

Crusaders Club®

Bible Study

Course No. 1

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Greetings, New Club Members! We welcome you into the International Crusaders Club for boys and girls, young people and adults all over the world. The Book of John is enclosed. A membership card will be sent with your next lesson. We are praying that you will be a faithful club member and will finish your lessons and send them in regularly and receive the special club surprise prize that will be sent to club members from time to time for special merit. Don't delay! Start your lesson right away! When you have completed it, place it in the self-addressed envelope which you receive with your lesson and mail it back to the Club House.

INTRODUCTORY STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF JOHN

The greatest thing in all the world is the fact that God loves us. In fact, He loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish because of their sins but could be forgiven and have eternal life. See John 3:16. In this lesson we shall look into God's Word as recorded in the Gospel of John and see what God says about us — about our sins and how we can be forgiven and receive eternal or everlasting life. Have you already confessed your sins and asked Jesus to forgive your sins and to come into your heart and save you for Jesus sake? If you have then let's review it from God's Word. If not, we trust that you will before you finish this lesson.

NOTE: — You will see that there are 21 chapters in the Book of John. Each chapter is divided into several verses. For example, chapter one has 51 verses. When we have John 1:12 printed, we mean that you should turn to chapter 1 and verse 12. The first number indicates the chapter and the second number indicates the verse. When we say to read John 3:16, look for chapter 3 and verse 16. Find chapter 3, now, and verse 16. It starts out, "For God so loved the world - -"

In Romans, another book in the Bible, God reveals something to us that most people do not like to admit. It says: "There is none righteous, no not one" (Romans 3:10) and again: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) In many other places in the Bible we are

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taught that all of us are guilty of sin before God. But we said at the beginning that the greatest thing in all the world is the fact that God loves us. That's true. Paul tells us again in the book of Romans: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Now that we know that all are sinners, let us see what God has to say in the little Book of John.

Read the first three chapters of John.

Now fill in the missing words in the statements and answer the questions. We will help you with the first two, then you are on your own.

1. "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the _____ of the world." (John 1:29)

Note — The chapter is chapter 1 and the verse is 29. Read the verse and fill in the missing word which is "sin".

2. Who is the Lamb of God? _____ . (John 1:29)

Note — The correct answer is "Jesus" so all you do is write the word "Jesus" on the line provided.

3. The Lamb was really the Son of _____ . (John 1:34)

4. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten _____, that whosoever believeth in Him should _____ perish but have _____ life." (John 3:16)

5. What kind of life is promised to the believer in John 3:15? _____

6. God sent His son into the world that the world through Him might be _____ . (John 3:17)

7. Concerning people who do not believe in Jesus, Jesus said: "If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall _____ in your sins." (John 8:24)

8. "He that believeth on Him (Jesus) is not _____; but he that believeth not is _____ already, because He hath not _____ in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18)

Note — A man is condemned to prison because he disobeyed the law. We have all sinned and disobeyed God, so God says we are already all condemned if we do not believe in His Son and have our sins forgiven. But when we believe in Him and have our sins forgiven, we are no longer condemned, but are saved and have everlasting life.

9. Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath _____ life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from _____ unto _____ ." (John 5:24)

10. John 20:30 and 31 tells us why the Gospel of John was written. Read it and fill in the missing words. "These are written, that ye might

_____ the Son of God; and that _____ ye might have _____



SECRET CODE. Now we are ready for the Club's first secret code message. **BE SURE TO USE THE BOOK OF JOHN WE SENT YOU or ANOTHER KING JAMES VERSION BIBLE.** Here is a sample of how to do the code.

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John 3:16 (5)
1. Find John chapter 3.
 2. Find the 16th verse.
 3. Find the 5th word (the no. in parentheses).
 4. Write that word on the line above the reference.

Now look up all the other verses, count the proper number of words, fill in the blanks, and you will make a sentence with a special message. **BE SURE IT MAKES SENSE!** If it doesn't, you have made a mistake. Look it up again.

_____ John 3:16 (5)	_____ John 4:10 (11)	_____ John 3:18 (11)	_____ John 1:1 (17)
_____ John 6:37 (5)	_____ John 3:17 (10)	_____ John 3:15 (2)	_____ John 5:40 (3)
_____ John 3:27 (8)	_____ John 1:27 (2)	_____ John 5:24 (29)	_____ John 6:27 (15)
_____ John 11:25 (11)	_____ John 8:24 (25)	_____ John 1:51 (16)	_____ John 11:44 (20)
_____ John 19:17 (4)	_____ John 8:36 (3)	_____ John 21:25 (24)	_____ John 20:25 (12)
_____ John 14:6 (1)	_____ John 20:31 (13)		

If you read the words across, you will find they make a sentence that concerns your life from God's Word. **It will also help you to know** when you have a word wrong.

It is wonderful to be a Christian and to know your sins are forgiven and that you belong to Jesus and are on your way to heaven. Don't forget the THEME of our Club. What is it?

_____ (See your instruction sheet.)

MEMORY VERSE — John 3:16. When you have memorized this verse and can say it without looking at the book, sign your name and address and mail your lesson to us. We will return it to you corrected and graded along with your next lesson which will be even more interesting and fun to do than this one. Be sure you do not lose your Book of John.

NOTE: Write down the club address in a safe place so you will have it. If you lose your lesson or it fails to be returned to you, write us and we will send you another one.

IMPORTANT: Carefully print your full

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