

# “Father” in John

As I mentioned in the introduction, the relationship between Jesus and His Father is the main theme of the Gospel of John. Please **circle** or underline whenever you come across the word “Father” in your Bible as we continue our study.

The message and focus throughout the Gospel of John is consistent and clear. Jesus is one with His Father and was sent by His Father. Jesus lived in the closest relationship with His Father and made Him known to us.

In John 5:17-20 Jesus stated unequivocally that He could do nothing by Himself. He did everything through His love relationship with His **Father**. Jesus repeats this theme many times in the Gospel of John. Jesus used the word “Father” more than 100 times in the Gospel of John. Jesus also referred to His **Father** without using the word Father multiple other times. (For example, He used the phrase, “He who sent me,” many times referring to His Father.

As we study the Gospel of John, I suggest you underline or circle the word “Father” in each chapter. As I said in the Introduction to the Gospel of John, Jesus and His relationship with His Father is the central theme of John’s gospel. This becomes apparent when we see the number of times Jesus talked about His **Father**.

Jesus is our model. He became a human being and lived in this world to set an example of how we are to live. He wants us to completely depend on **the Father** and do everything through our love relationship with Him.

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.

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the **Father**, has made him known.

John 2:16

To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my **Father’s** house into a market!”

John 3:35

The **Father** loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.

John 4:21

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the **Father** neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

John 4:23

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the **Father** in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the **Father** seeks.

John 5:17

In his defense Jesus said to them, “My **Father** is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

John 5:18

For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own **Father**, making himself equal with God.

John 5:19

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his **Father** doing, because whatever the **Father** does the Son also does.

John 5:20

For the **Father** loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

John 5:21

For just as the **Father** raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

John 5:22

Moreover, the **Father** judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son.

John 5:23

That all may honor the Son just as they honor the **Father**. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the **Father**, who sent him.

John 5:26

For as the **Father** has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

John 5:36

"I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the **Father** has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the **Father** has sent me.

John 5:37

And the **Father** who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form.

John 5:43

I have come in my **Father's** name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

John 5:45

"But do not think I will accuse you before the **Father**. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set.

John 6:27

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the **Father** has placed his seal of approval."

John 6:32

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my **Father** who gives you the true bread from heaven.

John 6:37

All those the **Father** gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

John 6:40

For my **Father's** will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

John 6:44

"No one can come to me unless the **Father** who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

John 6:45

It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the **Father** and learned from him comes to me.

John 6:46

No one has seen the **Father** except the one who is from God; only he has seen the **Father**.

John 6:57

Just as the living **Father** sent me and I live because of the **Father**, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

John 6:65

He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the **Father** has enabled them."

John 8:16

But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the **Father**, who sent me.

John 8:18

I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the **Father**, who sent me."

John 8:19

Then they asked him, "Where is your **father**?" "You do not know me or my **Father**," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my **Father** also."

John 8:27

They did not understand that he was telling them about his **Father**.

John 8:28

So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the **Father** has taught me.

John 8:38

I am telling you what I have seen in the **Father's** presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your **father**."

John 8:39

"Abraham is our **father**," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did.

John 8:41

You are doing the works of your own **father**." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only **Father** we have is God himself."

John 8:42

Jesus said to them, "If God were your **Father**, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me.

John 8:44

You belong to your **father**, the devil, and you want to carry out your **father's** desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the **father** of lies.

John 8:49

"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my **Father** and you dishonor me.

John 8:53

Are you greater than our **father** Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

John 8:54

Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My **Father**, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

John 8:56

Your **father** Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

John 10:15

Just as the **Father** knows me and I know the **Father**—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:17

The reason my **Father** loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.

John 10:18

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my **Father**."

John 10:25

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my **Father's** name testify about me.

John 10:29

My **Father**, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my **Father's** hand.

John 10:30

I and the **Father** are one."

John 10:32

Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the **Father**. For which of these do you stone me?"

John 10:36

What about the one whom the **Father** set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?

John 10:37

Do not believe me unless I do the works of my **Father**.

John 10:38

But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the **Father** is in me, and I in the **Father**."

John 11:41

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "**Father**", I thank you that you have heard me.

John 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My **Father** will honor the one who serves me.

John 12:27

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? '**Father**, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

John 12:28

**Father**, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

John 12:49

For I did not speak on my own, but the **Father** who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken.

John 12:50

I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the **Father** has told me to say."

John 13:1

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the **Father**. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

John 13:3

Jesus knew that the **Father** had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God.

John 14:2

My **Father's** house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

John 14:5-6

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the **Father** except through me.

John 14:7

If you really know me, you will know my **Father** as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:8

Philip said, "Lord, show us the **Father** and that will be enough for us."

John 14:9

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the **Father**. How can you say, 'Show us the **Father**'?"

John 14:10

Don't you believe that I am in the **Father**, and that the **Father** is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the **Father**, living in me, who is doing his work.

John 14:11

Believe me when I say that I am in the **Father** and the **Father** is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

John 14:12

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the **Father**.

John 14:13

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the **Father** may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:16

And I will ask the **Father**, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.

John 14:20

On that day you will realize that I am in my **Father**, and you are in me, and I am in you.

John 14:21

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my **Father**, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

John 14:23

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My **Father** will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

John 14:24

Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the **Father** who sent me.

John 14:26

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the **Father** will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:28

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the **Father**, for the **Father** is greater than I.

John 14:31

But he comes so that the world may learn that I love the **Father** and do exactly what my **Father** has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

John 15:1

"I am the true vine, and my **Father** is the gardener.

John 15:8

This is to my **Father's** glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:9

"As the **Father** has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

John 15:10

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my **Father's** commands and remain in his love.

John 15:15

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my **Father** I have made known to you.

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the **Father** will give you.

John 15:23

Whoever hates me hates my **Father** as well.

John 15:24

If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my **Father**.

John 15:26

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the **Father**—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the **Father**—he will testify about me.

John 16:3

They will do such things because they have not known the **Father** or me.

John 16:10

About righteousness, because I am going to the **Father**, where you can see me no longer.

John 16:15

All that belongs to the **Father** is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

John 16:17

At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the **Father**'?"

John 16:23

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my **Father** will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 16:25

"Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my **Father**.

John 16:26

In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the **Father** on your behalf.

John 16:27

No, the **Father** himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

John 16:28

"I came from the **Father** and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the **Father**."

John 16:32

"A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my **Father** is with me.

John 17:1

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "**Father**, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

John 17:5

And now, **Father**, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

John 17:11

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

Holy **Father**, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

John 17:21

That all of them may be one, **Father**, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:24

"**Father**, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

John 17:25

"Righteous **Father**, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

John 18:11

Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the **Father** has given me?"

John 20:17

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the **Father**. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my **Father** and your **Father**, to my God and your God.'"

John 20:21

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the **Father** has sent me, I am sending you."