Questions on John chapter 1

1. Is the Word a created person, or is He Creator? Verses 1-3.

2. How do you think the darkness “comprehended (apprehended, American Standard Version) not” the light? Verses 4-5.

3. Which John is meant in verse 6? Verses 6-8.

4. Should the world have known Him? Verses 9-10. (See Romans 1:18-21 and Acts 14:16-17)

5. Who were “His own” that received Him not? Verses 11-13.

6. How was the Word made flesh and how did John and others behold His glory? Verse 14.

7. How could the Word come after John if He was before him? Verses 15-16.

8. How was the Son close enough to the Father to declare or “interpret” Him? Verses 17-18.

9. Why did the priests and Levites ask John the Baptist about Elijah and “the prophet”? Verses 19-22.

10. Do you think baptism was a new or an old rite and why was John baptizing? Verses 23-26.

11. What was John’s estimate of himself compared to Christ and why refer to Christ as the Lamb of God? Verses 27-29.

12. How could John say he knew Him not since he was a first cousin to Jesus? Verses 30-31.

13. What was the sign to John that would reveal Jesus as the Son of God? Verses 32-34.

14. How would John’s pointing out Jesus as the Lamb of God detract from his own popularity? Verses 35-36.

15. Why do you think John’s disciples followed Jesus? Verse 37.

16. Roman time would be 10 a.m. and Jewish time 4 p.m. Which would be the more likely time for the disciples’ visit? Verses 38-39.

17. John identified one of the disciples. Who do you think the other may have been and why? Verse 40.

18. What was the basic characteristic of Andrew as shown in this verse? Verse 41.

19. How could Jesus have known enough about Peter to predict his future character as a rock? Verse 42.

20. Who, besides Andrew, believes in personal evangelism? Verses 43-45.

21. Do you think Philip spoke of Nazareth as he did because: (1) He was from a rival city; (2) Nazareth was notoriously evil; (3) Jesus’ origin seemed a wrong interpretation of the Messianic prophecies? Verse 46.

22. How does Jesus show that his knowledge of Nathanael is not from someone else? Verses 47-48.

23. What convinced Nathanael that Jesus is the Son of God? Verses 49-50.

24. How does this verse compare to Jacob’s dream? Verse 51. (See Genesis 28:12-14)