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1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He existed in the beginning with God. **3** God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. NLT







6 God sent a man, John the Baptist, **7** to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. **8** John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. NLT

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11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn--not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. NLT



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



15 John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me." 16 From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.NLT



17 For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ.18 No one has ever seen God. But the one and only Son is himself God and is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. NLT

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19 This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" NLT



20 He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah." 21 "Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?" "No," he replied. "Are you the Prophet we are expecting?" "No." 22 "Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?" NLT



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24 Then the Pharisees who had been sent 25 asked him, "If you aren't the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize?" 26 John told them, "I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize." NLT

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27 "Though his ministry follows mine, I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandal." NLT



28 This encounter took place in Bethany, an area east of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing. **29** The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" NLT



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30 "He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" **31** "I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel." NLT



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





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36 As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" **37** When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. **38** Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" NLT

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



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



42 Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John--but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter"). 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." NLT



44 Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. 45 Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." NLT

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46 "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. NLT



47 As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel--a man of complete integrity." **48** "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." NLT

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49 Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God--the King of Israel!" **50** Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." NLT



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



2 The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, **2** and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. **3** The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." NLT

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6 Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. NLT

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7 Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, 8 he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions. NLT

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9 When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. 10 "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!" NLT


11 This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. 12 After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples. NLT

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13 It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. 14 In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. NLT



15 Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. NLT Gospel According to John in ASL



16 Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" 17 Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me." NLT

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18 But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it." 19 "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up." NLT

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22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said. 23 Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. NLT

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24 But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew human nature. 25 No one needed to tell him what mankind is really like. NLT

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3 There was a man named Nicodemous, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. **2** After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you." NLT

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3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.". **4** "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" NLT



5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." **6** "Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life." NLT



7 "So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'" 8 "The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit." NLT



9 "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked. **10** Jesus replied, "You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things?" **11** "I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe our testimony." NLT



12 "But if you don't believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things?" 13 "No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven." NLT



14 "And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up," NLT

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15 "so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life." 16 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." NLT

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17 "God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him." 18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son." NLT

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20 "All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed." 21 "But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." NLT

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22 Then Jesus and his disciples left Jerusalem and went into the Judean countryside. Jesus spent some time with them there, baptizing people. 23 At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to him for baptism. NLT

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26 So John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us." 27 John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven." NLT



28 "You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.'" 29 "It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the best man is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success." NLT



30 "He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less."
31 "He has come from above and is greater than anyone else.
We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else." NLT



32 "He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them!" NLT . ¥⊌ Gospel According to John in ASL

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35 "The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands."**36** "And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment." NLT

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2 (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them--his disciples did). 3 So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. 4 He had to go through Samaria on the way. 5 Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. NLT

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6 Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." NLT



8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. 9 The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" NLT

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10 Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NLT}}$



11 "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?" 12 "And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"NLT

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14 "But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." 15 "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." NLT Gospel According to John in ASL



16 "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. 17 "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband--" 18 "--for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" NLT


19 "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet." 20 "So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?" NLT



21 Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem." 22 "You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews." NLT





24 "For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." 25 The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming--the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." NLT



26 Then Jesus told her, "I AM the Messiah!" **27** Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" NLT



28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, **29** "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" NLT

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32 But Jesus replied, "I have a kind of food you know nothing about." 33 "Did someone bring him food while we were gone?" the disciples asked each other. NLT

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34 Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work." 35 "You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest." NLT



36 "The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!" **37** "You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true." NLT

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38 "I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest." **39** Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" NLT

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41 long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. 42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world." NLT

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43 At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee. 44 He himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown. **45** Yet the Galileans welcomed him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything he did there. NLT

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46 As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick. NLT



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50 Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home. 51 While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. $_{\rm NLT}$

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52 He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, "Yesterday afternoon at one o'clock his fever suddenly disappeared!" 53 Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. NLT

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 ${\bf 54}$ This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea. ${\tt NLT}$



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7 "I can't, sir," the sick man said, "for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me." **8** Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!" NLT



9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, **10** so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, "You can't work on the Sabbath! The law doesn't allow you to carry that sleeping mat!" NLT

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12 "Who said such a thing as that?" they demanded. 13 The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. 14 But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." NLT

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17 But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." 18 So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God. NLT

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20 "For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished." NLT

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21 "For just as the Father gives life to those he raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone he wants." **22** "In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge," NLT



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24 "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life." NLT

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25 "And I assure you that the time is coming, indeed it's here now, when the dead will hear my voice--the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live."26 "The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son." NLT

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27 "And he has given him authority to judge everyone because he is the Son of Man." 28 "Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son," NLT

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29 "and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgement." **30** "I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will." NLT


31 "If I were to testify on my own behalf, my testimony would not be valid."
32 "But someone else is also testifying about me, and I assure you that everything he says about me is true." NLT

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33 "In fact, you sent investigators to listen to John the Baptist, and his testimony about me was true." 34 "Of course, I have no need of human witnesses, but I say these things so you might be saved." NLT



35 "John was like a burning and shining lamp, and you were excited for a while about his message." **36** "But I have a greater witness than John--my teachings and my miracles. The Father gave me these works to accomplish, and they prove that he sent me." NLT



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37 "And the Father who sent me has testified about me himself. You have never heard his voice or seen him face to face," NLT



38 "and you do not have his message in your hearts, because you do not believe me--the one he sent to you." **39** "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!" NLT



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40 "Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life." **41** "Your approval means nothing to me," **42** "because I know you don't have God's love within you." NLT

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43 "For I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them." 44 "No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from the one who alone is God." NLT

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45 "Yet it isn't I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes." **46** "If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me." NLT

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47 "But since you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?" NLT

6 After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. NLT



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2 A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. NLT



3 Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. 4 (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) 5 Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" NLT

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6 He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" NLT



8 Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. 9 "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" NLT



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10 "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered 5,000.) 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. NLT



12 After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." 13 So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. NLT



14 When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!" 15 When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself. NLT

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16 That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him.17 But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn't come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. NLT





18 Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough. 19 They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, 20 but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here!" NLT

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21 Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination! 22 The next day the crowd that had stayed on the far shore saw that the disciples had taken the only boat, and they realized Jesus had not gone with them. NLT



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Several boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the Lord had blessed the bread and the people had eaten. NLT

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24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went across to Capernaum to look for him. 25 They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" NLT



26 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs." 27 "But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval." NLT

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28 They replied, "We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?" **29** Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent." NLT

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30 They answered, "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do?" **31** "After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, 'Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat." NLT

Chapter 6 v31-32

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33 "The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." **34** "Sir," they said, "give us that bread every day." NLT

Chapter 6 v35-36

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35 Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." **36** "But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me." NLT

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37 "However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them." 38 "For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will." NLT

Chapter 6 v39-40

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39 "And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day."
40 "For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day." NLT



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Then the people began to murmur in disagreement because he had said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." NLT



42 They said, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph? We know his father and mother. How can he say, 'I came down from heaven'?" **43** But Jesus replied, "Stop complaining about what I said." NLT

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44 "For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up." **45** "As it is written in the Scriptures, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me." NLT



46 ("Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only I, who was sent from God, have seen him.") **47** "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life." NLT

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50 "Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die." **51** "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh." NLT



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52 Then the people began arguing with each other about what he meant. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they asked. NLT


53 So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you." **54** "But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day." NLT

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55 "For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." 56 "Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him." NLT



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58 "I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever." NLT

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59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. **60** Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it? "NLT Gospel According to John in ASL



61 Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you?" **62** "Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again?" NLT

Chapter 6 v63-64

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63 "The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." **64** "But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him.) NLT

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66 At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. 67 Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?" 68 Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life." NLT

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69 "We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." 70 Then Jesus said, "I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil." NLT

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71 He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who would later betray him. $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NLT}}$

7 After this, Jesus traveled around Galilee. He wanted to stay out of Judea, where the Jewish leaders were plotting his death. NLT



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2 But soon it was time for the Jewish Festival of Shelters, 3 and Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, where your followers can see your miracles!" 4 "You can't become famous if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, show yourself to the world!" NLT

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7 "The world can't hate you, but it does hate me because I accuse it of doing evil." 8 "You go on. I'm not going to this festival, because my time has not yet come." NLT



9 After saying these things, Jesus remained in Galilee. **10** But after his brothers left for the festival, Jesus also went, though secretly, staying out of public view. **11** The Jewish leaders tried to find him at the festival and kept asking if anyone had seen him.NLT

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12 There was a lot of grumbling about him among the crowds. Some argued, "He's a good man," but others said, "He's nothing but a fraud who deceives the people." NLT

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13 But no one had the courage to speak favorably about him in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the Jewish leaders. 14 Then, midway through the festival, Jesus went up to the Temple and began to teach. NLT

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15 The people were surprised when they heard him. "How does he know so much when he hasn't been trained?" they asked. **16** So Jesus told them, "My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me." NLT

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17 "Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching if from God or is merely my own." 18 "Those who speak for themselves want glory only for themselves, but a person who seeks to honor the one who sent him speaks truth, not lies." NLT

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19 "Moses gave you the law, but none of you obeys it! In fact, you are trying to kill me." **20** The crowd replied, "You're demon possessed! Who's trying to kill you?" NLT

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21 Jesus replied, "I did one miracle on the Sabbath, and you were amazed." **22** "But you work on the Sabbath, too, when you obey Moses' law of circumcision. (Actually, this tradition of circumcision began with the patriarchs, long before the law of Moses.)" NLT

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23 "For if the correct time for circumcising your son falls on the Sabbath, you go ahead and do it so as not to break the law of Moses. So why should you be angry with me for healing a man on the Sabbath?" $_{\rm NLT}$

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24 "Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly." 25 Some of the people who lived in Jerusalem started to ask each other, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill?" 26 "But here he is, speaking in public, and they say nothing to him. Could our leaders possibly believe that he is the Messiah?" NLT

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27 "But how could he be? For we know where this man comes from. When the Messiah comes, he will simply appear; no one will know where he comes from." NLT



28 While Jesus was teaching in the Temple, he called out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I come from. But I'm not here on my own. The one who sent me is true, and you don't know him." 29 "But I know him because I come from him, and he sent me to you." NLT

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30 Then the leaders tried to arrest him; but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come. **31** Many among the crowds at the Temple believed in him. "After all," they said, "would you expect the Messiah to do more miraculous signs than this man has done?" NLT

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32 When the Pharisees heard that the crowds were whispering such things, they and the leading priests sent Temple guards to arrest Jesus. 33 But Jesus told them, "I will be with you only a little longer. Then I will return to the one who sent me." NLT



34 "You will search for me but not find me. And you cannot go where I am going." 35 The Jewish leaders were puzzled by this statement. "Where is he planning to go?" they asked. "Is he thinking of leaving the country and going to the Jews in other lands? Maybe he will even teach the Greeks!" NLT



36 "What does he mean when he says, 'You will search for me but not find me,' and 'You cannot go where I am going'?" NLT

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37 On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!" 38 "Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart." NLT

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39 (When he said "living water", he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.) NLT

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40 When the crowds heard him say this, some of them declared, "Surely this man is the Prophet we've been expecting." 41 Others said, "He is the Messiah." Still others said, "But he can't be! Will the Messiah come from Galilee?" NLT

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42 "For the Scriptures clearly state that the Messiah will be born of the royal line of David, in Bethlehem, the village where King David was born." 43 So the crowd was divided about him. NLT

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44 Some even wanted him arrested, but no one laid a hand on him. 45 When the Temple guards returned without having arrested Jesus, the leading priests and Pharisees demanded, "Why didn't you bring him in?" NLT



46 "We have never heard anyone speak like this!" the guards responded. **47** "Have you been led astray, too?" the Pharisees mocked. **48** "Is there a single one of us rulers or Pharisees who believes in him?" NLT

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49 "This foolish crowd follows him, but they are ignorant of the law. God's curse is on them!" **50** Then Nicodemus, the leader who had met with Jesus earlier, spoke up. NLT

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51 "Is it legal to convict a man before he is given a hearing?" he asked.
52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Search the Scriptures and see for yourself--no prophet ever comes from Galilee!" NLT



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Search the Scriptures and see for yourself--no prophet ever comes from Galilee!" 53 Then the meeting broke up, and everybody went home. NLT

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