

#John1Challenge



The #John1Challenge is simple:

- 1 Read John 1 every day for five days.** This chapter is only 998 words, so it will probably take you less than 5 minutes to read—but it packs a lot of punch! This is a great way to build the habit of personal Bible reading and study.
- 2 Each day, use a different lens.** We've developed five small study helps, one for each day of the Challenge. You'll experience different ways to engage with the same chapter and see new things each day!
- 3 Share the #John1Challenge with friends.** Bible study is better with others. Share this free resource with your friends and see how God speaks to each of you through one another's insights as you engage with God's Word.



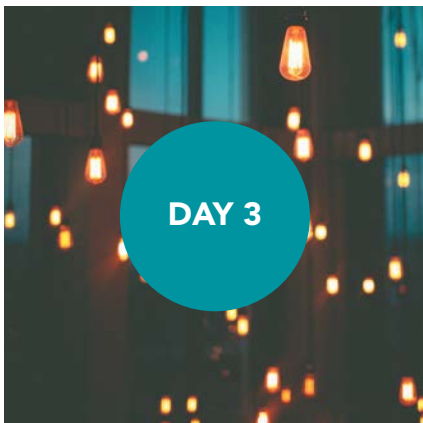
The 12 Names of Jesus in John 1

1. Read John 1, looking for all the different names or titles that are used for Jesus as you go. We've identified 12; can you find them all?
2. What does it say about Jesus that he has so many different names in just one chapter? How many names do most people have?
 - ✦ In the *Filament: Gospel of John* app, read the theme article titled "Son of God" to learn about what this name for Jesus means. Explore the app to find out what you can learn about the other 11 names too!
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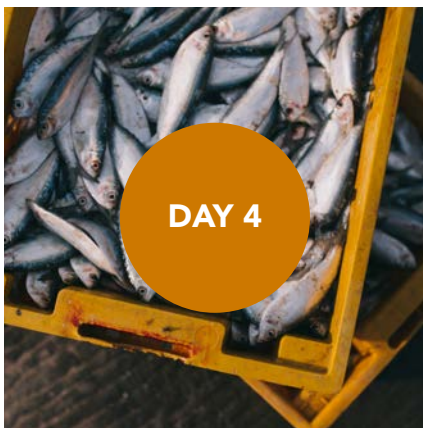
Origin Stories in John 1

1. Read John 1, looking for four important origin stories: the origin of everything, the origin of God coming into the world, the origin of rebirth, and the origin of Jesus' twelve disciples.
2. What makes beginnings so important? What do you learn about Jesus from the way John describes these origin stories?
 - ✦ In the *Filament: Gospel of John* app, read the study note on John 1:14. What does it tell you about the origin stories in this chapter? To go even deeper, check out the video on "Heaven & Earth" too!
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Light in John 1

1. Read John 1, paying special attention to the themes of light and darkness.
 2. What is the relationship between light and life? What do you learn about Jesus by concentrating on the way John uses the imagery of light in John 1?
 - ✦ In the *Filament: Gospel of John* app, read the theme article titled “Darkness and Light” to learn more about this theme in the rest of Scripture.
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Characters in John 1

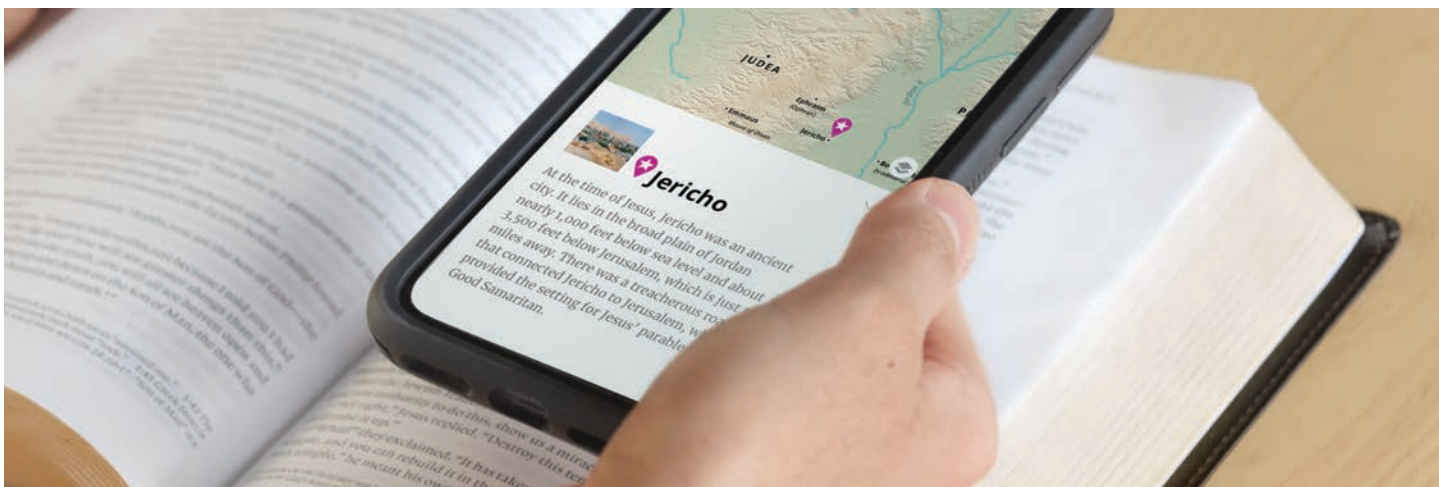
1. Read John 1, paying attention to the various people you meet. We can learn a lot from the people in the Bible—especially from how they relate to Jesus.
 2. How many of Jesus’ twelve disciples do we meet in John 1:35–51? What is most interesting to you about how they come to follow Jesus?
 - ✦ In the *Filament: Gospel of John* app, read the profile on John the Baptist. Also, explore the map of the Ministry of Jesus and find Bethany beyond Jordan, where John baptized people!
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Who Is Jesus?

1. Read John 1, paying special attention to Jesus. He is the reason this book was written, after all!
2. What is your biggest question about Jesus after reading John 1 five times? How do you think you should go about learning more about him?
 - ✦ In the *Filament: Gospel of John* app, read the Reflect devotional called “The Broad Lens of John’s Gospel.” To go even deeper, watch the Bible Project video titled “God.”
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The following pages include the complete first chapter of the Gospel of John and helpful instructions on how to use Filament.



How to Use the Filament: Gospel of John App



To get the most out of this self-guided study, download the *Filament: Gospel of John* app to your smartphone or tablet. Follow these instructions to get started:

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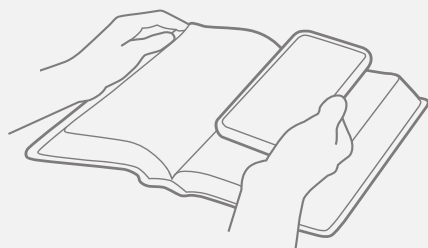
Download the app. The *Filament: Gospel of John* app is available free in the App Store and on Google Play. Search for “Filament: Gospel of John” to find it.

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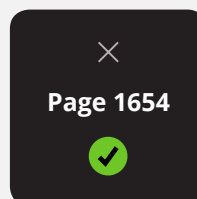
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Explore. The app is loaded with lots of great content for the Gospel of John.



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John

Prologue: Christ, the Eternal Word

1 ¹ In the beginning the Word already existed.
The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

² He existed in the beginning with God.

³ God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created,*
and his life brought light to everyone.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

1716 ⁶God sent a man, John the Baptist,* ⁷to tell about the light so that
+ everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸John himself was
not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹The
one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming
into the world.

¹⁰He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't rec-
ognize him. ¹¹He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.
¹²But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right
to become children of God. ¹³They are reborn—not with a physical
birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes
from God.

¹⁴So the Word became human* and made his home among us. He
was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.* And we have seen his glory,
the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

¹⁵John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is
the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me
who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'"

¹⁶From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing
after another.* ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses, but God's

1:3-4 Or and nothing that was created was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything.
1:5 Or and the darkness has not understood it. 1:6 Greek a man named John. 1:14a Greek became
flesh. 1:14b Or grace and truth; also in 1:17. 1:16 Or received the grace of Christ rather than the
grace of the law; Greek reads received grace upon grace.

unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one
has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God,* is near
to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

¹⁹This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and
Temple assistants* from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" ²⁰He
came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah."

²¹"Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

"No," he replied.

"Are you the Prophet we are expecting?"*

"No."

²²"Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us.
What do you have to say about yourself?"

²³John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"I am a voice shouting in the wilderness,
'Clear the way for the LORD's coming!'"*

²⁴Then the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵asked him, "If you aren't
the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to
baptize?"

²⁶John told them, "I baptize with* water, but right here in the crowd
is someone you do not recognize. ²⁷Though his ministry follows mine,
I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandal."

²⁸This encounter took place in Bethany, an area east of the Jordan
River, where John was baptizing.

Jesus, the Lamb of God

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look!
The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰He is the one
I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far
greater than I am, for he existed long before me.' ³¹I did not recognize
him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he
might be revealed to Israel."

³²Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove
from heaven and resting upon him. ³³I didn't know he was the one,
but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on
whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize
with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he
is the Chosen One of God.*"

1:18 Some manuscripts read But the one and only Son. 1:19 Greek and Levites. 1:21 Greek Are
you the Prophet? See Deut 18:15, 18; Mal 4:5-6. 1:23 Isa 40:3. 1:26 Or in; also in 1:31, 33.
1:34 Some manuscripts read the Son of God.

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The First Disciples

³⁵The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples.

³⁶As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them.

They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. ⁴¹Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”^{*}).

⁴²Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”^{*}).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” ⁴⁴Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.

⁴⁵Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses^{*} and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

⁴⁶“Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

“Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.

⁴⁷As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.”

⁴⁸“How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.”

⁴⁹Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.”

⁵¹Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”^{*}

1:41 *Messiah* (a Hebrew term) and *Christ* (a Greek term) both mean “anointed one.” 1:42 The names *Cephas* (from Aramaic) and *Peter* (from Greek) both mean “rock.” 1:45 Greek *Moses in the law*. 1:51 Greek *going up and down on the Son of Man*; see Gen 28:10-17. “Son of Man” is a title Jesus used for himself.



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