
 - 1:1-18
 - 3:1-21
 - 6:16-71
 - 8:1-11
 - 10:1 – 11:45
 - 13:1-17
 - 14:1-21
 - 15:1-17
 - 21:1-25

REACT

- A. Use the space below to write down key observations or questions that arose as you read the text. Note here the themes or doctrines you found in the passages.

3. Only in John’s gospel do we find the collection of “I am” statements where Jesus reveals his identity through rich metaphors. Unpack what Jesus says about himself by completing the following chart:

Text	Jesus says, “I am...”	What does this reveal about who Jesus is?
6:35		
8:12		
10:7, 9		
10:11, 14		
11:25		
14:6		
15:1, 5		

4. Unlike the other gospels, John records relatively few of Jesus' miracles. Moreover, Jesus' miracles are often interpreted as signs. Locate and list at least four references to signs in John (note: the word for "sign" or "miraculous sign" appears over twenty times). Based on the verses you found, what conclusions can you draw? If Jesus' miracles are signs, what do they point to or reveal?

a.

b.

c.

d.

5. John's gospel records more of Jesus' teaching about the Holy Spirit than the other three gospels. What does Jesus teach us about the Holy Spirit in the following passages:

a. 3:5-8?

b. 7:37-39; 14:16-17?

c. 14:25-26; 15:26; 16:12-15?

d. 16:8-11?

6. According to 20:30-31 and 21:24-25, what is John's purpose in writing the gospel? How well do you think he succeeded and why?

REMEMBER

Commit the following verse to memory:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

- John 3:16-17 (NRSV)