

VERSE MAPPING

John

Themes on the Christian life
from the Gospel of John



"Remain in me,
as I also remain
in you. No
branch can bear
fruit by itself; it
must remain in
the vine. Neither
can you bear
fruit unless you
remain in me."

JOHN 15:4 (NIV)

verse
mapping



The Word became flesh
and made his

**dwelling
among us.**

JOHN 1:14 (NIV)



**"I'm going out
to fish."**

Simon Peter told them,
and they said, "We'll go with you."

JOHN 21:3 (NIV)



"If you remain
in me and my
words remain
in you, ask
whatever you
wish, and it
will be done
for you."

JOHN 15:7 (NIV)

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Then they all went home, but

**Jesus went to
the Mount of
Olives.**

JOHN 7:53-8:1 (NIV)

BIBLE STUDY PLAN



In this guide

VERSE MAPPING is a method of studying the historical context, transliteration, translation, connotation, and theological framework of a verse in the Bible.

Plain and simple? It's serious study, but a study that meets you where you are. If you want to unpack the context of the Scriptures you're reading but do it in a super-simple way, then get ready... You've just joined the Bible study that will inspire, encourage, and unlock your understanding of the Word of God!

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is an interactive guide developed for the Gospel of John using the Verse Mapping study system, from author and teacher Kristy Cambron. The first maps in this guide are complete, though readers will want to add to the Outcome (Step 5) for their own conclusions. Later maps include blank steps (Steps 4-5) for the reader to complete. For more tools and Bible study resources, visit: VerseMapping.com.

What is Verse Mapping?



**In him
was life, and
that life was
the light of all
mankind.**

JOHN 1:4 (NIV)



Verse Mapping 101

VERSE MAPPING has one rule: *If you can back up your conclusions with Scripture, then you can write them down. Everything is fair game in studying, as long as God said it first.*

This is a Holy Spirit-led study; we can't take a step without him leading the way. So pray and invite him into your study space. This should be time that you spend together—with him revealing more of who he is to your heart.

WHAT YOU NEED:

VERSE MAPPING JOURNAL

Or a notebook with blank pages

MARKERS/PENS

Specific colors aren't required

BIBLE

Or a Bible app to look up various translations

CONCORDANCE

Or a smart device with Hebrew and Greek dictionaries

TIME

While time is a requirement, the time you block on our calendar is up to you. If you have five minutes today and an hour tomorrow, dedicate what time you can, when you can. It's all about communion with God.

What are the rules?

What are the steps?

Whether you're at a desk in your home office, at the local coffee shop, or on the go, Verse Mapping is a verse-by-verse study that moves with you in five simple steps: VERSE, DESIGN, DEVELOP, ACTIONS, and OUTCOME. Let's begin!

1 *verse*

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

WRITE YOUR VERSE(S)

What is the Holy Spirit teaching me?

2 *design*

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

WRITE YOUR VERSE(S) in MULTIPLE TRANSLATIONS

What does this verse say?

3 *develop*

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

RESEARCH HEBREW or GREEK WORDS

What does this verse mean?

4 *actions*

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

DOCUMENT YOUR RESEARCH

What actions tell the story?

5 *outcome*

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

WRITE YOUR MAP SUMMARY

What have I learned and how do I apply it to my life?



Verse Mapping John

INTRODUCTION

AUTHOR: John “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (13:23)

DATE WRITTEN: C. AD 85-95

TAKES PLACE: Judea

The Gospel of John establishes Jesus’ divine identity and authority and is unique among the Gospels in that the author gives an explicit reason for writing: “These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (20:31). While the author is not noted by name, he is referred to as one of the twelve at the Last Supper and “the disciple who testifies to these things and wrote them down” (21:24). The only disciple not martyred for his faith, John wrote his Gospel in his old age, probably years after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke were circulated.

John’s focus is to present Christ as the only way to eternal life. He shows Jesus’ deity through seven miraculous “signs” and interprets the significance of his ministry with his “I am” statements.

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VERSE MAP THEMES

MAP 1 —	Grace	John 1:14
MAP 2 —	Love	John 3:16
MAP 3 —	Belief	John 7:37-38
MAP 4 —	Service	John 13:16-17
MAP 5 —	Peace	John 16:33
MAP 6 —	Prayer	John 17:1
MAP 7 —	Salvation	John 20:31
MAP 8 —	Forgiveness	John 21:15



**Remain
in me,
as I also
remain in you.**

JOHN 15:4 (NIV)

JOHN 1:14

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

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. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (NKJV)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"flesh" — [G/K NUMBER: G4922.] In Greek: *sarx*. Definition: *body, the soft tissue of a creature; by extension human, humankind, with a focus on the fallen human nature.*

"grace" — [G/K NUMBER: G5921.] In Greek: *charis*. Definition: *the state of kindness and favor toward someone; by extension: gift, credit; thanks, blessing.*

"truth" — [G/K NUMBER: G237.] In Greek: *alētheia*. Definition: *truth, truthfulness; corresponding to reality.*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

— God became man: God took on human flesh (both physical flesh and human nature), but revealed his deity through seven miraculous signs (2:1-11; 2:12-17; 4:46-54; 5:1-15; 6:1-15; 9:1-12; 11:1-44) and seven "I am" statements (6:35; 8:12; 10:7,9; 10:11,14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1,5)

— God's revelation to man: God revealed his deity to Moses (Exodus 34:6) as abounding in love and faithfulness (in other translations, of goodness and truth); Jesus is revealed as the Word, full of grace and truth (1:14).

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

The Gospel of John establishes the authority (1:2-4) and deity (1:1,14) of Jesus Christ as both God and man, and the Word as the author of grace and truth.

JOHN 3:16

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (NKJV)

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"loved" — [G/K NUMBER: G26.] In Greek: *agapaō*. Definition: to love; in the NT usually the active love of God for his Son and his people, and the active love his people are to have for God, each other, and even enemies.

"world" — [G/K NUMBER: G3180.] In Greek: *kosmos*. Definition: earth, world system, whole universe; adornment. In some contexts, the world is simply the place where people live, in other contexts (especially in John), the world is a system opposed to God.

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

— Nicodemus, a Pharisee (member of religious authority keeping strict observance of the law) was a part of the Jewish council sent to investigate John the Baptist's claims about Jesus. Nicodemus seeks out Jesus at night, calls him "Rabbi" (teacher), and inquires about the signs of Jesus.

— Jesus' response to Nicodemus' question of his miraculous signs is that: 1.) One must be "born again" to see the kingdom of God (that is, eternal life), and 2.) God's love is so great, it's extended beyond any one people or nation to all of his creation

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

God's love does not extend only to members of a religious elite or any one nation or people.

God's love extends to all creation. God's love extends to me.

JOHN 7:37-38

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (NKJV)

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"loud voice" — [G/K NUMBER: G3189.] In Greek: *krazō*.
Definition: *call out, cry out, shout, exclaim.*

"believes" — [G/K NUMBER: G3189.] In Greek: *pisteuō*.
Definition: *to believe, put one's faith in, trust, with an implication that actions based on that trust may follow.*

"living [water]" — [G/K NUMBER: G2409.] In Greek: *zāō*.
Definition: *to be alive, to live a life; in the NT this can also refer to the resurrection life, Jesus Christ is then "the Living One."*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

— Jesus chooses the last day of the great Feast of Tabernacles (the eighth day, the day of holy convocation) and during the holy water ceremony to step up and cry out with a passionate, bold declaration: If anyone thirsts, he says come to him and find "living water" (comparing the small amount of water flowing from the pitcher in the ceremony to the river of everlasting water in Christ). This is in reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit to those who believe in him (7:39).

— The same Greek word(s) for "loud voice" and to "cry out" were used in Scripture for when Jesus cried out and gave up his spirit while on the cross (Mt. 27:50)

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

Jesus is passionate in his love for us— both to lay down his life and to send the Helper/Holy Spirit to those who put their trust in him.

JOHN 13:16-17

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. (NKJV)

Truly, truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"servant" — [G/K NUMBER: G1528.] In Greek: *doulos*. Definition: servant, slave; in the NT a person owned as a possession (Hebrew slaves no more than seven years, Gentile slaves without time limit), of lower social status than free persons or masters.

"master" — [G/K NUMBER: G3261.] In Greek: *kyrios*. Definition: lord, master. Can be a title of address to a person of higher status; a master of property or slaves; or a NT translation of Hebrew 151 "Lord" or 3378 "LORD," that is "Yahweh," the proper name of God in the OT.

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

- Jesus defines the roles of servant and master after performing the symbolic Last Supper at the Passover feast, followed by performing the service of washing his disciples' feet (a duty of the lowliest servant)
- Jesus displays humility in both the choice to submit to his disciples (in service, as a servant would a master) and in submitting his own will to God (and his forthcoming willingness to lay down his life on the cross)

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

Jesus models the choices in the life of the believer for submission to serve others and humble surrender to God's will.

JOHN 16:33

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. (NKJV)

These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"peace" — [G/K NUMBER: G1645.] In Greek: *eirēnē*. Definition: *peace, harmony, tranquility; safety, welfare, health; often with an emphasis on lack of strife or reconciliation, as when one has "peace with God."* Generally follows usage of the Hebrew word 8934.

"trouble/tribulation" — [G/K NUMBER: G2568.] In Greek: *thlipsis*. Definition: *trouble, distress, oppression, tribulation.*

"overcome" — [G/K NUMBER: G3771.] In Greek: *nikaō*. Definition: *to overcome, overpower; to conquer, triumph.*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

JOHN 17:1

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

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

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You." (NKJV)

Jesus spoke these things; and raising His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, so that the Son may glorify You." (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"glorify" — [G/K NUMBER: G1519.] In Greek: *doxazō*.
Definition: to glorify, give praise, honor.

"Son" — [G/K NUMBER: G5626.] In Greek: *huios*.
Definition: son, child (of either gender), descendant (in any generation); by extension: a term of endearment; one of a class or kind. "The Son of Man" is an OT phrase usually meaning "human being," that in the NT is used almost exclusively as a messianic title (Da 7:13), emphasizing Jesus' humanity.

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

JOHN 20:31

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (NKJV)

But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"Jesus" — [G/K NUMBER: G2652.] In Greek: *Iêsous*. Definition: *Jesus, Joshua, "Yahweh saves"*.

"Messiah" — [G/K NUMBER: G5986.] In Greek: *Christos*. Definition: *Christ, Anointed One, Messiah, the Greek translation of the Hebrew 5431 (cf. Greek 3549). The Messiah is the Son of David, an anointed leader expected to bring in an age of peace and liberty from all oppression. In the NT, the Messiah is Jesus, who came first to bring liberty from sin and peace with God and who will come again to bring all things under his control.*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

JOHN 21:15

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." (NKJV)

Now when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"love" — [G/K NUMBER: G26.] In Greek: *agapaō*.
Definition: to love; in the NT usually the active love of God for his Son and his people, and the active love his people are to have for God, each other, and even enemies.

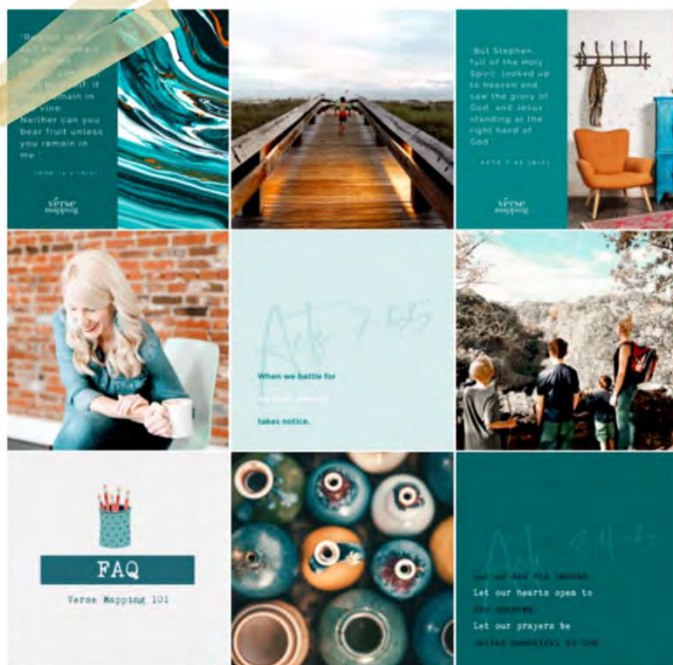
"love" — [G/K NUMBER: G5797.] In Greek: *phileō*.
Definition: to love, to have affection and regard of a very high order, and overlapping in meaning in some contexts.

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?



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From tutorial videos to tools and resources and an online Bible study community, we have the continuing study resources to support your next Verse Mapping journey. Explore the links below to Get Started, Get Linked, and Get Community today!



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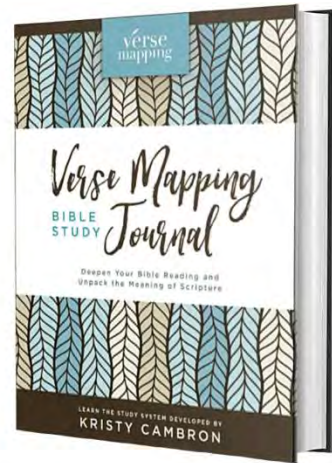


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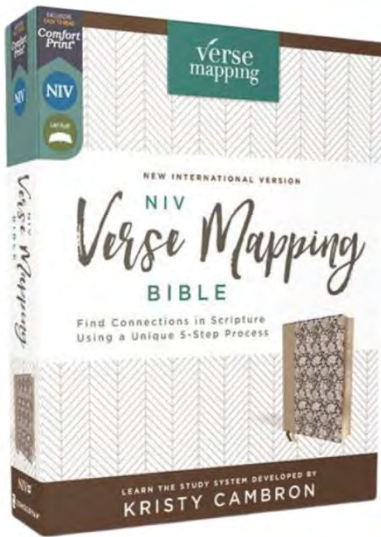
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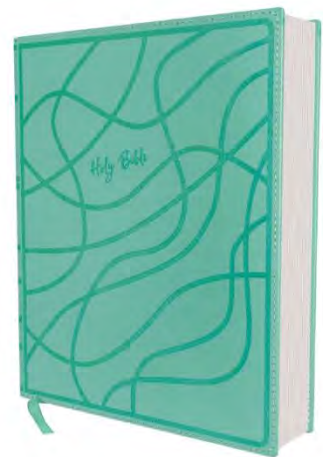
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A Note from the Author



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— Kristy Cambron

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