

# JOHN 1-11

John 1:1 In a beginning [eternity past] the Word [Jesus Christ] was [continued existence]. Moreover, the Word [Jesus Christ] was face-to-face with God [intimate fellowship with the Father]. In fact, the Word [Jesus Christ] was God [deity].

John 1:2 He [the same One] was in a beginning [eternity past] face-to-face with God [intimate fellowship with the Father].

John 1:3 All things [creation] came into being through Him [intermediate agency], and apart from Him not even one thing came into being [refutes evolutionary theory] that came into existence in the past and continues to exist in the present.

John 1:4 In Him [Jesus Christ] spiritual life began and continued to exist. In fact, this spiritual life came into existence and continued to be the Light [communicated sphere of the Divine] of men [believers].

John 1:5 Moreover, the Light [sphere of the Divine] is constantly shining in the sphere of darkness. But the darkness could not overwhelm it [overcome it with hostile intent].

John 1:6 A man appeared, whose name was John, who was sent as an ambassador from the presence of God.

John 1:7 This man [John] came as a witness, in order that he might testify about the Light [Jesus Christ], so that all types of people [Jew & Gentile, rich & poor, male & female, slave & free] might come to believe through him [his testimony about the coming Messiah].

John 1:8 He [John] was not the Light, but was sent in order to testify about the Light [Jesus Christ].

John 1:9 He [Jesus Christ] was the genuine Light, which having come into the world [at the incarnation], brings spiritual light to each man [convicts each individual of sin].

John 1:10 He [Jesus Christ] was in the world [during the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union]. In fact, the world [the creation and its inhabitants] came into existence through Him. However, the world [inhabitants] did not recognize Him.

John 1:11 He [Jesus Christ] came unto His own [possessions], but His own people did not receive Him.

John 1:12 But as many [His own: Jews] as received Him [Jesus Christ], He gave to them the right [judicial authority] to become children of God [as opposed to children of Abraham by heredity], to those who are the believing ones [Christians] in His name:

John 1:13 Who, not out from bloods [two parents] as a source, nor from the desire of the flesh [sexual desire of the parents] as a source, nor from the desire of man [procreative instinct of the male] as a source, but from God as a source [as opposed to heredity] they were born.

John 1:14 Moreover, the Word [deity of Christ] became flesh [humanity of Christ] and came to dwell among us [with human beings on Earth], and we observed firsthand His glory, glory as the uniquely-born [in hypostatic union] from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:15 John continually testified concerning Him, shouting with a loud voice, saying: This person is the One whom I spoke about, the One who would come after me [John preceded and announced His coming ministry], Who will rise above me [higher in stature and rank], because He was before me [eternal existence],

John 1:16 Since we [believers] have all [including John the Testifier] received out from His abundance [no shortage], even grace [continuous blessing] upon grace [initial blessing].

John 1:17 Because the law was given through Moses, grace and truth were established through Jesus Christ [the standards and penalty of the law required the provision of grace and truth from God].

John 1:18 No one has ever seen the essence of Deity. The uniquely born one [Jesus Christ in hypostatic union], the essence of Deity, the One who is in the bosom of the Father [intimate fellowship], explained Him [the essence of the Father].

John 1:19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Judeans sent priests [descendants of Aaron] and Levites [non-priests from the same tribe] from Jerusalem face-to-face to him, so that they might ask him: Who are you?

John 1:20 And he acknowledged and did not refuse [to answer them], and declared: I myself am not the Messiah.

John 1:21 Then they asked him: What? Then are you Elijah? And he replied: I am not. Are you the Prophet [like Moses]? And he replied with discernment: No.

John 1:22 Then they asked him: Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those [religious leaders in Jerusalem] who sent us? What do you say about yourself?

John 1:23 He replied: I myself am a voice shouting in the desert, "Make straight [prepare] the way of the Lord," just as Isaiah the prophet said.

John 1:24 And they were from the Pharisees who were sent on the mission.

John 1:25 And they interrogated him and asked him: Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet [like Moses]?

John 1:26 John replied with discernment to them saying: I myself am baptizing by means of water. He [Jesus Christ] stands in your midst, One you [religious leaders] do not recognize,

John 1:27 The One [Jesus Christ] who is coming after me [John preceded and announced His coming ministry], Whose sandal strap I am not worthy to release.

John 1:28 These things happened in Bethany on the other side of the Jordan [River], where John was in the habit of baptizing.

John 1:29 On the next day, John saw Jesus coming towards him [returning from the desert where He had been tempted], and proclaimed: Look, the Lamb of God [allusion to the sacrificial system of Israel] who will take away the sin of the world [exclusive Jewish benefits are extended to Gentiles in future dispensations]!

John 1:30 This is He concerning whom I proclaimed: A man will come after me [John preceded and announced His coming ministry] Who will rise above me [higher in stature and rank], because He was before me [eternal existence].

John 1:31 Now as for me, I was not personally acquainted with Him in the past. But in order that He might be revealed to Israel [as their Messiah], for this reason [purpose of identification], I came before the public baptizing by means of water.

John 1:32 And John testified, saying that: I saw the Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven and He [the Spirit] abode upon Him [Jesus Christ].

John 1:33 Moreover, I did not recognize Him [as the Messiah with my own perceptive abilities]. But He [God the Father] who sent me to baptize by means of water, that same One said to me: Upon whomever you see the Spirit descending and abiding upon Him, this One [Jesus] is He who will baptize by means of the Holy Spirit.

John 1:34 And it came about that I did see [the Spirit descend upon Him] and have testified that this One [Jesus] is the Son of God.

John 1:35 On the next day [day 3], John was once again standing firm, also accompanied by two of his followers [Andrew & John, the author of this gospel].

John 1:36 And after fixing his gaze upon Jesus as He was walking about, he shouted: Look, the Lamb of God!

John 1:37 And the two followers [of John] heard him shouting [directing them to the Lamb of God], and began to accompany Jesus as disciples.

John 1:38 Then Jesus, after turning around and noticing that they are following Him, asks them: What are you searching for? And they replied: Rabbi, (which translated means Teacher), where do you live?

John 1:39 He replied to them: Come and you will see. So they departed and saw where He lived and they stayed with Him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

John 1:40 One of the two who heard John and followed Him [Jesus] was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.

John 1:41 He [Andrew] found his own brother Simon first, and said to him: We found the Messiah, which means, being interpreted, the Christ [the Anointed One].

John 1:42 He [Andrew] brought him [Simon] to Jesus. After Jesus fixed His gaze upon him, He said: You are Simon, son of Jonas. You will be called Kephas, which is translated: Rock.

John 1:43 On the next day, He decided to go to Galilee. Then He came upon Philip and Jesus said to him: Follow Me!

John 1:44 Now, Philip was from Bethsaida, out from the city of Andrew and Peter.

John 1:45 Philip located Nathanael and said to him: We found the One Moses wrote about in the law, as well as the prophets - Jesus from Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

John 1:46 But Nathanael asked him: Is anything good able to come out of Nazareth? Philip replied to him: Come and see!

John 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said concerning him: Look, a true Israelite in whom guile does not exist!

John 1:48 Nathanael asked Him: From what source did you obtain this personal knowledge about me? Jesus answered him: Before Philip summoned you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.

John 1:49 Nathanael replied with discernment to Him: Rabbi, you are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel.

John 1:50 Jesus replied with discernment and asked him: Did you come to believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.

John 1:51 Then He said to him [directed at Nathanael]: Most assuredly, I am saying to you [including everyone else in the periphery], you will see heaven opening and the angels of God ascending and descending in the presence of the Son of Man [representing humanity].

John 2:1 Now on the third day [of Jesus' journey from Bethany] a wedding banquet took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus [Mary] was there.

John 2:2 And Jesus was also invited to the wedding banquet [a family affair], as well as His disciples.

John 2:3 But when the wine began to run out, the mother of Jesus [Mary] said to Him: They [the wedding guests] will have no more wine.

John 2:4 And Jesus replied to her: Woman, what has that got to do with Me or you? My time has not yet arrived.

John 2:5 His mother [Mary] said to the waiters: Whatever He says to you, do it.

John 2:6 Now, there were six stone jars standing there, for the purpose of Jewish purification, which held two or three liquid measures each [about 100 to 150 gallons in total].

John 2:7 Jesus said to them: Fill the water pots with water. So they filled them to the brim.

John 2:8 Then He told them: Start drawing now and carry it to the Master of the feast. And so they carried it.

John 2:9 Now, while the Master of the feast tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it might have come from, of course, the waiters who drew the water knew. The Master of the feast summoned the bridegroom,

John 2:10 And said to him: Every man customarily serves good wine first, and when they [the guests] have become intoxicated, the inferior [wine]. You have reserved the best [quality] wine until now.

John 2:11 Jesus did this first of His miracles [signs] in Cana, Galilee. Then He began to reveal His glory and His disciples believed on Him.

John 2:12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother [Mary] and His brethren [brothers and sisters] and His disciples. And they remained there not many [a few] days.

John 2:13 Now the Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

John 2:14 But He found in the outer courts of the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves [legitimate temple business], as well as seated money changers [foreign currency translation].

John 2:15 And after He made a scourge [whip] out of cords [ropes], He drove them all from the outer courts of the temple, including the sheep and the oxen. He also poured out the money changer's coin and overturned the tables.

John 2:16 Then He shouted to those who were selling doves: Take these things out of here! Stop making My Father's house a market house!

John 2:17 And His disciples remembered that it was written in the past and remains written: The zeal of your house will consume Me.

John 2:18 Then the Jews spoke with discernment and asked Him: What miraculous sign can you show us [as vindication], since you are doing these things?

John 2:19 Jesus replied with discernment and said to them: If you destroy this inner sanctuary of the temple [crucifixion], then I will raise it up [resurrection] in three days.

John 2:20 Then the Jews replied: This temple was built in forty and six years, yet you will raise it up in three days?

John 2:21 But He was speaking about the inner sanctuary of the temple, His body.

John 2:22 Now when He was raised up from among the dead [resurrection], His disciples remembered that He had said this. And so they believed the scripture [Psalm 16:10] and the word which Jesus had spoken.

John 2:23 Now, when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many came to trust in His Name [Person] while carefully observing His miraculous signs which He produced.

John 2:24 But Jesus Himself did not entrust Himself to them [hesitation], because of that which He understands [divine omniscience] about all kinds of people,

John 2:25 And because He did not have need that anyone might speak well of a man [other men's character references], for He Himself understood [divine omniscience] what was in a man.

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, Nicodemus was his name, an official among the Jews.

John 3:2 This one [Nicodemus] came face-to-face to Him [Jesus] at night and said to Him: Rabbi, we know that you, a teacher, came from from God, for no one has the power to repeatedly perform these miraculous signs unless God is with him.

John 3:3 Jesus replied with discernment and said to him: Most assuredly I say to you, Unless a man is born from above [by the sovereignty of God], he does not have the ability to see [mental and spiritual perception] the kingdom of God.

John 3:4 Nicodemus asked Him face-to-face: How is a man able to be born [physically], being an old man? He is not able to enter into his mother's womb a second time and be born [into a different race].

John 3:5 Jesus replied with discernment: Most assuredly I say to you, unless a person is born out of the water [of the Word] and the Spirit [regenerating power], he is not able to enter into the Kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which has been born out of the flesh is flesh [physical birth], and that which has been born out of the Spirit is spirit [spiritual birth].

John 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you: It is necessary for you all [Jews & Gentiles] to be born from above [by the sovereignty of God].

John 3:8 The wind blows where it desires and you can hear its sound, but you cannot tell from where it has come or where it is going. So is every one who has been born out of the Spirit [both are sovereign in their actions mysterious in their operations].

John 3:9 Nicodemus replied with discernment and asked Him: How is it possible for these things to come about?

John 3:10 Jesus replied with discernment and asked him: Are you the teacher of Israel? Then don't you understand these things?

John 3:11 Most assuredly I say to you: We [Father, Son, Spirit] speak about that which We know and testify to that which We have seen, yet you [Pharisees] do not receive Our testimony.

John 3:12 Since I told you about earthly things [flesh, wind, baptism] and you do not believe, how will you believe if I should tell you about heavenly things [predestination, regeneration, propitiation]?

John 3:13 Furthermore, no one has ascended into heaven except He [Jesus Christ] who descended from heaven [when Deity took on humanity]: the Son of Man.

John 3:14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness [on a pole], so the Son of Man must [by divine decree] be lifted up [on the cross],

John 3:15 In order that every one who believes in Him [after being born out of the water of the Word and the regenerating power of the Spirit] might have eternal life.

John 3:16 By all means [indeed], God loved the world [Jews & Gentiles regardless of geographical location] to this degree [by lifting His Son up on a cross]. Therefore [as a consequence of His love], He [the Father] gave His uniquely born [virgin birth] Son, so that every one who believes in Him [the elect] may not perish [in his sins], but has and will continue to possess eternal life.

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world [planet earth] in order to judge the world [it had already been condemned at the Fall], but in order that the world [Gentiles as well as Jews] might be saved through Him.

John 3:18 The one who believes in Him [Jesus Christ] will not be condemned. But the one who does not believe has already been condemned in the past [at the Fall] with the result that he stands condemned, with the result that he does not believe in the Name of the uniquely born [virgin birth] Son of God [due to his state of spiritual death].

John 3:19 Now this is the verdict, that the light [Jesus Christ] came into the world [of fallen mankind], but men loved the darkness [Satan's sphere of influence] rather than the light [Jesus' sphere of influence]. In fact, their works were evil.

John 3:20 For each person who makes it a habit to practice evil [living in the cosmic system] hates the light [Bible doctrine], since his works would be exposed and rebuked [by the presence of divine viewpoint].

John 3:21 But the person who makes it a practice to carry out the truth comes face-to-face to the light [Bible doctrine], so that his [spiritual] production might be revealed that it is being accomplished by means of God.

John 3:22 After these things, Jesus came to the land of Judea, also His disciples, and He stayed there with them and was baptizing [He officiated, they performed the ceremony].

John 3:23 Meanwhile, John was also engaged in baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was a great amount of waters there. And so they [many locals] came forward publicly and were baptized,

John 3:24 For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

John 3:25 Then a controversial question arose [theological debate] from among the disciples of John with a Jew concerning ceremonial purification [related to baptism].

John 3:26 And they [John's disciples] approached John face-to-face and said to him: Rabbi, He [Jesus] who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River, to whom you spoke well of and approved, be aware that He is baptizing, and all manner of men [lowlifes, and lots of them] are coming face-to-face to Him.

John 3:27 John replied with discernment and said: A man is not able to receive even one thing, unless it was given to him from heaven.

John 3:28 You yourselves were witnesses to me, that I said: I myself am not the Messiah, but that I was sent on a divine mission ahead of Him.

John 3:29 He [Jesus Christ] who has the bride [the elect of Israel] is the bridegroom. But the friend [best man] of the bridegroom [John the Baptist], who stands and listens to him, gladly expresses happiness during the bridegroom's speech [wedding vows]. This [hearing the bridegroom's voice], accordingly, brings my inner happiness to completion.

John 3:30 It is necessary for Him [Jesus Christ] to continue increasing, but for me [John the Baptist] to be continually decreasing.

John 3:31 He [Jesus Christ] who comes from above [heaven] is over and above all [has ultimate authority over all men and His creation]. He [John] who is from the earth [origin] is of the earth [character], and speaks of the earth [content]. He [Jesus Christ] who comes from heaven [origin] is over and above all [has ultimate authority over all men and His creation].

John 3:32 What He [Jesus Christ] has seen and heard, this He bears witness to, yet [virtually] no one receives His testimony.

John 3:33 He who received His testimony has certified that God is true.

John 3:34 For He [Jesus Christ] whom God [the Father] sent on a divine mission communicates the spoken words of God, for He [the Father] does not give the Spirit [to Jesus] by measure.

John 3:35 The Father loves the Son and has entrusted [divine delegation] all things into His hand.

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life. But he who refuses to believe in the Son [willful disobedience] will not see life [total lack of recognition], but instead the wrath of God abides on him.

John 4:1 Now when Jesus came to know that the Pharisees had heard that: “Jesus is gaining and baptizing more disciples than John,”

John 4:2 (Although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but rather His disciples),

John 4:3 He abandoned Judea and departed again toward Galilee.

John 4:4 Now [at this time in His ministry] it was necessary [according to God’s plan] for Him to travel through Samaria.

John 4:5 Consequently, He arrived at a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near a parcel of land which Jacob had given to his son, Joseph.

John 4:6 As a matter of fact, Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, therefore, being exhausted because of His journey [walking], sat down near the well without further ado [collapsed]. It was about the sixth hour.

John 4:7 A woman from Samaria [a local] came to draw water. Jesus said to her: Please permit me a means to drink [let me borrow something to draw water with].

John 4:8 You see, His disciples had departed towards the city for the purpose of buying food in the market place.

John 4:9 Then the Samaritan woman asked Him: How is it possible that you, being a Jew, are asking from me a means to drink, since I am a Samaritan woman? It’s a well known fact [from Pharisaic purity laws]: “Jews do not share water vessels with Samaritans.”

John 4:10 Jesus replied with discernment and said to her: If you were familiar with the gift of God and Who it is [Jesus Christ] that is saying to you: “Please permit Me a means to drink,” you would have asked Him and He would have given to you living water.

John 4:11 She replied to Him: Sir, you have no bucket [for drawing water] and the well is deep. How, therefore, will you obtain this living water?

John 4:12 You are not greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, are you? Even he himself [the original well-digger] drank from it, as well as his sons and his livestock.

John 4:13 Jesus answered and said to her: Each person who keeps on drinking from this water [in Jacob’s well] will thirst again.

John 4:14 But whoever takes a drink from the water which I will give him [initial belief in Christ], shall never thirst during his age [lifetime]. Instead, the water which I will give to him will keep on becoming

[if not quenched] a spring of water in him [source of spiritual life] flowing into eternal life [experiential sanctification].

John 4:15 The woman responded face-to-face to Him: Sir, please give me this water so that I am not continually thirsty and may not have to keep on coming here to draw water.

John 4:16 He said to her: Go home, invite your husband and return here.

John 4:17 The woman replied with discernment and said to Him: I do not have a husband. Jesus replied to her: You have spoken correctly, "I do not have a husband,"

John 4:18 For you have had five husbands, but he whom you have now is not your husband. This you have acknowledged truthfully.

John 4:19 The woman replied to Him: Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

John 4:20 Our ancestors [Samaritan prophets] worshipped on this mountain [Gerizim]. But you [Jewish prophets] maintain that the place where worshipping must occur is in Jerusalem.

John 4:21 Jesus responded to her: Believe Me, woman, that an hour [a time] is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain [Gerizim] nor in Jerusalem.

John 4:22 You [Samaritans] do not know what you are worshipping. We [Jews] know what we are worshipping, for the salvation [in the Person of Christ] is from the source of the Jews.

John 4:23 But an hour [a time] is coming, in fact it exists now [it's just beginning], when genuine worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For indeed, the Father is seeking for such a kind as this to worship Him.

John 4:24 God is spirit [a Spiritual Being], and for those who are worshipping Him, it is necessary to worship in spirit [spiritually] and truth [according to Bible doctrine].

John 4:25 The woman replied to Him: I know that the Messiah is coming, the One who is called Christ. When that One arrives [He knows more than you], He will reveal all things to us [teach us absolute truth and we will see who is right and who is wrong].

John 4:26 Jesus replied to her: I am He [the Messiah], the One [Christ] who is speaking to you.

John 4:27 Now in the mean time, His disciples returned and were amazed because He was talking with a woman. Nevertheless, no one asked: What are you looking for, or, Why are you talking with her?

John 4:28 Consequently [since the disciples had returned], the woman left her water pot [with Jesus at the well] and entered the city and proclaimed to the men:

John 4:29 Come on! Meet a man who has told me many kinds of things I have done! Can this One, perhaps, be the Christ?

John 4:30 They left the city and proceeded towards Him [Jesus at the well].

John 4:31 Meanwhile [back at the well], the disciples kept on pleading with Him, saying: Rabbi, please eat.

John 4:32 But He replied to them: I have food to eat which you know nothing about.

John 4:33 Then the disciples asked one another face-to-face: Did anyone bring Him something to eat?

John 4:34 Jesus said to them: My food is that I might perform the will of Him [the Father] who sent Me and to complete His work.

John 4:35 Were you not discussing [on the way back to the well]: Are there yet four months and then the [agricultural] harvest comes? Behold, I say to you: Lift up your eyes [exercise mental & spiritual understanding] and observe the cultivated fields, because they [God's elect Samaritan believers] are already ripe for the harvest.

John 4:36 The one who is harvesting is receiving a reward and is gathering together fruit [a crop of believers] for eternal life, so that the one who is sowing [the initial gospel message] and the one who is harvesting [sees the end result] may have inner happiness together [witnessing is often teamwork].

John 4:37 So by this [witnessing teamwork] the proverb is true, that there is one kind who sows and one of another kind who harvests.

John 4:38 I sent you [divine commission] for the purpose of harvesting that which you have not labored for [Samaritan believers]. Others have labored [Jesus, Samaritan woman, John the Baptist, unnamed others] and you have entered into their labor [sharing the fruits by continuing the process].

John 4:39 Moreover, many of the Samaritans from that city believed on Him because of the report of the woman when she testified: "He told me about all kinds of things which I have done."

John 4:40 Consequently, when the Samaritans came face-to-face to Him [at the well], they repeatedly implored Him to stay with them. So He remained in that place [Sychar] for two days.

John 4:41 Meanwhile, many more came to believe because of His word [logos],

John 4:42 And they continually declared to the woman: We no longer believe because of your speaking, for we ourselves have heard and have come to know that He is truly the Savior of the world [Jews and Samaritans alike, regardless of geographical location].

John 4:43 Now, after two days He departed from that place [Sychar] toward Galilee,

John 4:44 Because Jesus Himself had confirmed [during His earlier visit at the wedding in Cana] that a prophet in his own country has no place of honor [He could keep a relatively low profile in the land where He grew up until it was time for His ministry to become more pronounced].

John 4:45 However [an exception to the rule], when He returned to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed Him, having seen all kinds of things that He had done in Jerusalem during the feast [they welcomed His miracles], for they themselves had also attended the feast.

John 4:46 So He entered again into Cana of Galilee, where He had created wine from water. Now a certain royal official was present [in Galilee] whose son was sick in Capernaum.

John 4:47 This man, having heard that Jesus had departed from Judaea into Galilee, came face-to-face to Him and repeatedly begged that He would come down [to Capernaum] and heal his son, because he was about to die [on the verge of dying].

John 4:48 Consequently, Jesus replied face-to-face with him: Unless you see [addressing a crowd of people] signs and wonders [attesting miracles to His deity], will you not believe?

John 4:49 The royal official answered Him face-to-face: Sir, please come down [to Capernaum] before my little boy dies.

John 4:50 Jesus said to him: “Go, your son will live.” The man believed the assertion which Jesus spoke to him and began his journey [home to Capernaum].

John 4:51 Now as he was already going down [on his way home to Capernaum], his slaves met him and exclaimed: “Your little boy continues to live!”

John 4:52 In reply, he [the royal official] inquired from them [his slaves] the hour in which he [his son] had begun to improve. Accordingly, they replied to him: Yesterday, at the seventh hour, the fever left him.

John 4:53 Then the father began to comprehend that it was during that same hour in the course of which Jesus had said to him: “Your son will live!” Consequently he himself came to believe [in Christ as Savior], including his entire household [his family and slaves].

John 4:54 Now, this, in turn, was the second corroborating miracle Jesus performed, after coming out of Judaea into Galilee.

John 5:1 After these things [His ministry to the Samaritans and the healing of the young boy in Capernaum], a Jewish festival was about to take place, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

John 5:2 Now, there is in Jerusalem near the sheep gate a pool which is called in Hebrew [Aramaic], Bethzatha, having five porticoes [roofed colonnades].

John 5:3 On these [five porticoes] reclined a multitude who were infirm [for example]: the blind, the crippled, the withered.

John 5:5 Now there was a particular man in that place who had been in his infirm condition for thirty-eight years.

John 5:6 Jesus, having seen this man reclining and knowing that he had been in that condition for a long time already, asked him: Do you want to become well?

John 5:7 The man who was infirm replied with discernment: Sir, I do not have a man, so that whenever the water is stirred up, he might place me into the pool. Instead, while I myself [unaided] am in the process of coming [to the edge of the pool], another man climbs down [into the pool] before me.

John 5:8 Jesus said to him: Get up, pick up your bedding, and start walking!

John 5:9 And immediately the man became healthy [well], and picked up his bedding and walked about. However, it was a Sabbath on that day.

John 5:10 Therefore the Jews [primarily Pharisees] repeatedly warned him, the one who had been healed [the invalid]: It is the Sabbath, so it is not permitted for you to pick up and carry your bedding.

John 5:11 But he replied with discernment to them: He who made me healthy, He [Jesus] told me: Pick up your bedding and start walking.

John 5:12 They asked him [interrogation]: Who is the man who told you, Pick up [your bedding] and start walking?

John 5:13 But the one who had been healed [the formerly invalid man] did not know who He was, for Jesus had withdrawn, since there was a crowd in that place.

John 5:14 After these things, Jesus found him [the healed man] in the temple and said to him: Pay attention. You have become healthy [healed]. Stop habitually sinning, so that no evil of any kind comes upon you.

John 5:15 The man [healed invalid] departed and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him healthy [restored].

John 5:16 And, by means of this [identification], the Jews began persecuting Jesus, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

John 5:17 But Jesus replied to them with discernment: My Father continues to work up to this very moment, so I will also keep on working.

John 5:18 Therefore, because of this [refusal to acquiesce to their demands], the Jews kept on seeking to an even greater degree [intensified revenge motivation] for a way to kill Him, not only because He continued to break the Sabbath [according to their twisted way of thinking], but also He claimed on many occasions that God was His own unique Father, making Himself equal with God [a member or possessor of deity].

John 5:19 Consequently, Jesus replied with discernment and said to them: Most assuredly, I tell you: The Son is able to do nothing by Himself unless it is something He knows the Father is doing [such as healing the crippled man on the Sabbath], for you see, whatever things He [the Father] is doing, the Son also, in the same manner [perfect harmony], is doing these things [unity in the Godhead].

John 5:20 Indeed, the Father loves the Son [total rapport: a bond of friendship and affection according to the standards of deity] and shows Him [in His humanity] all things which He Himself is doing. As a matter of fact, He [the Father] will show Him [Jesus] greater works [than the healing of the crippled man at the pool] in order that you [legalistic Jews] might continue to be amazed.

John 5:21 For even as the Father raises the dead and restores life, in this manner also, the Son restores life to those whom He wishes.

John 5:22 As a matter of fact, neither does the Father judge anyone, but instead He has given all judgment to the Son,

John 5:23 So that all [those who believe in God] may honor the Son just as they have honored the Father. He who does not honor the Son [the Jewish officials, for instance], does not honor the Father who sent Him [they end up rejecting the very God they claim to worship].

John 5:24 Most assuredly I tell you: He who hears My words and believes on the One [God the Father] who sent Me [God the Son], he possesses eternal life and will not come under judgment [at the Great White Throne], but instead has changed residence out from [spiritual] death into the [eternal] life.

John 5:25 Most assuredly I tell you: An hour is coming [Church Age dispensation], in fact, it is about to begin now [during the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union], when the [spiritually] dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

John 5:26 For you see, as the Father has life within Himself, so He entrusted life to the Son [emphasis on His deity], also having it [life] within Himself.

John 5:27 He [the Father] also gave to Him [Jesus] authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of man [emphasis on His humanity].

John 5:28 Stop marveling at this, because an hour is coming [two-part resurrection split by 1,000 years] in which all those in graves [the dead] will hear His voice,

John 5:29 And will come forth: those who did good [believers] to a resurrection of life [at the Evaluation Seat of Christ], and those who practiced evil [unbelievers] to a resurrection of judgment [at the Great White Throne].

John 5:30 I am not able to do anything by Myself [voluntary submission to authority]. As I hear [from the Father], I judge. Moreover, My judgment is always righteous, because I do not seek My own will, but rather the will of the One [the Father] who sent Me.

John 5:31 If I testify on behalf of Myself, is My testimony not true?

John 5:32 There is Another of the same kind [Holy Spirit] who testifies concerning Me, and I know that the testimony which He confirms about Me is absolutely true.

John 5:33 You dispatched men [with hostile intent] against John [the Baptist], even though he testified to the truth.

John 5:34 However, I am not drawing [relying] on the testimony of man [for legal defense], but am rather asserting these things so that you might be saved.

John 5:35 That man [John the Baptist] was a lamp which burned and gave light, and you were willing to rejoice in his light for an hour [a short time].

John 5:36 But I have a greater testimony than John, for the works which the Father has given to Me for the purpose of bringing them to pass, the same works which I am performing [including miracles on the Sabbath], testify about Me: that the Father sent Me.

John 5:37 Furthermore, He who sent Me, the Father, He has testified in the past and continues to testify about Me. Neither have you ever heard His voice nor seen His form.

John 5:38 Moreover, you do not have His word abiding in you, because He [Jesus Christ] whom the One [the Father] sent, this One [Jesus] you do not believe.

John 5:39 You keep on searching the scriptures [OT writings] because you think you will obtain eternal life in them, but those [scriptures] are the ones which testify about Me.

John 5:40 And yet [in spite of your searching the scriptures] you do not wish to come face-to-face to Me [the Messiah] in order that you might have life.

John 5:41 I do not accept praise from men [as a bribe for eternal life].

John 5:42 Moreover, I know you [omniscience], that you do not have the virtue love of God in yourselves.

John 5:43 I have come publicly in the Name of My Father, but you do not accept Me. If another person comes before the public in his own name, you always accept that person.

John 5:44 How are you able to believe in the praise which you constantly receive from one another [which is mere flattery], and yet you do not seek praise from the only God?

John 5:45 Stop wondering whether I will accuse you before the Father. There is a person who is accusing you: Moses, in whom you have trusted in the past and are continuing to trust to this day.

John 5:46 For if you had believed Moses [but you didn't], then you would believe Me, because he wrote about Me.

John 5:47 But since you do not believe his [Moses] written words, how do you propose to believe My spoken words?

John 6:1 After these things, Jesus departed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, to Tiberias.

John 6:2 Now a large crowd followed Him [a Jewish paschal caravan and curious Gentiles] that continued to observe the miraculous signs which He continued to perform on those who were infirm.

John 6:3 Then [after a long day in town] Jesus went up into a mountain [hillside: Golan heights] and sat down there with His disciples.

John 6:4 But the Passover, a Jewish feast, was imminent.

John 6:5 Consequently, as Jesus raised His eyes and saw a large crowd coming face-to-face to Him, He questioned Philip: Where can we buy loaves of bread [pancake-like flatbread] in order that these people can eat [a full meal, not appetizers]?

John 6:6 However, He [Jesus] asked this for the purpose of testing him [Philip], because He knew what He was about to do.

John 6:7 Philip replied to Him with discernment: Two hundred denarii [a full day's wage for 200 people] is not enough bread for them, in order that each person might receive a little piece [tiny morsel].

John 6:8 One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to Him:

John 6:9 There is a young boy in this place who has five barley loaves [flatbreads] and two fish [sardines] at his disposal. But what are these things [what good is this small contribution] for so many people?

John 6:10 Jesus replied: "Get the men to sit down." Now there was a lot of grass in the area, so the men sat down, the number about five thousand.

John 6:11 Then Jesus took the loaves of flatbread and after giving thanks, He distributed to those who were seated, and likewise from the fish as much as they wanted.

John 6:12 Now when they [the five thousand] were full and satisfied, He said to His disciples: Start gathering up the broken pieces which are present in abundance, so that nothing perishes [is left behind to rot].

John 6:13 Then they gathered up and filled twelve large wicker baskets with the broken pieces from the five loaves of barley flatbread which were left over after they [the 5,000 people on the hillside] had eaten.

John 6:14 Then the men, after witnessing and deliberating on the miraculous sign which He [Jesus] had performed, proclaimed [spread the word around]: This person [Jesus] is the true prophet who has come before the public [made His dramatic appearance] into the world [planet earth].

John 6:15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and seize Him in order to make Him King, He withdrew Himself again into the mountain alone.

John 6:16 Now, when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,

John 6:17 And having boarded a ship, they departed for the opposite shore of the sea towards Capernaum. However, by this time darkness had arrived and Jesus had not yet appeared before them.

John 6:18 And the sea was stirred-up by a severe blowing wind.

John 6:19 Then, after rowing about twenty-five or thirty furlongs [approximately 3 to 3-1/2 miles], they watched Jesus as He walked upon the sea and approached close to the ship. In fact, they became afraid.

John 6:20 But He assured them: It is I. Stop being afraid!

John 6:21 Consequently, they were willing to receive Him into the ship. However, the ship immediately arrived at the land unto which they had departed and were headed for.

John 6:22 On the following day, the crowd which had been standing firm on the other side of the sea [waiting to grab Jesus and make Him their King], deliberated that another small ship was not there, except one, and that Jesus had not boarded the ship together with His disciples, but rather His disciples had departed alone [so they concluded that He must still be on their side of the sea].

John 6:23 Other small ships [water taxi service] arrived from Tiberius, close to the place where they had eaten bread after the Lord had given thanks [but they hadn't seen Jesus either].

John 6:24 When the crowd finally realized that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves boarded small ships and departed for Capernaum, continuing their search for Jesus.

John 6:25 Now when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they asked Him: Rabbi, when did you arrive here?

John 6:26 Jesus answered them with discernment and replied: Most assuredly I say to you, You are seeking Me, not because you want to comprehend miraculous signs [doctrine], but because you ate from the loaves of bread and were satisfied [materialism].

John 6:27 Stop working for the food [physical] which always perishes, but rather for the food [spiritual] which will abide for eternal life, which [eternal life as spiritual food] the Son of Man will give to you. For this One [Jesus, the Son of Man] the Father has sealed [certified from heaven and attested by miracles], even God.

John 6:28 Then [shortly after the miraculous feeding of the multitude] they [Jewish crowd] asked Him: What shall we do on a continual basis in order that we might perform the works of God?

John 6:29 Jesus replied with discernment and said to them [Jewish crowd at Capernaum]: This is the work of God, that you might keep on trusting in the One [Jesus Christ] that He [the Father] has sent on a divine mission.

John 6:30 Then they said to Him: What corroborating miracle, therefore, can you perform on a continual basis [as opposed to the one-time feeding of the multitude] that we may see and as a result believe you? What can You yourself do [like Moses] on a continual basis [similar to the daily supply of manna from heaven]?

John 6:31 Our fathers ate manna in the desert wilderness, just as it is written: He gave them bread [special food] out of heaven to eat.

John 6:32 Then Jesus replied to them: Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread out of heaven, but My Father keeps on giving you the true bread [not the type] out of heaven [Jesus Christ himself].

John 6:33 For the bread from God is He [Jesus Christ] who keeps on coming down out of heaven [like the manna] and continues to give [spiritual] life to the world.

John 6:34 Then they said face-to-face to Him: Master, please give us [one-time miraculous event] this bread of lasting effects.

John 6:35 Jesus replied to them: I am the bread of life. He who continues to come to Me will never hunger [spiritually], and he who continues to trust in Me will never, ever, at any time, thirst [continuing benefits well into the future].

John 6:36 But I have declared to you that indeed you have seen Me [performing miracles on many occasions], yet you will not believe.

John 6:37 All that the Father gives to Me [the entire company of the elect, the royal family of God] will come to Me. Furthermore, the one [individual believer] who keeps on coming to Me [after salvation], I will not ever drive away outside [ignore His spiritual needs],

John 6:38 Because I came down from heaven, not so that I might carry out My will, but the will of Him [the Father] Who sent Me.

John 6:39 And this is the will of Him [the Father] who sent Me, that concerning all which He gave to Me [the royal family], I will not lose any [not a single person] out from it [the elect company], but will raise it [the royal family] up on the last day [of the Church Age dispensation].

John 6:40 For this is the will of My Father, that every one [in the company of the elect] who continues to perceive the Son [spiritual understanding] and continues to trust in Him [experiential

sanctification] may keep on having [qualitative] eternal life. Furthermore, I will raise him up [resurrection] on the last day [of the Church Age dispensation].

John 6:41 Then the Jews began grumbling [rebellious muttering] concerning Him, because He had said: I am the bread who came down out of heaven.

John 6:42 And they kept on asking: Is this Jesus not the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now claim, I have come down out of heaven?

John 6:43 Jesus replied with discernment and said to them: Stop grumbling [muttering] among yourselves.

John 6:44 No one is able [has the power] to come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him [divine sovereignty and omnipotence]. Moreover, I will raise him up on the last day [of the Church Age dispensation].

John 6:45 It is written [Isaiah 54:13] in the prophets: “And they [His children] will all be taught about God.” Each one who has heard with understanding and learned by inquiry will come to Me –

John 6:46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One [Jesus Christ] who is from the presence of God [confirming His deity]. This One [Jesus Himself] has seen the Father [reaffirming His deity].

John 6:47 Truly, truly, I am saying to you: He who keeps on trusting [day-after-day] continues to have [qualitative] everlasting life.

John 6:48 I am the bread of life.

John 6:49 Your fathers [ancestors] ate the manna in the desert wilderness and they died [physically].

John 6:50 This is the bread which comes down out of heaven [Jesus], so that a man may come to eat of it [Him] and not die [spiritually].

John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone has eaten of this bread [initial belief in Christ], he will live [spiritually] forever. Moreover, the bread which I will give [pointing to His sacrifice on the cross] also represents My flesh [the virtue of His humanity], which life [His spiritual death provides us with spiritual life] I will give on behalf of the world.

John 6:52 Therefore, the Jews began to quarrel with one another, asking: How is this man able to give us His flesh to eat?

John 6:53 Then Jesus said to them: Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless you have eaten the flesh of the Son of Man and have drunk His blood [hendiadys for initial faith in Christ], you do not [at this very moment] have [spiritual] life in you.

John 6:54 He who keeps on chewing [munching, grazing] My flesh and keeps on drinking My blood continues to have eternal [qualitative] life. Moreover, I will raise him up on the last day [of the Church Age].

John 6:55 Indeed, My flesh is true [spiritual] food and My blood is true [spiritual] drink.

John 6:56 He who keeps on chewing [munching, grazing] My flesh and keeps on drinking My blood, continues to abide in Me and I in him [mutual fellowship].

John 6:57 In so far as the living Father sent Me on a divine mission [purpose] and I continue to live through the Father [daily spiritual sustenance], likewise he who keeps chewing on Me [purpose] shall also continue to live through Me [daily spiritual sustenance].

John 6:58 This is the bread which has descended out of heaven [Jesus Himself], not as the fathers ate [manna] and died [physically]; He who keeps chewing on this bread [Person of Christ] shall continue to live [qualitative spiritual life] forever.

John 6:59 These things He spoke in the synagogue as He was teaching in Capernaum.

John 6:60 Many [the unbelieving majority] of His students [followers] who had been listening then exclaimed: This message is harsh [offensive]! Who is able to continue listening to it?

John 6:61 And Jesus, knowing within Himself [divine omniscience] that His students [followers] were grumbling concerning this [message], said to them: Does this [message] offend you so much that you are going to fall by the wayside [leave Him in the midst of a religious scandal]?

John 6:62 What if you could experience with your own eyes the Son of Man ascending to where He was [prior residence in heaven] in former times [before the incarnation]?

John 6:63 The Spirit is He who brings life; the flesh is of no beneficial use [spiritually speaking] to anyone. The words which I have repeatedly spoken to you are spiritual; in fact, it [My message] is spiritual life.

John 6:64 But there are some among you who do not believe. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe [the non-elect], including who [Judas Iscariot] would betray Him.

John 6:65 And He said: Because of this [omniscience] I have told you on many occasions [with details] that no one is able to come to Me unless it [the gift of faith with drawing power] was given to him from the Father.

John 6:66 As a result [of His offensive discourse], many of His students [the unbelieving majority] returned to the things they had left behind [details of life] and never again did they walk with Him.

John 6:67 Then Jesus asked the Twelve: Don't you want to leave, too?

John 6:68 Simon Peter replied with discernment to Him: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have [spoken] words of eternal [qualitative] life.

John 6:69 And as for us [speaking on behalf of the other disciples], we have believed and continue to trust and have come to know and continue to know that You are the Holy One of God.

John 6:70 Jesus answered them with discernment: Have I not selected you Twelve, and yet one of you is a false accuser [slanderer]?

John 6:71 Now He was referring to Judas, from Simon Iscariot [his son], for he - one of the Twelve - was about to betray Him.

John 7:1 Now after these things [the 6-month Vacation or Retirement ministry], Jesus was living in Galilee, for He had no desire to live in Judea because the Jews [religious & civic officials] were determined to kill Him.

John 7:2 Now it was close to [the time of] the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles.

John 7:3 Therefore [due to the upcoming feast], His brethren [brothers: James, Joseph, Simon, Jude] suggested face-to-face to Him: Leave this place [Galilee] and go into Judea, so that Your disciples [not the Twelve] may also see and understand Your works which You continue to perform,

John 7:4 For no one [of any consequence] does anything [of any importance] in secret when he wants to be known publicly. If you are going to continue doing these things [miraculous signs], You should make Yourself known to the world [expand Your power base by networking with the masses outside Galilee].

John 7:5 For neither did His brethren believe on Him.

John 7:6 In reply, Jesus said to them: My appointed time [according to divine viewpoint] has not yet arrived, but your opportune time [according to human viewpoint] is always ready.

John 7:7 The world [those in the cosmic system] is not able to continually hate you, but it constantly hates Me, because I alone testify concerning it, that its works are wicked [total depravity].

John 7:8 You should go up to the feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, because My appointed time is not yet ready to be fulfilled.

John 7:9 And after He said these things to them, He remained in Galilee [until the appropriate time for His departure].

John 7:10 So after His brethren [brothers] had gone up to the feast, then He Himself went up, not publicly, but privately, as it were.

John 7:11 Meanwhile, the Jews [religious officials] continued to search for Him at the feast and kept on asking: Where is He?

John 7:12 Furthermore, there was considerable whispering about Him among the crowd. On the one hand, they [common people] said: He is exceptional. But on the other hand, others [religious officials] said: No, He is rather deceiving the crowd.

John 7:13 However, no one talked openly about Him in public due to fear of the Jews [religious officials].

John 7:14 Now when the feast was at the midpoint, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach.

John 7:15 Then the Jews [religious officials] were astonished, and inquired: How is it possible that He is intimately familiar with the Scriptures [OT canon], since He has not studied [matriculated at any of the known rabbinical schools]?

John 7:16 Then Jesus answered them with discernment and said: My doctrinal teaching is not My own, but from Him [the Father] who sent Me.

John 7:17 If anyone wants to execute His will [the protocol plan of God], he may obtain experiential comprehension concerning this doctrinal teaching, whether it is from God [the Father] as a source or I alone speaking on My own authority [communicating the Truth as the unique God-man].

John 7:18 The one [respected Jewish leader] who makes it a practice to communicate from himself as a source is seeking his own private glory [reputation]. But the One [Jesus Christ] who is seeking the glory of the One [the Father] who sent Him, this same One [Jesus Christ] is true [veracity], and no unrighteousness exists in Him.

John 7:19 Didn't Moses give you the law? And yet none of you [religious leaders or members of the congregation] is adhering to the law [the 6th commandment, for example]. Why are you trying to murder Me?

John 7:20 The crowd responded with discernment: You must have a demon! Who is trying to murder You?

John 7:21 Jesus answered with discernment and said to them: I did one work [healing the paralytic at the Pool of Bethzatha on the Sabbath] and all of you were amazed.

John 7:22 For this reason [ceremonial cleansing], Moses gave circumcision to you – not as though it originated from Moses as a source, but rather from our forefathers as a source – and yet you make it a practice to circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

John 7:23 Since a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath in order that the law of Moses might not be broken [partial cleansing], are you angry at Me because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath [total cleansing]?

John 7:24 Stop judging according to outward appearance [superficially], but rather make it a habit to judge with a righteous judgment [objectivity].

John 7:25 Then certain ones from Jerusalem asked: Isn't this the One whom they [the Jewish officials] are trying to murder?

John 7:26 And look, He is speaking in public and they [the Jewish officials] are saying nothing about Him [bringing no charges]. Do the authorities recognize that perhaps He is truly the Christ?

John 7:27 But we know for certain where He [Jesus the man] came from [Nazareth in Galilee]. However, when the Christ comes, no one [according to legend or popular theology] will know where He comes from.

John 7:28 Then Jesus shouted with a loud voice as He was teaching in the temple: You [those from His hometown] know Me quite well [Jesus the man] and you also know for a certainty where I have been living [in Galilee]. However, I have not come before the public on My own authority [since they knew He didn't graduate from any rabbinical seminary]. Furthermore, the One [God the Father] who sent Me is trustworthy [veracity], One whom you are not intimately acquainted with.

John 7:29 As for Me, I was in the past and still am intimately acquainted with Him [God the Father], because I am from His presence, and He has sent Me on a divine mission.

John 7:30 Consequently [after being ridiculed], they deliberated on a way to take Him into custody, yet no one laid a hand upon Him, because His hour had not yet come.

John 7:31 But many out of the crowd believed on Him and inquired: When the Christ comes, He will not perform more miracles than what this man [Jesus] has performed, will He?

John 7:32 The Pharisees heard the crowd secretly muttering these things concerning Him [Jesus], so the chief priests and the Pharisees dispatched deputies [combination of police officer and legal assistant] for the purpose of taking Him into custody.

John 7:33 Then Jesus said: I will be with you for yet a little while longer. Then I will depart to be face-to-face with the One [God the Father] who sent Me.

John 7:34 You will seek Me [in My empty tomb], but you will not find Me. Furthermore, where I will be [at the right hand of the Father in heaven], you will not be able to come.

John 7:35 Then the Jews began inquiring among themselves: Where is He about to go that we cannot find Him? He is not about to go to the dispersed among the Gentiles [Jews outside of Palestine] and even to teach the Gentiles, is He?

John 7:36 What is this statement that He declared: You will seek Me, but you will not find Me, and, Where I will be, you will not be able to come?

John 7:37 Now, on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood firm and began to shout, saying: If anyone [believers] is thirsty, let him keep on coming face-to-face to Me and keep on drinking [obtaining daily sustenance from His Word].

John 7:38 He who keeps on believing in Me [daily adherence to the protocol plan of God], just as the scripture declares, rivers of living water [blessing by association] will flow out from his innermost being.

John 7:39 Now He said this with reference to the Spirit, Whom those who had come to believe on Him [initial faith in Christ] were about to receive [indwelling], for the Spirit was not yet residing [living in them], because Jesus had not yet been glorified [resurrection, ascension and session of Christ must come first].

John 7:40 Consequently, some out of the crowd [1st group], having heard this message, declared: This man is truly the Prophet [mentioned in Deut. 18:15-19].

John 7:41 Others of a different kind [2nd group] maintained: This man is the Messiah. But some [3rd group] asked: The Messiah will not come out of Galilee, will He?

John 7:42 Didn't the scripture say that out of the family lineage of David and from the small town of Bethlehem, where David was living, the Messiah would come?

John 7:43 Consequently [due to different conclusions], a division arose in the crowd because of Him [concerning His true identity].

John 7:44 As a matter of fact, some among them wanted to take Him into custody, but no one laid hands upon Him.

John 7:45 Then the deputies [combination police officer and legal assistant] returned face-to-face to the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they [chief priests and Pharisees] asked them [the deputies]: Why didn't you bring Him?

John 7:46 The deputies [combination police officer and legal assistant] answered with discernment: Never has a man spoken in this manner [He's a slippery guy].

John 7:47 Then the Pharisees replied to them with discernment: You are not also deceived, are you?

John 7:48 Not a single man among the rulers [political leaders] or among the Pharisees [spiritual leaders] believed on Him, did he?

John 7:49 In fact, this crowd [the hoi polloi] which does not understand the law is accursed.

John 7:50 Nicodemus, the one who came face-to-face to Him earlier [under cover of darkness], being one of them [a fellow Pharisee], asked them face-to-face:

John 7:51 Our law does not judge a man if it has not heard from him first and comes to understand what he has done, does it?

John 7:52 They answered with discernment and said to him: You are not also out of Galilee, are you? Search [the Scriptures] and come to the understanding [the Pharisee's conclusion] that a prophet will not arise out of Galilee.

John 8:12 Meanwhile, Jesus spoke to them again, saying: I alone am the light of the world. He who keeps on following Me [daily decisions] will never walk in the sphere of the darkness [as a way of life], but will keep on possessing the light of life [spiritual blessing].

John 8:13 Then the Pharisees said to Him: You are bearing witness on your own behalf. Your testimony is not reliable [or legally acceptable].

John 8:14 Jesus answered with discernment and said to them: Even though I am bearing witness on My own behalf, My testimony is reliable, because I know for a certainty where I came from [heaven] and where I am going [back to heaven through the cross]. You, however, do not know where I have come from or where I am going.

John 8:15 You make it a habit to judge according to the flesh [external appearance and circumstances]. As for Me, I am not in the habit of judging anyone.

John 8:16 But when I do begin to pass judgment [in the future], My judgment will be in accordance with Truth [divine standards], for I am not alone, but rather I and the Father who sent Me.

John 8:17 In fact, it is written in the law [Deut. 17:6] that is incumbent on you, that the testimony of two men is reliable.

John 8:18 I am the One who bears witness concerning Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness concerning Me.

John 8:19 Then they asked Him: Where is Your Father? Jesus answered with discernment: You neither know Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would also know My Father.

John 8:20 Jesus spoke these words in the treasury as He was teaching in the temple. Moreover, no one took Him into custody, because His hour had not yet arrived.

John 8:21 Then He said to them again: I will go away and you will look for Me [not to believe in Him, but to take Him into custody], but you will die in your sin [as unbelievers]. Where I am going [to heaven to be with the Father], you are not able to come.

John 8:22 Then the Jews asked: Surely, He isn't going to kill Himself, is He? Because He said: Where I am going, you are not able to come.

John 8:23 Then He said to them: You are from below [Gehenna], I am from above [heaven]. You are from this world, I am not from this world.

John 8:24 Therefore, I said to you: You will die in your sins, for if you do not believe that I Am [deity], you will die in your sins.

John 8:25 Then they asked Him: Who are you? Jesus answered them: Namely, the One [the Messiah] I have been telling you about from the first [since the beginning of His public ministry].

John 8:26 I have many things to proclaim and evaluate concerning you. Certainly He [God the Father] who sent Me is reliable; furthermore, I am proclaiming to the world [not just to the Jews] those things [doctrinal truths] which I have heard from Him.

John 8:27 They did not understand that He was speaking to them about the Father.

John 8:28 Then Jesus said: When you have lifted up the Son of Man [on the cross], then you will begin to understand that I Am [deity of Christ], and that I do nothing by Myself. Instead, just as the Father instructed Me [unity in the Godhead], I am communicating these things [doctrinal truths].

John 8:29 And He [God the Father] who sent Me is always with Me. He did not leave Me alone, for I am always accomplishing beneficial things for Him.

John 8:30 While He was speaking these things, many [Jews] believed on Him.

John 8:31 Then Jesus resumed speaking face-to-face to the Jews who had believed on Him: If you abide in My word [experiential progress], you are truly My disciples [obedient students].

John 8:32 Indeed, you should continue to comprehend the truth [consistent intake and metabolization of Bible doctrine]; then the truth will continue to make you free [correct application of Bible doctrine].

John 8:33 They answered Him face-to-face with discernment: We are the descendants of Abraham and we have never been slaves at any time [what about Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Syria and Rome?]. Why did You say: You will become free?

John 8:34 Jesus replied to them with discernment: Most assuredly, I say to you, Every one who habitually commits sin [lifestyle] is a slave of sin.

John 8:35 Now a slave [to sin] will not abide in the house for a long time. A son [disciple of Christ] may abide for a very long time.

John 8:36 Consequently, if the Son sets you free [positionally], you may keep on being free [experientially].

John 8:37 I know that you are descendants of Abraham, but [that is irrelevant because] you are seeking to kill Me, because My word has found no place in you.

John 8:38 I am communicating the things [doctrines] which I have seen in the presence of My Father, but you, in turn, carry out the things [cosmic activity] which you have heard in the presence of your father [the devil].

John 8:39 They replied with discernment and said to Him: Abraham is our father. Jesus said to them: If you were children of Abraham [physically yes, but spiritually you are not], you would be doing the works of Abraham.

John 8:40 But now you are seeking to kill Me, a man [humanity of Christ] who has communicated the truth to you, which I heard in the presence of God [deity of Christ]. Abraham did not do this.

John 8:41 You are carrying out the works [murder] of your father [the devil]. They replied to Him: We were not born from illicit sexual intercourse [a slur against the doctrine of the virgin birth]. We have one Father - God.

John 8:42 Jesus replied to them: If God was your Father [but He's not], you would love Me, for I descended from God [from heaven] and have arrived [on earth]. Indeed, neither did I come forward publicly on My own authority [self-determination], but rather He sent Me on a divine mission.

John 8:43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you do not have the power to hear My word [message].

John 8:44 You [unbelieving Jews] are out from your father, the devil, and the lusts [legalistic and lascivious] of your father you continuously desire [non-stop] to keep on practicing [accomplishing]. He [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning [of human history] and he did not stand in the past and to this day he does not stand in the sphere of truth, because the truth [absolute divine viewpoint] does not exist in him. Every time that he speaks the lie [an intricate web of deceit], he is speaking from his own inner resources [evil motivations], because he is and always will be a liar and the father of it [the intricate web of deceit that maintains cosmos diabolicus].

John 8:45 But though I am speaking the truth, you will not believe Me.

John 8:46 Who among you convicts Me of sin? If I am speaking the truth [and I am], why don't you believe Me?

John 8:47 The one who is out from God as a source [the Father's children] hears the words of God. According to this [doctrine of unconditional election], you do not hear because you [the devil's children] are not out from God as a source.

John 8:48 The Jews replied with discernment and said to Him: Didn't we express it rather well, that you are a Samaritan and that you have a demon?

John 8:49 Jesus replied with discernment: I do not have a demon. On the contrary, I am honoring My Father, while you are dishonoring Me.

John 8:50 Moreover, I do not desire to defend My own reputation. There is One [God the Father] who will examine and pass judgment.

John 8:51 Most assuredly, I am saying: If someone [a believer] keeps My Word [follows or adheres to it on a daily basis], he will absolutely not experience [spiritual] death for a long period of time [a life on earth that is engulfed in spiritual blindness and impotence as if he were an unbeliever].

John 8:52 Then the Jews replied to Him: Now we know for sure that You have a demon. Abraham died [physically], as well as the prophets, but You are saying: If anyone pays attention to My word [initial belief], he will absolutely never experience death [physically] into eternity [not now, not ever].

John 8:53 You are not greater than our ancestor, Abraham, who died, are you? Likewise, the prophets died. Whom are You claiming yourself to be?

John 8:54 Jesus answered with discernment: If I am magnifying Myself, My honor is worthless. It is My Father who honors Me, about Whom you claim that He is your God. [If you won't take My word on it, how about the Father's witness?]

John 8:55 However, you have not known Him [the Father] in the past and you still do not know Him now. But I have known Him in the past and I continue to know Him now. In fact, if I should claim that I have not known Him in the past and still do not know Him now, I would be a liar like you. But I have known Him in the past and I continue to know Him now [positional truth], and I am keeping His Word [experiential truth].

John 8:56 Abraham, your ancestor, was overjoyed that he would see My day [the future Messiah]. Moreover, he saw it [through the birth of Issac] and became extremely happy [knowing the prophecy would be fulfilled].

John 8:57 Then the Jews said face-to-face to Him: You are not yet fifty years old, and yet you have seen Abraham?

John 8:58 Jesus replied to them: Most assuredly I am saying to you, Before Abraham came into existence [was born], I am [emphatic claim to deity].

John 8:59 Then they picked up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus was concealed [divine cover] and exited the temple.

John 9:1 Now as He passed by, He saw a man, blind [congenital] from birth.

John 9:2 And His disciples asked Him, inquiring: Master [rabbi], who sinned, this man or his parents, with the result that he was born blind?

John 9:3 Jesus replied with discernment: Neither this man nor his parents sinned [as the cause for his congenital blindness], but in order that the works of God [attesting miracles] might be manifested.

John 9:4 It is necessary for us [Jesus and His disciples] to keep on performing the works of Him [the Father] who sent Me [the Son] as long as it is daylight [the duration of His ministry on earth]. When night comes [the crucifixion], nobody will be able to continue working.

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 9:6 After saying these things, He spat on the ground and made clay out of the saliva and smeared the clay upon his [the blind man's] eyes,

John 9:7 And said to him: Go, start washing yourself in the pool of Siloam – which interpreted means: “Being sent on a mission.” Consequently, he departed and washed himself and came before the public, having sight.

John 9:8 Consequently, neighbors and those who had formerly seen him – that he was blind – asked: Isn't this the man who is always sitting and begging?

John 9:9 Some [probably neighbors] were saying: This is the one! Others were saying: Absolutely not, although he is similar to him [he's a close resemblance, but not the same man]. The man in question [the formerly blind beggar] kept on saying: I am the one!

John 9:10 In turn [after acknowledging his identity as the blind beggar], they asked him: How, then, were your eyes opened?

John 9:11 He replied with discernment: A man, named Jesus, made clay and spread it on my eyes, and said to me: Go to Siloam and start washing yourself. Consequently, after departing and washing myself, I could see.

John 9:12 Then they asked: Where is this man? He replied: I do not know.

John 9:13 They brought the formerly blind man face-to-face before the Pharisees.

John 9:14 Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his [the formerly blind beggar's] eyes.

John 9:15 Then the Pharisees questioned [interrogated] him again, namely: How did he come to see? And he replied to them [with a shorter summarization]: He put clay upon my eyes and I washed myself and I can see.

John 9:16 Consequently, some of the Pharisees maintained: This man [Jesus] is not from God because He does not keep the Sabbath [pay attention to their strict rules and regulations]. But others [Pharisees of a different mind] asked: How is a man such as this, one not careful in the observance of ceremonial duties [unobservant and irreligious by their standards], able to perform miraculous signs? And so there was a division among them.

John 9:17 So they [the positive, minority contingent of the Pharisees] asked the blind man again: What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes? And he replied: He is a prophet.

John 9:18 However, the Jews [the negative, majority contingent of the Pharisees] did not give credence to the things [events] concerning him, that he had always been blind [congenital] and had just begun to see, until which time they summoned the parents of the man himself who had just begun to see,

John 9:19 And they [Pharisees] asked them [parents], saying: This man, is he your son, whom you claim was born blind? How, then, can he now see?

John 9:20 Then his parents replied with discernment and said: We know with a certainty that this is our son and that he was born blind.

John 9:21 But how he now sees, we do not know for certain. Neither do we know for certain who opened his eyes. Ask him! He has attained maturity. He will speak on his own behalf.

John 9:22 His parents said these things [evasive answers] because they were afraid of the Jews. For by this time, the Jews had agreed among themselves [political compact] that if anyone acknowledged Him [Jesus] as the Christ [Messiah], he would be expelled from the synagogue [excommunicated from Jewish life].

John 9:23 Because of this [fear of being ejected from the synagogue] his parents replied: He has attained maturity. Interrogate him.

John 9:24 Then they summoned the man who had been blind a second time [cross-examination] and said to him: Give glory to God [for the miracle]! We know for a certainty that this man [Jesus] is a sinner.

John 9:25 Then he [the formerly blind beggar] replied with discernment: Whether He [Jesus] is a sinner I do not know for a certainty. One thing I know for sure: Although I was always blind [from birth], now I can see.

John 9:26 Then they asked him: What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?

John 9:27 He answered them with discernment: I told you [my story] already, but you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again, unless you also want to become His disciples?

John 9:28 But they scolded him with an abusive tone and replied: You may be His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

John 9:29 We know with a certainty that God spoke to Moses, but this man, we do not know for sure where He came from.

John 9:30 The man [formerly blind beggar] replied with discernment and said to them: Indeed, there is a remarkable thing in this [situation], that you do not know for sure where He came from, and yet He opened my eyes!

John 9:31 We [the general public] know with a certainty that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and makes it a habit to execute His will, He [God] will listen to him.

John 9:32 Since the world began, it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

John 9:33 If this man was not from God, He would not have the power to produce anything [sight out of blindness].

John 9:34 They answered with discernment and said: You were born under the influence of sins [your parents did something terrible], totally [it was so bad that it has affected all of you, including your reason], and yet you presume to teach us? Then [after their cross-examination had failed] they cast him outside.

John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him [the formerly blind beggar] outside, and after locating him, He asked: Do you believe in the Son of Man?

John 9:36 He answered with discernment and said: Who is he, sir, that I might come to believe in him?

John 9:37 Jesus replied to him: As a matter of fact, you have seen Him. He is the One who is speaking to you even now!

John 9:38 And he affirmed: I believe, Lord. And then he started worshipping Him.

John 9:39 Then Jesus said: I came into this world for the purpose of judgment, so that those who do not see [little or no religious training, as represented by the blind beggar] might see [belief in Christ], and those who see [considerable religious training, as represented by the Jewish leaders] might become blind [disbelief in Christ].

John 9:40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him [serving as journalistic spies] heard these things and asked: We are not also blind, are we?

John 9:41 Jesus replied to them: If you were blind ones, you would not in that case need to acknowledge sin. But now you are claiming: We can see. Your sin remains.

John 10:1 Most assuredly I am saying to you: He [the Pharisee] who does not enter through the door [Jesus Christ] into the courtyard for the sheep [the formerly blind beggar and other believers], but instead climbs up by another way [his illegitimate use of law and works], that person [false shepherd] is a thief and a rustler.

John 10:2 But He [Jesus Christ] who enters through the door is Shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:3 The Doorkeeper [Holy Spirit] opens for this One [Jesus Christ]. Moreover, His sheep [unconditional election] hear His voice. In fact, He [Jesus Christ] calls His own sheep by name [particular redemption] and leads them out.

John 10:4 Whenever He [Jesus] leads all of His own [God's elect] forward, He proceeds in front of them [spiritual leadership], and His sheep follow Him [irresistible grace] because they know His voice.

John 10:5 But they [the elect sheep] will certainly not follow a hostile stranger [Satan], but will flee from him [positionally], because they do not recognize the voice of hostile strangers [Satan's representatives].

John 10:6 Jesus gave this proverb to them verbally, but these [Jewish leaders] did not understand what it was [out-gathering of the remnant] that He was trying to communicate to them.

John 10:7 Therefore Jesus said again: Most assuredly I am saying to you, I alone am the Door of the sheep.

John 10:8 All [false shepherds] who came before Me were thieves and rustlers, nevertheless, My sheep did not listen to them.

John 10:9 I alone am the Door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved [positional guarantee]. In addition, he may repeatedly enter [through confession of sin] and repeatedly exit [by sin], but he will always find pasture [Bible doctrine as spiritual food].

John 10:10 The thief [Satan and his representatives] does not come except for the purpose of stealing and killing and destroying. I alone have come so that they [My sheep, God's elect] may possess life [positional truth: justification salvation] and might possess it abundantly [experiential truth: sanctification salvation].

John 10:11 I alone am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down His life [positionally and experientially] on behalf of His sheep [substitutionary atonement].

John 10:12 The one who is a hired man [Pharisee] and not a shepherd, whose sheep are not his own [personal property], sees a wolf [Satan] coming but abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf drags them away and scatters them,

John 10:13 Because he [the guardian] is a hired man [mercenary] and it is not a concern to him [who cares?] regarding the sheep.

John 10:14 I alone am the good Shepherd and I know those [elect sheep] who are mine, and those who are mine [elect sheep] know Me,

John 10:15 Just as the Father knows Me and likewise I know the Father. Moreover, I lay down My life [positionally and experientially] on behalf of My sheep [substitutionary atonement, particular redemption].

John 10:16 Furthermore, I have other sheep [believers in other dispensations, both Jews and Gentiles] which are not among this sheepfold [alive during the Hypostatic Union]. It will be necessary for Me to lead and bring them as well. So they will hear My voice [irresistible grace], and then one-flock/one-Shepherd will come into being [prior to the Millennial Reign of Christ].

John 10:17 For this reason [superb care of His sheep], My Father loves Me, because I will lay down My life [voluntarily], with the result [reward] that I may receive it again [pointing to His resurrection].

John 10:18 No one will take it [My life] from Me, but rather I alone will lay it down Myself. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to receive it again [two expressions of divine omnipotence]. I obtained this mandate [commission] from My Father.

John 10:19 A division arose among the Jews again because of these statements.

John 10:20 And many of them exclaimed: He has a demon and is insane. Why do you keep listening to Him?

John 10:21 Others [of the same kind: unbelieving Jews] said: These are not the words of one who is demon possessed. A demon is not able to open the eyes of a blind man, is he?

John 10:22 At that time, the Festival of Dedication [Hanukkah] began to take place in Jerusalem. It was winter.

John 10:23 And Jesus was walking around in the temple under Solomon's colonnade [protected from the rain].

John 10:24 According [since it was raining], the Jews surrounded Him [on the porch] and kept asking Him: How long are you going to keep our minds in suspense [impatience]? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.

John 10:25 Jesus answered them with discernment: I did tell you, but you did not believe. The works which I am doing [performing miracles] in My Father's name, they provide testimony concerning Me [proof of His deity].

John 10:26 But you do not believe now and never will believe [persistent to the end], because you are not part of My sheep [not given to Him by the Father].

John 10:27 My sheep will hear My voice [mutual recognition], that is, I will choose them [intimate selection] and they will follow Me [reciprocal activity],

John 10:28 And I will also give to them life eternal. Furthermore, they will never as a result ever perish in eternity [authoritative assurance] and no one will snatch them out of My hand [eternal security].

John 10:29 My Father who gave them [the elect sheep] to Me is greater than [divine omnipotence] all [human or demonic entities]. Furthermore, no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand [eternal security].

John 10:30 The Father and I are one [united in will and purpose].

John 10:31 Again the Jews picked up stones so that they might stone Him.

John 10:32 Jesus asked them with discernment: I have showed you many good works from My Father. For which of these works do you intend to stone Me?

John 10:33 The Jews answered Him with discernment: We are not planning to stone You because of a good work, but because of blasphemy, because You, being a human being, claim that you yourself are God.

John 10:34 Jesus asked them with discernment: Is it not written in your law [Psalm 82:6]: I have declared, you are gods [judges representing God's authority on earth]?

John 10:35 If He called them gods, to whom the Word of God came – and the Scripture can not be broken –

John 10:36 Concerning Him [Jesus as compared to the judges in Psalm 82:6] whom the Father consecrated and sent on a mission into the world – are you saying: “You are blaspheming,” because I have asserted: “I am the Son of God”?

John 10:37 If you assume that I am not doing the works of My Father, then you may stop believing Me.

John 10:38 But since I am doing the works, even if you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may come to know [initial faith] and keep on knowing [experiential sanctification] that the Father is in Me and I am in the Father [identical essence].

John 10:39 Consequently [after His affirmation of deity again], they sought again to take Him into custody, but He departed from their hand [slipped through their fingers].

John 10:40 Then He departed again to the other side of the Jordan [strategic retreat] to the place where John was first baptizing, and He remained there.

John 10:41 And many came face-to-face to Him and said: On the one hand, John performed no miracle, but on the other hand, all things that John spoke about this One [Jesus] were true.

John 10:42 And many came to believe [initial faith] in Him there [continued advance].

John 11:1 Now there was a certain person who was sick, Lazarus, from Bethany, from the small town of Mary and Martha, her sister.

John 11:2 Now it was Mary, who anointed the Lord with perfumed ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

John 11:3 Consequently, the sisters sent a message face-to-face to Him, saying: Lord, be aware of this – he whom you love like a brother [Lazarus] is sick.

John 11:4 And Jesus, having heard the report, replied: This sickness will not be face-to-face with death [ultimate physical death], but to reveal the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it [Jesus is predicting a miracle of resuscitation].

John 11:5 Now Jesus loved [virtue love] Martha and her sister [Mary] and Lazarus.

John 11:6 Then, when He heard that he [Lazarus] was sick, He [Jesus] remained for the time being in the place where He was residing for two days.

John 11:7 Then after this [two day R&R in the perimeter], He said to the disciples: Let us go into Judea again [no-man's land].

John 11:8 His disciples ask Him [for clarification and confirmation]: Master, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and yet [are you sure] you are going to return there again?

John 11:9 Jesus replied with discernment: Are there not twelve hours of daylight? When someone is walking in the daylight, he does not stumble [has no fear], because he can see the light of this world [Jesus is the Light of this world].

John 11:10 But when someone is walking in the night [without God's plan], he stumbles, because the light [of this world] is not in him.

John 11:11 He communicated these things, and following that He declared to them: Lazarus, our friend, has fallen asleep and remains asleep [death]. However, I am planning to travel [to Bethany] so that I may awaken him [resuscitation].

John 11:12 Then the disciples replied to Him: Lord, since he has fallen asleep and remains asleep [part of the recuperative process], he will be healed [certain recovery from death].

John 11:13 However, Jesus had referred to his [physical] death. But they had concluded that He was referring to a recuperative sleep.

John 11:14 Consequently [due to their confusion], then, Jesus stated to them plainly: Lazarus has died.

John 11:15 But I am glad that I was not there [in Bethany], for your benefit, so that you might begin to have confidence [opportunity to see another miracle and apply some of the teachings they had received]. Nevertheless, let us go face-to-face to him.

John 11:16 Accordingly [confirming his understanding of Jesus' words], Thomas, the one called Didymus [the twin], said to his fellow-disciples: Let's go, so that we may also die with Him!

John 11:17 Then Jesus, after He had arrived [in Bethany, Judea], found him [Lazarus] already having been four days in the tomb.

John 11:18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, approximately two miles away.

John 11:19 And many of the Jews had come and were still arriving face-to-face [a steady stream of visitors] to Martha and Mary so that they might comfort them concerning their brother.

John 11:20 Consequently, when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him. But Mary remained seated in the house.

John 11:21 Then Martha said face-to-face to Jesus: Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died.

John 11:22 But even now I am beginning to understand [erroneously] that whatever You [Jesus Christ] request from God [prayer from an inferior to a superior], God will give it to You.

John 11:23 Jesus replied to her: Your brother will rise and come back to life.

John 11:24 Martha replied to Him [not understanding that He was referring to an immediate resuscitation]: I know for certain that he will rise and come back to life during the resurrection on the last day.

John 11:25 Jesus replied to her: I Myself am [the root and essence of] the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me [one-time event], even though he will die physically, he will live [guaranteed resurrection life in the future].

John 11:26 Furthermore, every person who lives [is still alive] and believes in Me [point-in-time event] will never ever die in eternity future. Do you believe this?

John 11:27 She replied to Him: Yes, Lord [deity], I believed in the past and continue to believe in the present that You are the Christ [Messiah], the Son of God, Who has come publicly into the world of humanity [planet earth].

John 11:28 Now after asserting this [affirmation of His deity], she departed and summoned Mary, her sister, secretly, saying: The Teacher has arrived and is asking for you.

John 11:29 Consequently, after she heard [Martha's message], she was helped up without delay and she departed to appear face-to-face to Him.

John 11:30 Now, Jesus had not yet entered the town [Bethany], but was still at the place where Martha had met Him.

John 11:31 Then the Jews (those who were with her in the house and who were periodically comforting her) - when they noticed that Mary had quickly risen to her feet and departed - followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb for the purpose of wailing there [extreme emotional weeping at the graveside of her brother, Lazarus].

John 11:32 Now when Mary arrived where Jesus was waiting and she saw Him, she collapsed in front of His feet, crying out to Him: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

John 11:33 When Jesus saw her as she was wailing and the Jews who came with her also wailing, He was deeply moved in the spirit and was Himself disturbed [in His humanity],

John 11:34 And He asked: Where have you laid him? They replied: Lord, come and see.

John 11:35 Jesus began to weep.

John 11:36 Consequently, the Jews declared: See how fond He was of him [brotherly love for Lazarus].

John 11:37 But some of them [the haters] remarked: Doesn't this man [Jesus], Who opened the eyes of the blind man, have the power to intervene, so that even this man [Lazarus] might not have died?

John 11:38 Meanwhile, Jesus arrived at the tomb, again deeply moved within Himself. It was, in fact, a cave, and a slab of stone was sealed upon it [the entrance].

John 11:39 Jesus ordered: Remove the stone slab. Martha, the sister of the one who had died [Lazarus], replied to Him: Lord, he already [by this time] smells, because it has been four days [since he died].

John 11:40 Jesus replied to her: Did I not tell you that if you would believe, you would see the glory of God?

John 11:41 Then they lifted up and removed the slab of stone. And Jesus raised His eyes upward [toward heaven] and said: Father, thank You, for You have heard Me.

John 11:42 Furthermore, I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that You always hear Me. But on behalf of the crowd which is standing around [gathered here], I have spoken [predicting the resuscitation of Lazarus from the dead], so that they might come to believe that You [God the Father] have sent Me on a divine mission.

John 11:43 Then after saying these things [audible prayer to the Father], He shouted: Lazarus, come out!

John 11:44 And he who was dead [Lazarus] came out, his feet and hands bound with burial bandages and his face wrapped with burial cloth. Jesus said to them: Untie him and let him go home.

John 11:45 Consequently, many of the Jews who had come face-to-face to Mary [to comfort her in the loss of her brother] and had seen firsthand the things which He had done [they were not spreading secondhand rumors], believed in Him.

John 11:46 However, some of them [Jewish informants] departed for the Pharisees and told them about the things which Jesus had done.

John 11:47 Consequently [as a result of their informant's investigative reporting], the chief priests and the Pharisees called together a high council, and asked: What are we going to do, for this man is performing many attesting miracles?

John 11:48 If we simply ignore Him, all kinds of people [a cross-section] may come to believe in Him and the Romans will come and take over both our religious organization and nation [body politic].

John 11:49 Now a particular one of them [exalted member of the Sanhedrin], Caiaphas, who was chief priest that year [appointed by Valerius Gratus, the predecessor of Pontius Pilate], addressed them: You don't understand something.

John 11:50 You have not even considered [proposed] that it might be to your benefit [personal advantage and expediency] that one man should die on behalf of the people so the whole nation will not perish.

John 11:51 Of course, he was not referring to this with reference to himself [he wasn't volunteering to die], but since he was high priest that year, he would be obliged [through the power of his office] to predict that Jesus was destined to die on behalf of the nation [use false prophecy to have Him eliminated],

John 11:52 And not on behalf of our nation [Israel] only, but in order that He might also gather together the children of God [all of His elect] who are scattered abroad [geographically and historically] into one.

John 11:53 Accordingly, from that day forward they [the Sanhedrin conspiracy] began deliberating [plotting], so that they might kill Him.

John 11:54 Therefore, Jesus no longer made it a habit to walk publicly among the Jews, but departed from there to a region near the desert [wilderness], into a city which was called Ephraim, and lived with His disciples.

John 11:55 Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many [of them] left the country towards Jerusalem for the Passover, for the purpose of purifying themselves ceremonially [beforehand].

John 11:56 Consequently [due to the timing of the Passover], they [Jewish guards and members of the Sanhedrin] were searching for Jesus and talking with one another as they stood in the temple: What do you think? He will certainly not come to the festival, will He?

John 11:57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had issued commandments to the effect that if anyone knew where He was, they should inform them [the religious authorities], so that they might arrest Him.