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Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World
Chapter 9 *The Gospel of John*

Date _____

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Introduction: Contemplating Jesus (Pages 295–296)

1. True or False? Unlike the synoptic Gospels which focus on the divinity of Jesus, the Gospel of John focuses on Jesus' humanity.
2. True or False? A Christology from below refers to Jesus' human nature while a Christology from above refers to Jesus' divine nature.
3. Fill in the blanks: While the synoptic Gospels initially teach about Jesus' _____, John initially tells his readers of his _____ and later introduces his humanity. However, though the Gospels have different starting points and _____, both approaches reflect the truth of the _____: Jesus is both _____ human and _____ divine.
4. Briefly list the four-part organization of John's Gospel.

Section 1: Formation of John's Gospel (Pages 297–300)

5. Why did God choose to become human?
6. Fill in the blanks: St. _____ attributed the Gospel of John to the " _____ " of the Lord and son of _____. Closer examination reveals that several writers and _____ may have contributed to its formation. One reliable tradition reveals that John, the son of Zebedee, _____ a community of believers in _____.
7. True or False? It's likely that disciples like Presbyter John took the beloved disciples' testimony and, in stages, produced a Gospel that centered on the concerns of their own local Christian community.
8. True or False? The author of John's Gospel was not an eyewitness to Jesus' public life.
9. Fill in the blanks: John the Evangelist drew from _____ and _____ traditions that were shared in common with the synoptics and the final _____ of the Gospel used the synoptics as sources, though not to a great _____. One of the major sources included _____, three of which are _____ to John. Another important source was a version of Jesus' _____ and Resurrection narratives.
10. True or False? The Gospel of John was composed between AD 60 and 70.
11. Explain for whom may John have written his Gospel?
12. Who does the Gospel of John challenge?

13. Fill in the blanks: There are some important differences between John and the synoptics. It includes _____ not found in the other three, Jewish _____ as part of Jesus' ministry, and the division of Jesus' ministry between _____ and Jerusalem. Additionally, Jesus speaks in long _____ and the uses the great _____" statements that reveal who he is in relation to _____ and you. (p. 299)

14. What does it mean to describe John's Gospel as mystical?

15. What does the Gospel of John emphasize about Jesus Christ?

Section 2: The Prologue: And the Word Became Flesh (Pages 301–303)

16. What does the Prologue celebrate about Jesus Christ?

17. Fill in the blanks: The Prologue provides _____ evidence for the Church's belief in the *Incarnation*—which means "_____"—to emphasize how God became a real _____. Through the _____, Jesus reveals God the _____ and his teaching originates from immediate contact with the _____, not the result of _____.

18. True or False? Docetism was a heresy which taught that that the almighty God became human being.

19. True or False? The Word of God, becoming human, made it possible for us to share in God's nature.

Section 3: The Book of Signs (Pages 305–313)

20. Fill in the blanks: The main focus of the Book of _____ is Jesus' miracles—called works or _____ in John's Gospel—and their implications. They reveal his _____, explain his reason for _____ to earth, display his heavenly **glory**, and reveal his relation to his _____ Father.

21. Fill in the blanks: The miracle Jesus performed at the _____ marked the first time Jesus revealed his _____. In her concern for others, Mary _____ on behalf of the wedding hosts. This first sign helped the disciples to _____, revealed his power over _____, and foreshadowed his ministry by _____ others by acting with _____.

22. What did Jesus mean when he said, "My hour has not come?"

23. What did Jesus do in Samaria that would have offended his contemporaries?

24. What distinction, or "first," does the Samaritan woman enjoy?

25. What moved Jesus to perform a second sign in Cana on behalf of the court official?
26. Explain how Jesus defended himself in curing the lame man on the Sabbath, a response that irritated some Jews.
27. Who did the Jews that oppose Jesus tend to be?
28. Fill in the blanks: To the _____ who advocated perfect obedience to the Law, _____ said that he did not come to _____ the law or the prophets, but to fulfill them. However, they advocated perfect _____ to the Law which led them to _____ others. Jesus, however, interpreted the Law in a _____ way, “upgrading” people’s understanding of the _____.
29. Which issue, relating to Jesus’ ministry, most disturbed Jewish leaders? Why?
30. What are three ways that Jesus boldly claimed equality with God?
31. True or False? Jesus’ claim of divine authority enraged those who opposed him.
32. True or False? In John’s Gospel a mention of “the Jews” refers to all those who practiced Judaism as well as those people who continued to reject Jesus and persecuted the Jewish Christians.
33. True or False? The miracle story of the multiplication of the loaves appears in the synoptic Gospels, but the miracle of walking on the water does not.
34. True or False? The miracle stories of the multiplication of the loaves and walking on water appear together in John because they recall the six day of creation in the first chapter of Genesis.
35. Fill in the blanks: In the _____ Discourse Jesus teaches about his _____, claiming that he replaces the _____ in the Exodus. He explains this teaching in _____ with the sign of the multiplication of loaves. Jesus is the new _____ God has given to his disciples and their source of _____, a shocking teaching that caused many to _____ him.
36. Explain the progression of the of the blind man’s references to Jesus.

37. In what sense were some of the Pharisees also blind?
38. Fill in the blanks: In the _____ discourse Jesus contrasted the role of the shepherd with someone who is simply _____ to guard the sheep and will not risk his _____ for them. He identified himself as the _____ for the sheep. Jesus suggested that the Jewish people who _____ him by his voice and follow him are like sheep following their _____.
39. In what ways did the raising of Lazarus prefigure Jesus' own death?
40. True or False? Jesus' raising of Lazarus led many to believe in him but led others to be threatened by him because they feared that the Romans would come and take away the land and nation of the Jewish people.

Section 4: The Book of Glory and Epilogue (Pages 314–319)

41. True or False? The Book of Glory is in two parts: the narrative of the Last Supper and the account of Pentecost, respectively.
42. Fill in the blanks: John's account of the _____ differs in several respects. It includes an account of Jesus _____ his disciples' feet but does not include the institution of the _____. It places the Last Supper on the day _____ Passover when the Jews killed the _____ for the Passover meal. Also, in John's account Jesus offers a _____: to love one another.
43. According to the Last Supper discourse, how has Jesus revealed to us his Father?
44. According to the Last Supper discourse, what is the greatest way to show love for another?
45. Why did Jesus promise to send the Paraclete?
46. Why is the prayer Jesus prayed at the end of the Last Supper called *the High Priestly Prayer*?
47. Fill in the blanks: Unlike the synoptic accounts of Jesus' _____, John portrays Jesus as in _____ of the events. He willingly _____ his Death as an _____ sacrifice for all humanity. When the soldiers _____ him they fall to the ground in fear when he identified himself as "_____." And, during his meeting with _____, Jesus remained in control as he conversed with Pilate about his royal _____.
48. True or False? At the time of his crucifixion, Jesus entrusted the care of his Mother to the beloved disciple, an event only recorded in the synoptic Gospels.
49. What prophecies are highlighted in John's account of Jesus' crucifixion?

50. What does each of the synoptic writers emphasize in his respective Resurrection narrative?
51. True or False? In John's Gospel Jesus first appeared to the beloved disciple.
52. True or False? All four Gospels agree that the Resurrection was a historical event, but do not agree on any of the details.
53. True or False? An empty tomb is an important detail to the Resurrection stories because it's an essential sign of Jesus' Resurrection.
54. What effect did the post-Resurrection appearances have on Jesus' followers? How did the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen them?
55. True or False? On one occasion, St. John reports to the Church in Corinth, Jesus appeared to more than five hundred people.
56. True or False? Jesus commissioned his Apostles to preach and forgive sin, and to await the coming of the Holy Spirit who would empower them to achieve marvels in his name.
57. What stories are included in John's epilogue, chapter 21?