

# Verses by Verse Study Method

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A great method for getting into scripture for personal study is the verse-by-verse method. Taking a passage one scripture at a time and really making sure you understand what it is saying.

## How to use this method:

- Read the verse
- Paraphrase the verse in your own words
- Ask questions about the verse and then find answers to those questions
- Cross-Reference - Look up related or referenced scriptures
- Write down your personal insights about the verse
- Look at possible personal applications of the verse



## Read the verse:

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Find a good translation of the Bible that you understand and read the verses one at a time.

## Paraphrase:

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Put the verse in your own words. Use imagery that helps you understand what the scripture is saying. This doesn't have to be word for word but communicate the underlying thoughts of the verse.

## Ask Questions- Find Answers:

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It's ok to have questions about the Bible and not understand every reference or word that is in scripture. This is the time to write down your questions and begin to research what it is supposed to mean. This is a great time to use the footnotes of a study Bible, a commentary, or online Bible resource to gain perspective and understanding. A good online site is [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org). After you find the answers write them down so that you can use those to interpret passages of scripture later.

## Cross-Reference:

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The Bible is one of the most incredible and complex books ever written. Each sentence is a part of a bigger design. Each verse then is connected to other verses in scripture that may help clarify and give insight to what you're reading. At this point, look up any verse that is referenced or that uses similar language or verbiage. A great resource for this would be a Bible concordance or the footnotes of a study Bible. Cross reference until you have a full picture of what is being discussed.

## Insight: 05

After digging into the verse pull out some insight or revelations you had from your study. This could be further observations, words or names that you've looked up and defined. Let your imagination go and be as creative as you can!



## Personal Application 06

Lastly, examine the verse and your insights to develop personal applications for your life. Allow the text to teach, rebuke, correct, and train you during your study so that you may be thoroughly equipped. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

### Referenced Verses to John 1:1-5



**Genesis 1:1-2** "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."



**1 John 1:1** "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life."



**John 1:14** "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."



**Rev 1:8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Book or Topic: The Gospel of John

Verses	Personal Paraphrase	Questions or Answers	Cross-References	Insights	Possible Personal Application
John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.	From the very beginning of time God existed and his words existed. The two are inseparable.	Why does the author use The Word in this verse? <i>The Greek word Logos is complex. Literally it means the spoken word but conceptually means reasoning or divine wisdom.</i>  Why is does John start the gospel this way? <i>John is making a connection between scripture (the Word) and God. He then later connects the Word to Jesus (John 1:14).</i>	Genesis 1:1 1 John 1:1 John 1:14	God created everything, including wisdom and rationale.  God and scripture are inseparable.	We believe that scripture is from God because they are God's Words!
John 1:2 He was with God in the beginning.	From the beginning of existence Jesus was with God.	Who is "He" in this verse? <i>Jesus is the "He" in this verse. He was with God because he is God.</i>  What beginning? <i>The beginning of creation and time.</i>	John 8:58 John 17:5 John 17:24 Revelation 1:8 (These words are in red to indicate Jesus is speaking)	Jesus has always been with God because Jesus is God!  Jesus always has existed; he was not created like the angels or humanity.	I pray to Jesus because he is a part of the trinity. He is God the Son.
John 1:3 Through Him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.	God made everything and without Him nothing would even exist.	Is this only including creation at the beginning of time? <i>This verse shows that everything, including newborn babies, are made by God.</i>	1 Corinthians 8:6 Colossians 1:16 Hebrews 1:2	Jesus is bigger than any problem we encounter. He literally created the universe and everyone in it.	If we believe that God created everything, including us, we can trust that He is in control and can take care of us.
John 1:4 In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.	Jesus brings life. He brings light to humanity and hope to dark places. His light gives humankind direction and guidance.	What is the life being referenced here? <i>Jesus conquered death, hell, and the grave. He offers life and life to the fullest (John 10:10).</i>	John 5:26 Acts 3:15 Hebrews 7:16 1 John 1:1-2 John 10:10	When I am in relationship with Jesus, I live a new life not bound by darkness. A life full of hope and joy in the Lord.	God gives hope even when it looks like there is nothing but darkness.
John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.	Jesus' light cannot be overcome by darkness. Though darkness may try to extinguish it, God's light is stronger than any darkness in the world.	The last part of that verse seems strange in English. <i>The word "understand" in the Greek has several meanings; a better translation might be "overcome". You may see understand or overcome in different modern Bible translations.</i>	Psalms 18:28 John 3:19	God's light cannot be overcome by darkness. The enemy cannot win against God!	There is victory from the temptations of the devil through Christ Jesus. His light overcomes darkness.

What is your one takeaway from this session?

