

***Study Hints for Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***  
**John 1:1-14**  
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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be answers to the discussion questions, but hints a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

**Five Questions for Discussion  
and Thinking Further**

**1. What does John say about the Word?**

The Word was God and was with God in the beginning. Every created thing came into being through the Word. The Word gave life and light. The Word became flesh and dwelt among the disciples, the Jews, and the Gentiles in history.

**2. Of what value is light? Compare the Son of God to the sun of our Earth.**

The light enables us to see and investigate our surroundings. The light gives us the ability to come to an

understanding of our world, other people, and our Creator. The Son of God gives both spiritual and physical life. The sun helps sustain our physical life by providing heat and light and other physical and psychological benefits.

### **3. What important truths does John tell about John the Baptist?**

John was sent by God to tell people about the light, Jesus the Messiah, so people could believe in Jesus because of John's testimony.

### **4. What does Jesus do for those who receive Him?**

Jesus gives those who believe in Him the power to become the children of God.

### **5. Why do you think John insisted “the Word became flesh.”**

Jesus did not just appear to be human, but actually had real human flesh, blood, a physical brain, nerves, emotions, feelings, temptations, and the choices of a real human being. Therefore, by human experience, He understands the human situation and our human problems, temptations, and limitations, but He never sinned. He does understand why we have sinned and saves us from sin.

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