



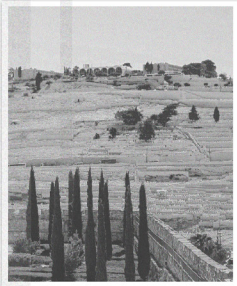
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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.



COMPLETE JOY discussion questions

1. In your own words, describe what you imagine the ministry of John the Baptist must have looked like.
2. When do you find yourself struggling to find joy?
3. John mentions that a person cannot receive anything unless it is given from heaven. Why is this such an important truth to believe? Is there a specific area in your life that this truth needs to be applied?
4. When have you truly celebrated the success of another person? How were you able to do so? What was the experience like? How can you cultivate that kind of celebration more?
5. Is there a way that you need to decrease so that Jesus can increase?



The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through him, yet the world did not know 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 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.⁷ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.⁸ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.⁹ But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.¹⁰ Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹¹And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.¹² (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")¹³ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁴ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁵ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

¹⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.¹⁷ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.