



# THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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## JOHN

### CHAPTERS 1 TO 21

#### Chapter 1

In the beginning, the Word is with God.  
Word becomes flesh, to traverse on this sod.  
John bears the record that Jesus is Christ.  
This is the Lamb, at which freedom is priced.

#### Chapter 2

Jesus is bidden to marriage, to dine;  
Simple, old water is turned into wine.  
Then in Jerusalem Jesus takes cords,  
Cleanses the house that is known as the Lord's.

#### Chapter 3

Ruler of Jews comes to Jesus by night;  
Jesus rewards him with message of light.  
You, says the Master, must be born again.  
This is a manifold mystery to men.

#### Chapter 4

Woman to well in Samaria comes;  
Jesus expounds on the things she has done.  
Jesus says He is the Christ of the Lord.  
Nobleman's son by a word is restored.

#### Chapter 5

Jesus at pool of Bethesda appears,  
Heals an affliction of thirty-eight years,  
Violates Sabbath, enrages the Jews,  
Warns the delivered great caution to use.

#### Chapter 6

Five thousand feed on a little lad's fish.  
Sea is submissive to Jesus' slight wish.  
Jesus says He is the true bread of life;  
This causes much consternation and strife.

#### Chapter 7

Jesus goes up to the feast of the Jews,  
Startles the throng with His scholarly views.  
Crowd is divided, debating His worth,  
Straining at points like the place of His birth.

#### Chapter 8

Woman in sin of adultery found;  
Jesus stoops down and inscribes on the ground.  
Jesus says He is the light of the world.  
Pharisees rage; accusations are hurled.

#### Chapter 9

Jesus finds one who was blind from his birth,  
Touches his eyes with an ointment of earth,  
Sends him to wash in the pool of Siloam;  
Blind man is healed, and the Pharisees foam.

#### Chapter 10

Jesus says He is the door of the sheep.  
Anyone else is a robber or thief.  
Hirelings will flee when the wolf ventures near.  
Shepherds will die for the flock they hold dear.

### **Chapter 11**

Lazarus dies and is placed in the grave.  
Sisters send word to the One who can save.  
Jesus is touched as their grief is outpoured,  
Gives the command, and the dead is restored.

### **Chapter 12**

Lazarus sits with the Master at meat.  
Mary takes spikenard and washes His feet.  
Jesus cries out to the Father above;  
Answer is quick, with a message of love.

### **Chapter 13**

Jesus sits down with Disciples to eat;  
Then He takes water and washes their feet,  
Points out the traitor by giving a sop.  
Peter starts boasting, is brought to a stop.

### **Chapter 14**

Let not your hearts be unsettled and scared;  
Many bright mansions are being prepared.  
In the hereafter the saints will be there.  
Comforter promised in answer to prayer.

### **Chapter 15**

Christ is the vine, but the branches are men.  
God is the keeper, to save or to end.  
Purged are the good branches, burned are the bad.  
Dwell in the vine, and your wish may be had.

### **Chapter 16**

Jesus gives facts that will soon be fulfilled;  
Saints will be hated and smitten and killed.  
It is expedient Jesus should go;  
Then He, the Spirit of truth, will bestow.

### **Chapter 17**

Christ importunes to the Father in prayer;  
Choosing His followers' burdens to bear,  
Pleads for the future of those He did teach,  
Also the ones His Disciples will reach.

### **Chapter 18**

Judas brings men to imprison the Lord;  
Peter then amputates ear with a sword.  
Jesus is taken the high priest to face.  
Peter, when challenged, denies in disgrace.

### **Chapter 19**

Pilate, though troubled, gives sentence of death.  
Pardon is purchased with Jesus' last breath.  
Jesus is crucified, payment for sin.  
Soldiers cast lots His apparel to win.

### **Chapter 20**

Mary seeks Peter to tell what is done.  
Peter, by other, is greatly outrun.  
Jesus is risen to Mary's delight.  
Thomas, the doubter, persuaded on sight.

### **Chapter 21**

Seven Disciples go forth to catch fish.  
Jesus appears, and prepares a fine dish.  
Jesus invites His Disciples to eat.  
Peter is grieved when he's asked to repeat.