

## CHAPTER 1

**I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 ¶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

19 ¶ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests

and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 ¶ The next day John seeth

Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

35 ¶ Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37. And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto

them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

43 ¶ The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing

come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

## CHAPTER 2

**A**ND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

12 ¶ After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

13 ¶ And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

18 ¶ Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in

building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23 ¶ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*,

25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

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## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Matthew's Gospel presents Christ as King of the Jews. Mark presents Him as the Servant, and was written especially to the Romans. Luke's Gospel was written to the Greeks, and presents Christ as the Son of man. John's writings present Christ as the Son of God, and John is writing for the entire world.

The first three Gospels deal primarily with events in Christ's life, but John deals with the meaning of those events. We will be noting this from time to time throughout our study in John's Gospel.

We see in today's reading that Jesus is God's Son. Chapter 1:1,3,14 tells us that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. The Bible is the written Word of God; Jesus is the living incarnate Word of God. Verses 4-13 tell us that Jesus is the Light. In these same verses we read that there are but two classes of people in the world today—believers and unbelievers. Those who have received Christ as their own personal Saviour are believers and sons of God; those who have not received Him are unbelievers and not a part of God's family.

In Romans 3:23 we read, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." What is the "glory of God?" John 1:14 says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." "The glory of God" is Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Verse 29 tells us that John recognized Jesus as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Jesus is also our Lamb, our sacrifice, our salvation, if we will but trust in Him. He has taken away the sins of the world. It is our privilege to trust Him and receive Him as our personal Saviour. We are then

assured of everlasting life.

Chapter 2 records the first miracle of Christ. The thirsty crowd in this miracle is a picture of the lost world today, enjoying the pleasures of sin that do not satisfy. Empty water pots picture the human heart, which is hard and empty. When the pots are filled with water (water, in Scripture, is a picture of the Word of God), this speaks of a servant of God filling the empty heart of an unbeliever with the Word. Turning the water into wine is a picture of a sinner's heart which has been filled with the Word; making it possible for Christ to perform the miracle of the new birth.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart" (Proverbs 11:29).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 35:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

## BIRTHDAYS TODAY

**CURTIS DAVIS**

**C. A. RUSSELL**

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**1795**

**JAMES POLK WAS BORN.**

James Polk became the eleventh President of the United States. Let us pause today to pray for our President. This should be said day after day. Our President has decisions to make that affect your life and

mine; in fact, the life of the entire world. Let us pray for our president today.

**1865**  
**THE BIRTHDAY OF PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING.**

**1889**  
**NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA WERE ADMITTED TO THE UNION.**

Perhaps you know some Christian friends in South Dakota or North Dakota for whom you ought to pray today. Maybe you know some preachers or missionaries doing work in North or South Dakota for whom we ought to pray today. Let us call their names in prayer.

**1683**  
**A.B. EARLE FOUND PEACE WITH GOD.**

A.B. Earle wrote many songs. In fifty years he traveled 325,000 miles, preached 19,780 sermons, and saw 150,000 people saved. His favorite Scripture was Psalm 51:13, *“Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.”*

## **ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1875**  
Democrats suppressed black vote by fraud and violence and carried Mississippi election. “The Mississippi Plan” staged riots, political assassinations, massacres and social and economic intimidation was used later to overthrow Reconstruction governments in South Carolina and Louisiana.

**1880**  
Republican James A. Garfield elected president.

**1920**  
Warren G. Harding elected president.

**1954**  
Charles C. Diggs Jr. of Detroit elected Michigan’s first black congressman.

Spingarn Medal presented to Dr. Theodore K. Lawles for his research on skin-related diseases.

**1976**  
Jimmy Carter, former governor of Georgia, elected president with strong support from black voters. Seventeen black congressmen reelected.

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# A Christian Life . . .

## WILLIAM ASHLEY “BILLY” SUNDAY (1862-1935)

**Evangelist.** Billy Sunday was born at Ames, Iowa. Since his father died when he was less than a year old, Billy was raised in an orphanage. He became a professional baseball player, and played in the National League for seven years. He was converted to Christ through the street preaching of Harry Monroe of the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago.

After entering the ministry, he preached in the army camps during World War I, and later held city-wide meetings in the various cities across America. In one meeting in Philadelphia, over 2,300,000 people attended during a period of eight weeks. He held campaigns for over 20 years and literally “burned out” for Christ. This man, whose preaching was also influential in the support of the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution, witnessed 19 conversions in his last sermon, before his death.



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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:**

**Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.**

## **A. THE ERROR OF BEING SAVED BY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

(Assignment 35)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

( ) Titus 1:16

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

( ) Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

( ) John 10:9

I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

( ) John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

( ) Hebrews 12:14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: