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John

John 1

John 1:1

ULT:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

UST:

The Word existed before the universe existed. The Word was with God. The Word also was God.

What was in the beginning?

In the beginning was the Word.

What was the Word?

The Word was God.

Who was the Word with? (1:1-2)

The Word was with God.

John 1:2

ULT:

He was in the beginning with God.

UST:

He, the Word, was with God before the universe existed.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:3

ULT:

All things came into being through him, and without him came into being not one thing that has come into being.

UST:

God made everything through him. God made every single thing in the universe with him.

Was anything made without the Word?

All things were made through him, and without him there was not one thing made that has been made.

John 1:4

ULT:

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

UST:

The Word gives eternal life, and that eternal life is {God's good and true} light {that he revealed} to humans.

What was in the Word?

In him was life.

John 1:5

ULT:

And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

UST:

God revealed {his good and true} light to the evil world, and that evil world did not vanquish it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:6

ULT:

There was a man—having been sent from God—his name {was} John.

UST:

God sent a man named John {who was known as John the Baptizer}.

What was the name of the man sent from God?

His name was John.

John 1:7

ULT:

He came as a witness in order that he might testify about the light, so that all might believe through him.

UST:

He came in order to declare to people about {Jesus, who is} the light. {He declared this} so that everyone might trust in the light by means of his {testimony}.

What did John come to do?

He came as a witness to testify about the light, that all might believe through him.

John 1:8

ULT:

That one was not the light, but {came} so that he might testify about the light.

UST:

John himself was not that light, but he came in order to tell people about the light.

Did the world know or receive the light John came to testify about? (1:8-11)

The world did not know the light John came to testify about, and that light's own people did not receive him.

John 1:9

ULT:

The true light, which gives light to all men, was coming into the world.

UST:

That true light was {Jesus,} who revealed God's truth and goodness to everyone. {He was} that light that was coming into the world.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:10

ULT:

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, and the world did not know him.

UST:

The Word was in the world, and he created the universe. Nevertheless, the people of the world did not recognize him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:11

ULT:

He came to his own, and his own did not receive him.

UST:

The Word came to his own people, {the Jews,} but they rejected him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:12

ULT:

But as many as received him, he gave to them the authority to become children of God, to the ones believing in his name,

UST:

But to everyone who accepted him and trusted in him he gave the right to become God's children.

What did the light do for those who believed on his name?

To those who believed on his name he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:13

ULT:

the ones not born from bloods, nor from the will of the flesh, nor from the will of a man, but from God.

UST:

These children of God were not spiritually born by means of normal human birth, nor by human desire, nor by the desire of their fathers. Rather, they were spiritually born by God.

How could those who believed on his name become children of God?

They could become children of God by being born by God.

John 1:14

ULT:

And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the One and Only from the Father, full of grace and truth.

UST:

The Word became a real human being and temporarily lived here {where we live}. We have seen him display his glorious nature. {That is} the glorious nature of the Unique Son who came from the Father. He fully possesses God's kind acts and true teachings.

Is there or was there any other person like the Word, who came from the Father?

No! The Word is the only unique person who came from the Father.

John 1:15

ULT:

John testifies about him and has cried out, saying, "This was the one of whom I said, 'The one coming after me has become greater than me, for he was before me.'"

UST:

John the Baptizer was telling people about the Word. And he shouted {to those around him}, "I told you that someone would come after me {and that} he is much more important than I am because he existed long before me."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:16

ULT:

For from his fullness we have all received even grace after grace.

UST:

{We know the Word fully possesses God's kind acts and true teachings} because all of us have benefited from what he fully possesses, {having benefited from} one kind act after another.

What have we received from the fullness of this one John testified about?

From his fullness we have all received free gift after free gift.

John 1:17

ULT:

For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came about through Jesus Christ.

UST:

{This is} because God gave his laws {to the Israelites} by Moses. But God's kind acts and true message came into full existence by Jesus the Messiah.

What came through Jesus Christ?

Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:18

ULT:

No one has seen God at any time. The One and Only God, the one being in the bosom of the Father, that one has made {him} known.

UST:

No one has ever seen God. But Jesus, the Unique One, is God. He is close to God the Father, and he himself has revealed the Father.

Who has seen God at any time?

No man has seen God at any time.

Who has made God known to us?

The one who is in the bosom of the Father has made him known to us.

John 1:19

ULT:

And this is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem so that they might ask him, "Who are you?"

UST:

This is what John the Baptizer testified when the Jewish leaders sent some priests and Levites from the city of Jerusalem in order to ask him, "Who are you?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:20

ULT:

And he confessed—and he did not deny, but confessed—“I am not the Christ.”

UST:

{At that time} John emphatically confessed, “I am not the Messiah!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:21

ULT:

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he says, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

UST:

Then they asked him, "{If that is so,} then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "No." They asked again, "Are you the Prophet {whom God said would come}?" John answered, "No."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:22

ULT:

Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we might give an answer to the ones having sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

UST:

So these priests and Levites asked John once more, “Who are you? {Tell us} so that we can report {what you say} to those leaders who sent us. Who do you claim to be?”

Who did John say he was when asked by the priests and Levites from Jerusalem? (1:22-23)

He said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Make the way of the Lord straight,’ just as Isaiah the prophet said.”

John 1:23

ULT:

He said, "I am a voice, crying out in the wilderness: 'Make the way of the Lord straight,' just as Isaiah the prophet said."

UST:

John told them, "I am the person shouting in the desolate area to prepare yourselves to receive the Lord when he comes. {I am whom} the prophet Isaiah foretold."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:24

ULT:

And the ones that had been sent were from the Pharisees,

UST:

These priests and Levites whom the leaders in Jerusalem sent to John were Pharisees.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:25

ULT:

and they asked him and said to him, "Why do you baptize then if you are not the Christ nor Elijah nor the Prophet?"

UST:

They asked him, "If you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet, then why are you baptizing people?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:26

ULT:

John answered them, saying, "I baptize in water. In the midst of you stands one you do not know,

UST:

John replied, "I am baptizing people with water, but there is someone now among you whom you do not know.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:27

ULT:

the one coming after me, of whom I am not worthy that I might untie the strap of his sandal."

UST:

He follows after me, but I am not important enough even to untie his sandals."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:28

ULT:

These things came about in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

UST:

These events occurred at the village of Bethany over {on the east side of} the Jordan River. {That is the place} where John was baptizing people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:29

ULT:

The next day he sees Jesus coming to him and says, “Behold, the Lamb of God, the one taking away the sin of the world!”

UST:

The day after that happened, John saw Jesus coming toward him. Then he said to the people, “Look! {He is} the Lamb of God! He will sacrifice himself to forgive the sins of the people in this world.”

What did John say when he saw Jesus coming to him?

He said, “Look, there is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:30

ULT:

This is he concerning whom I said, 'After me comes a man who has become greater than me, for he was before me.'

UST:

This man is the one about whom I said, 'Someone will come after me who is more important than I am, because {he existed long} before me.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:31

ULT:

And I did not know him, but so that he might be revealed to Israel, because of this, I came baptizing in water.”

UST:

I did not know who he was {at first}. Nevertheless, I have been baptizing people with water for the very purpose of revealing him to the people of Israel.”

Why did John come baptizing with water?

He came baptizing with water so that Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, could be revealed to Israel.

John 1:32

ULT:

And John testified, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending like a dove from heaven, and it remained upon him.

UST:

And John declared, "I saw God's Spirit coming down from heaven appearing like a dove. Then the Spirit remained on Jesus.

What was the sign that revealed Jesus as the son of God to John? (1:32-33)

The sign was that on whoever John saw the Spirit descending and remaining, that one is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.

John 1:33

ULT:

And I did not recognize him, but the one having sent me to baptize in water, that one said to me, 'Upon whomever you might see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, he is the one baptizing in the Holy Spirit.'

UST:

I did not know who he was {at first}, but God sent me to baptize {people} with water and told me, 'The man on whom you see my Spirit come down and remain is the man who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:34

ULT:

And I have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

UST:

I have seen this, and I declare to you that this man, Jesus, is the Son of God.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:35

ULT:

The next day, John was standing again with two of his disciples,

UST:

The day after that happened, John the Baptizer was again with two of his students.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:36

ULT:

and having seen Jesus walking by, he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

UST:

When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look! {He is} the Lamb of God!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:37

ULT:

And his two disciples heard {him} speaking, and they followed Jesus.

UST:

Then John's two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

What did two of John's disciples do when they heard John call Jesus "the lamb of God"?

They followed Jesus.

John 1:38

ULT:

But Jesus, having turned and having seen them following, says to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi (which being translated means Teacher), where are you staying?"

UST:

When Jesus turned around and saw them coming behind him, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi (which means 'teacher' {in Jewish Aramaic}), where are you lodging?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:39

ULT:

He says to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he is staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

UST:

He replied, "Come with me, and you will see!" So they came and saw where Jesus was lodging. They stayed with him that day because it was getting late. (It was about 4:00 PM)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:40

ULT:

One of the two having heard from John and having followed him was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.

UST:

One of those two disciples who had heard what John had said and followed Jesus was Andrew. {He was} Simon Peter's brother.

What is the name of one of the two who heard John speak and then followed Jesus?

The name of one of the two is Andrew.

John 1:41

ULT:

This one first finds his own brother Simon and says to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated “Christ”).

UST:

Andrew first {went and} found his brother Simon. {When he came to him,} he said, “We have found the Messiah!” (Messiah is “Christ” in the Greek language.)

What did Andrew tell his brother Simon about Jesus?

Andrew told Simon, “We have found the Messiah.”

John 1:42

ULT:

He brought him to Jesus. Jesus, having looked at him, said, "You are Simon, the son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated "Peter").

UST:

Andrew took Simon to Jesus. When Jesus looked at Peter, he said, "You are Simon. Your father's name is John. {From now on} your name will {also} be Cephas" (which {means "rock" in Aramaic and} is "Peter" in Greek).

What did Jesus say Simon would be called?

Jesus said Simon would be called "Cephas" (which means "Peter").

John 1:43

ULT:

The next day Jesus wanted to go away to Galilee, and he finds Philip and says to him, "Follow me."

UST:

The day after that happened Jesus decided to leave that area. He went to the region of Galilee and found a man named Philip. Jesus said to him, "Come be my disciple."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:44

ULT:

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, from the city of Andrew and Peter.

UST:

Philip was from the city of Bethsaida {in Galilee}. {This is also the city that} Andrew and Peter were from.

What was the city of Andrew and Peter?

The city of Andrew and Peter was Bethsaida.

John 1:45

ULT:

Philip finds Nathaniel and says to him, “We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the law, and the prophets—Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”

UST:

{Then} Philip {went and} found Nathaniel. {When he came to him,} he said, “We have found the Messiah whom Moses wrote about in the law {God gave the Israelites} and {whom} the prophets {said would come}. {The Messiah is} Jesus. His father’s name is Joseph. He is from the town of Nazareth.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:46

ULT:

And Nathaniel said to him, "Is any good thing able to be from Nazareth?" Philip says to him, "Come and see."

UST:

Nathaniel replied, "From Nazareth? Certainly nothing good can come out of that town!" Philip replied, "Come and see for yourself!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:47

ULT:

Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him and says about him, "Behold, a true Israelite, in whom is no deceit!"

UST:

When Jesus saw Nathaniel approaching him, he said to him, "Look! {Here is} an honest Israelite! He never deceives anyone!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:48

ULT:

Nathaniel says to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, being under the fig tree, I saw you."

UST:

Nathaniel asked him, "How do you know what kind of man I am?" Jesus replied, "I saw you before Philip called you, when you were sitting {by yourself} under the fig tree."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:49

ULT:

Nathaniel replied to him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!”

UST:

Then Nathaniel declared, “Teacher, you must be the Son of God! You are the King of Israel {whom we have been waiting for}!”

What did Nathaniel say about Jesus?

Nathaniel said, “Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel.”

John 1:50

ULT:

Jesus replied and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you underneath the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

UST:

Jesus replied, "Do you trust in me just because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see me do things that are much greater than that!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 1:51

ULT:

And he says to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

UST:

Then Jesus said to him, “I am telling you the truth: {Just like the vision your ancestor Jacob long ago saw,} you will see heaven opened up, and you will see God’s angels going up and coming down on me, the Son of Man.”

What did Jesus say Nathaniel would see?

Jesus told Nathaniel he would see the heavens opened, and all the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

John 2

John 2:1

ULT:

And on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

UST:

Two days later, there was a wedding in Cana, which is a town in the region of Galilee, and Jesus' mother was there.

Who was at the wedding in Cana of Galilee? (2:1-2)

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.

John 2:2

ULT:

Now Jesus also was invited, and his disciples, to the wedding.

UST:

And someone also invited Jesus and his disciples to the wedding.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:3

ULT:

And having run out of wine, the mother of Jesus says to him, "They do not have wine."

UST:

{The hosts served wine to those attending the wedding and} they drank all the wine they had. {So} Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine. {Please do something about it.}"

Why did the mother of Jesus tell Jesus, "They have no wine"? (2:3-5)

She told this to Jesus because she expected the he would do something about the situation.

John 2:4

ULT:

And Jesus says to her, "Woman, what to me and to you? My hour is not yet come."

UST:

Then Jesus said to her, "Madam, what does that have to do with me or you? {The chosen} time {for me to begin} my {work} has not arrived yet."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:5

ULT:

His mother says to the servants, "Whatever he might say to you, do."

UST:

Jesus' mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you to do."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:6

ULT:

Now there were six stone water pots standing there for the ceremonial washing of the Jews, each containing two or three metretes.

UST:

(There were six {empty} stone jars placed there. They held water {so that the people could wash themselves according to} Jewish religious cleansing laws. Each jar could hold 80 to 120 liters {of water}.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:7

ULT:

Jesus says to them, "Fill the water pots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

UST:

Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled the jars completely to the top.

What two things did Jesus tell the servants to do? (2:7-8)

He first told them to fill the water pots with water. Then he told the servants to take some of the "water" to the head waiter.

John 2:8

ULT:

And he says to them, "Draw now and take {it} to the head waiter." And they carried {it}.

UST:

Then he told them, "Now, take some water out of a jar and bring it to the director of the wedding feast." So the servants did that.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:9

ULT:

But as the head waiter tasted the water that had become wine (and he did not know where it was from, but the servants—the ones that had drawn the water—knew), the head waiter calls the bridegroom

UST:

Then the director of the feast tasted the water, which had now become wine. (He did not know where the wine had come from, although the servants who had taken out the water knew.) And he called the bridegroom {to himself}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:10

ULT:

and says to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and the cheaper wine when they have become drunk. You have kept the good wine until now."

UST:

Then he told the bridegroom, "Everyone serves the best wine first and serves the cheap wine later, when the guests have drunk a lot {and can not tell the difference}. However, you have saved the best wine until now."

What did the head waiter say after he tasted the water that had become wine?

The head waiter said, "Every man places first the good wine and then the cheaper wine when men are drunk. But you have kept the fine wine until now."

John 2:11

ULT:

This beginning of the signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

UST:

That was the first of the miraculous signs that Jesus did. He did it in the town of Cana, which is in the region of Galilee. There he showed how great he is. So his disciples trusted in him.

What was the response of Jesus' disciples on seeing this miraculous sign?

Jesus' disciples believed in Jesus.

John 2:12

ULT:

After this he and his mother and brothers and his disciples went down to Capernaum, and they stayed there not many days.

UST:

Some time after doing this miracle, Jesus and his mother and brothers, along with his disciples, went down to the town of Capernaum. And they stayed there for a few days.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:13

ULT:

And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

UST:

Now it was almost time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went up to the city of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:14

ULT:

And he found in the temple the ones selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting there.

UST:

There in the temple {courtyard} he saw men selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons {for those making sacrifices there}. {He also saw} men sitting at tables, exchanging money {for temple money}.

What did Jesus find when he went to the temple in Jerusalem?

He found money changers and those that sold oxen, sheep and pigeons.

John 2:15

ULT:

And having made a whip from cords, he drove {them} all out from the temple, and the sheep and the oxen, and he scattered the coins of the money changers and overthrew their tables.

UST:

So Jesus made a whip from some braided leather strips, and he used it to drive all those people out from the temple {along with} the sheep and the cattle. He also scattered the coins of the moneychangers on the ground and flipped their tables over.

What did Jesus do to the sellers and money changers?

He made a whip of cords and drove all of them out from the temple, including both the sheep and the oxen. He also poured out the money changers' money and overthrew their tables.

John 2:16

ULT:

And to the ones selling pigeons, he said, "Take these things away from here. Do not make the house of my Father a house of commerce."

UST:

He told those who were selling pigeons, "Take these pigeons out of here! Do not turn my Father's house into a marketplace!"

What did Jesus say to the pigeon sellers?

He said, "Take these things away from here. Stop making my father's house a marketplace."

John 2:17

ULT:

His disciples remembered that it is written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

UST:

{This event} reminded his disciples about what someone had written {in the scriptures long before}, "I love your temple so much, {O God,} that I would die for it."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:18

ULT:

Then the Jews responded and said to him, “What sign do you show us, since you are doing these things?”

UST:

The Jewish leaders then responded by asking Jesus, “What miracle can you do for us {to prove that you have authority from God} to do these things that you are doing?”

How did the Jewish authorities respond to Jesus’ actions in the temple?

They asked Jesus, “What sign will you show us, since you are doing these things?”

John 2:19

ULT:

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

UST:

Jesus replied to them, "If you destroy this temple, then in three days I will rebuild it."

How did Jesus answer the Jewish authorities?

He answered them by saying, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:20

ULT:

Then the Jews said, "This temple was built in 46 years, and you will raise it up in three days?"

UST:

So the Jewish leaders said, "It took 46 years to build this temple. {Are you saying that} you are going to rebuild this entire temple in just three days?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:21

ULT:

But that one was speaking about the temple of his body.

UST:

However, the temple Jesus was speaking about was his own body, {not the temple building}.

What temple was Jesus referring to?

Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body.

John 2:22

ULT:

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

UST:

As a result {of this statement}, his disciples remembered these things that he had said after God had raised Jesus from the dead. Then they believed both what the scriptures said and what Jesus himself had said.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 2:23

ULT:

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, at the festival, many believed in his name, seeing his signs that he was doing.

UST:

At a later time, when Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, during {the days of} the celebration, many people trusted in him because they saw the miracles he kept on doing.

Why did many believe in Jesus' name?

They believed because they saw all the miraculous signs he did.

John 2:24

ULT:

But Jesus himself did not trust himself to them because he knew all {men}

UST:

Nevertheless, because Jesus knew what all people were like, he did not trust them.

Why would Jesus not trust himself to the people? (2:24-25)

He would not trust himself to the people because he knew all people, what was in mankind, and because he did not need anyone to testify concerning mankind.

John 2:25

ULT:

and because he did not have need that anyone would testify about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

UST:

Jesus {also did not trust them} because he did not need anyone to tell him about mankind. {This is} because he knew what people {think and want}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3

John 3:1

ULT:

Now there was a man from the Pharisees, Nicodemus {was} his name, a ruler of the Jews.

UST:

Now there was a man named Nicodemus. He was a member of {a strict Jewish religious group called} the Pharisees. He was a member of the highest Jewish governing council.

Who was Nicodemus?

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a member of the Jewish Council.

John 3:2

ULT:

This one came to him at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you have come from God as a teacher, for no one is able to do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

UST:

He visited Jesus at night. He said to Jesus, "Teacher, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. {We know this} because no one can do these miracles you are doing unless God is helping him."

What did Nicodemus testify to Jesus?

Nicodemus told Jesus, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

John 3:3

ULT:

Jesus replied and said to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone would be born again, he is not able to see the kingdom of God."

UST:

Jesus replied to Nicodemus and said, "I am telling you the truth: No one can enter where God rules without being born a second time."

What did Jesus tell Nicodemus that confused and perplexed Nicodemus? (3:3-4)

Jesus told Nicodemus that one had to be born again in order to enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:4

ULT:

Nicodemus says to him, "How is a man able to be born, being an old man? He is not able to enter a second time into the womb of his mother and to be born, is he?"

UST:

Then Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person be born again when he is old? No one can enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!"

What questions did Nicodemus ask that let us know that Jesus' statements confused and perplexed Nicodemus?

Nicodemus said, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

John 3:5

ULT:

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone would be born from water and Spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God.

UST:

Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: no one can enter where God rules unless he is born again by water and the Spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:6

ULT:

{What} has been born from the flesh is flesh, and {what} has been born from the Spirit is spirit.

UST:

If a human being gives birth to a person, {that person} is a human being. But those who are born {again} by the {work of God's} Spirit have a new spiritual nature {that God makes within them}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:7

ULT:

Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'It is necessary for you to be born again.'

UST:

Do not be astonished because I told you that you must be born again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:8

ULT:

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone having been born from the Spirit."

UST:

The Holy Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to blow. Although you can hear the sound of the wind, you do not know where the wind came from or where it is going. {Just as you do not understand these things,} so {also you do not understand} everyone who is born {again} by the {work of God's} Spirit."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:9

ULT:

Nicodemus replied and said to him, "How are these things able to happen?"

UST:

Nicodemus answered him, "How is this possible?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:10

ULT:

Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

UST:

Jesus answered him, "You are an important religious teacher among the people of Israel, so you should understand what I am saying!"

How did Jesus rebuke Nicodemus?

He rebuked Nicodemus by saying, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

John 3:11

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you that we speak {what} we know, and we testify about {what} we have seen, and you do not receive our testimony.

UST:

I am telling you the truth: my disciples and I say the things that we know are true, and we are telling you the things that we have witnessed. Yet you people {to whom we say these things} reject what we are saying.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:12

ULT:

If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

UST:

Since you people do not trust what I say when I tell you about things that happen on this earth, you certainly will not trust what I say when I tell you about things that happen in heaven!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:13

ULT:

And no one has ascended into heaven except the one having descended from heaven—the Son of Man.

UST:

I, the Son of Man, am the only one who has gone up to heaven, and I am the only one who has come down {to earth} from heaven.

Who has ascended into heaven?

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

John 3:14

ULT:

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, thus it is necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up

UST:

{Long ago, when the Israelites were wandering} in the wilderness, Moses lifted up a {bronze model of a poisonous} snake {on a pole, and all who looked up at it were saved from the snakes}. In the same way, people must lift me, the Son of Man, up {on a cross}.

Why must the Son of Man be lifted up? (3:14-15)

He must be lifted up so that all who believe in him may have everlasting life.

John 3:15

ULT:

so that everyone believing in him may have eternal life.

UST:

{They will lift me up} so that whoever looks up and trusts in me will live forever {with me in heaven}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:16

ULT:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his One and Only Son, so that everyone believing in him would not perish but would have eternal life.

UST:

{This is} because God loved the world's people in this way, so that he gave his Unique Son in order that anyone who trusts in his Son would not die but would live forever.

How did God show he loved the world?

He showed his love by giving his Only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:17

ULT:

For God did not send the Son into the world so that he might condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him.

UST:

{This is true} because God did not send me, his Son, into the world in order to declare the world's people guilty. Rather, {God sent me} in order to save the world's people by me.

Did God send his son to condemn the world?

No. God sent his son so that the world should be saved through his son.

John 3:18

ULT:

The one believing in him is not condemned, but the one not believing has already been condemned because he has not believed in the name of the One and Only Son of God.

UST:

God does not declare guilty anyone who trusts in his Son. But God has already declared guilty everyone who does not trust in his Son, because they did not trust in the name of the Unique Son of God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:19

ULT:

Now this is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their deeds were evil.

UST:

Now God's judicial ruling is as follows: {the one who is} the light entered the world, but people loved evil instead of him, because they do evil deeds.

Why do men fall under judgment?

Men fall under judgment because light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:20

ULT:

For everyone who is doing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, so that his deeds might not be exposed.

UST:

{They love the darkness} because every person who continually does evil deeds hates {the one who is} the light and will never come to him. {They avoid the light} so that the light might not reveal what they do.

Why do not those who do evil come into the light?

Those who do evil hate the light and will not come into it, because they do not want their deeds exposed.

John 3:21

ULT:

But the one doing the truth comes to the light, so that his deeds might be revealed, that they have been worked in God.”

UST:

But the person who continually does true deeds comes to the one who is the light so that the light might show everyone what he does {and so that everyone might know} that God was helping him do these deeds.”

Why do those who practice the truth come into the light?

They come into the light so that their deeds may be clearly seen and to make known that their deeds have been brought about in obedience to God.

John 3:22

ULT:

After these things, Jesus and his disciples went into the land of Judea, and he tarried there with them and was baptizing.

UST:

After those things happened, Jesus and his disciples entered the region of Judea. He stayed there for a while with his disciples and baptized many people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:23

ULT:

Now John was also baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because much water was there, and they were coming and were being baptized—

UST:

John the Baptizer was also baptizing people near the town of Aenon, which is near the town of Salim in the region of Samaria. {He was baptizing people there} because there was much water in that place, and people kept coming to John to be baptized.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:24

ULT:

for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

UST:

{John could do this} because John's enemies had not yet put him in prison.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:25

ULT:

Then a dispute came about from the disciples of John with a Jew concerning ceremonial washing.

UST:

Then some of John's disciples started arguing with a Jewish man about Jewish religious cleansing laws.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:26

ULT:

And they went to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you beyond the Jordan, about whom you had testified, behold, he is baptizing, and they are all going to him."

UST:

Those who were arguing came to John and said, "Teacher, there was a man who was with you when you were baptizing people on the other side of the Jordan River. You had testified about who he was. Look! Now he is baptizing people, and many people are going out to him!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:27

ULT:

John replied and said, "A man is not able to receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven.

UST:

John answered, "Nobody can receive anything unless God gives it to him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:28

ULT:

You yourselves testify to me that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before that one.'

UST:

You are surely witnesses to me saying that I am not the Messiah, but I am the one whom God has sent before the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:29

ULT:

The one having the bride is the bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom, the one having stood and hearing him, rejoices with joy because of the voice of the bridegroom. Therefore, this my joy has been made complete.

UST:

The bride belongs to the bridegroom. I am like the friend of the bridegroom. I stand and listen to him and am very happy because I hear the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, {because the bride is going to the bridegroom}, I am extremely joyful.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:30

ULT:

It is necessary for that one to increase, but for me to decrease.

UST:

{Jesus, the bridegroom,} must become more influential, and I, {the bridegroom's friend,} must become less influential.

What did John say would happen to Jesus' ministry compared to John's ministry?

John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:31

ULT:

The one coming from above is above all things. The one being from the earth is from the earth and speaks from the earth. The one coming from heaven is above all things.

UST:

Jesus comes from heaven, and he is greater than everyone and everything. Those {like myself} who are from the earth can only speak {with the limited perspective of someone} from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is greater than everyone and everything on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:32

ULT:

He testifies about that which he has seen and heard, but no one receives his testimony.

UST:

Jesus tells people about the things he has seen and heard {in heaven}, but very few people accept what he says.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:33

ULT:

The one having received his testimony has set his seal that God is true.

UST:

{However,} whoever believes what Jesus says has verified that God is truthful.

What did those who accepted the testimony of the one from above, from heaven, confirm?

They confirmed that God is true.

John 3:34

ULT:

For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God. For he does not give the Spirit by measure.

UST:

{This is} because this Jesus whom God has sent says God's words. {We know he says God's words} because God surely gives his Spirit to him without limit.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 3:35

ULT:

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

UST:

God the Father loves the Son and has given him authority over everything.

What has the Father given into the hand of the Son?

He has given all things into the Son's hand.

John 3:36

ULT:

The one believing in the Son has eternal life, but the one disobeying the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

UST:

Whoever trusts in God's Son will live forever {with him in heaven}. Whoever does not obey the Son of God will never have eternal life. Rather, God will continually be furious with him."

What do those who believe in the Son have?

They have eternal light.

What happens to those who disobey the Son?

They will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on them.

John 4

John 4:1

ULT:

Then when Jesus knew that the Pharisees heard that Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John

UST:

Later, {the religious group called} the Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining more disciples than John the Baptizer and that he was baptizing more people than John was baptizing. Jesus also found out that the Pharisees had heard this.

When did Jesus leave Judea and depart for Galilee? (4:1-3)

Jesus left Judea and departed for Galilee after he knew the Pharisees had heard that he was making and baptizing more disciples than John.

John 4:2

ULT:

(although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples),

UST:

(Jesus did not actually baptize anyone, but his disciples were baptizing people.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:3

ULT:

he left Judea and went back again to Galilee.

UST:

{When he found out that the Pharisees were aware of him,} Jesus left the region of Judea and returned once more to the region of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:4

ULT:

Now it was necessary for him to go through Samaria.

UST:

Now {to get to the region of Galilee} he had to go through the region of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:5

ULT:

Then he comes to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

UST:

Next, they arrived at a city named Sychar in the region of Samaria. Sychar was near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph {a long time ago}.

Where did Jesus come to on his way to Galilee?

He came to a Samaritan town called Sychar.

John 4:6

ULT:

Now the well of Jacob was there. Then Jesus, having grown weary from the journey, was sitting right beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

UST:

(Jacob's well was in that area.) After {arriving at Sychar} Jesus was very tired because of his long journey, so he sat down {to rest} next to Jacob's well. It was about noon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:7

ULT:

A woman from Samaria comes to draw water. Jesus says to her, "Give me to drink,"

UST:

A Samaritan woman came out {to the well} {to lower a bucket on a rope} to pull up some water. Jesus said to her, "Please give me some water to drink."

Who came to Jacob's well while Jesus was there?

A Samaritan woman came there to draw water.

What did Jesus first say to the Samaritan Woman?

He said to her, "Give me some water to drink."

John 4:8

ULT:

for his disciples had gone away into the city so that they might buy food.

UST:

{He said this} because his disciples had left {him by himself} and had gone into the city in order to buy food.

Where were Jesus' disciples?

They had gone away into town to buy food.

John 4:9

ULT:

Then the Samaritan woman says to him, "How do you, being a Jew, ask from me to drink, being a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not have dealings with Samaritans.)

UST:

And the Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "I am surprised that you, a Jew, are asking me, a woman from Samaria, for a drink." (She said this because Jews usually would not have anything to do with Samaritans.)

Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus would talk to her?

She was surprised because Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans.

John 4:10

ULT:

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you had known the gift of God and who is the one saying to you, 'Give me to drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

UST:

Jesus replied to her, "If you had known the gift that God wants to give you, and if you had known who I am who is requesting a drink from you, you would have asked me for a drink, and I would have given you living water."

What does Jesus say to turn the conversation to the things of God?

Jesus tells her that if she had known the gift of God and who was talking to her, she would have asked, and he would have given her living water.

John 4:11

ULT:

The woman says to him, “Sir, you do not have a vessel and the well is deep. From where then do you have the living water?”

UST:

The woman replied, “Sir, you do not have a bucket {with which to draw the water up out of the well,} and this well is deep. {Since you can not get the water out of this well,} where did you get this living water from?”

What statement does the woman make to indicate she does not understand the spiritual nature of Jesus’ comments?

The woman replied, “Sir, you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that living water?”

John 4:12

ULT:

You are not greater, are you, than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, and his sons and his cattle?”

UST:

You are surely not greater than our father Jacob. He {dug this well} and gave it to us. He, his sons, and his livestock drank water from it as well.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:13

ULT:

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone drinking from this water will thirst again,

UST:

Jesus replied to her, "Everyone who drinks water from this well will become thirsty again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:14

ULT:

but whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never thirst into eternity. Instead, the water that I will give him will become a fountain of water in him, springing up to eternal life."

UST:

But anyone who drinks the water that I will give him will never become thirsty again. Rather, the water that I will give him will become a spring of water inside him {that fills him up} and causes him to live forever {in heaven}."

What does Jesus tell the woman about the water that he will give? (4:14-15)

Jesus tells the woman that those who drink the water he gives will never thirst again, and the water will become a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.

John 4:15

ULT:

The woman says to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I might not thirst and might not come here to draw {water}.”

UST:

The woman said to Jesus, “Sir, please give me some of this water in order that I may never become thirsty again or have to come to this well to draw water again.”

Why does the woman now want this water that Jesus offers?

She wants the water so she will not get thirsty and will not have to come to the well to draw water.

John 4:16

ULT:

He says to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

UST:

Jesus told her, "Go get your husband and bring him here."

Jesus then changes the subject of conversation. What does he tell the woman?

Jesus tells her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

John 4:17

ULT:

The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus says to her, "You have rightly said, 'I do not have a husband,'

UST:

The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus told her, "You are right in saying that you have no husband,

How does the woman answer Jesus when he tells her to call her husband?

The woman tells Jesus she has no husband.

John 4:18

ULT:

*for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband.
This you have said is true."*

UST:

*because you have had not one, but five, husbands, and the man you are currently {living
with} is not your husband. What you have said {about not having a husband} is true."*

**What does Jesus say about the woman which he could not know by
natural means?**

He tells her she has had five husbands and the man she now has is not her husband.

John 4:19

ULT:

The woman says to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

UST:

The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:20

ULT:

Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.”

UST:

Our ancestors worshiped God right here on this mountain, but you Jews say that we must worship God at {your temple} in Jerusalem.”

What controversy does the woman bring up to Jesus concerning worship?

She bring up a controversy about where is the proper place to worship.

John 4:21

ULT:

Jesus says to her, "Believe me, woman, that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."

UST:

Jesus told her, "Madam, believe me when I say that a time is coming when neither here on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:22

ULT:

You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

UST:

You people {here in Samaria} worship the God whom you do not know. We Jews worship the God whom we know. {This is true} because the way to be saved {from your sins} comes from among the Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:23

ULT:

However, an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for indeed the Father seeks such ones worshiping him.

UST:

Nevertheless, the time is coming and has now arrived when those who truly worship God will worship the Father spiritually and truthfully. {This is} because the Father indeed searches for such people to worship him.

What does Jesus tell the woman about the kind of worshipers the Father seeks? (4:23-24)

Jesus tells her God is a Spirit, and true worshipers must worship God in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

ULT:

God is spirit, and it is necessary for the ones worshiping him to worship in spirit and truth."

UST:

God is a spiritual being, and those who worship him must worship him spiritually and truthfully."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:25

ULT:

The woman says to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (the one called Christ). When he comes, that one will declare everything to us."

UST:

The woman said to Jesus, "I know that the Messiah will come. (He is the one called 'Christ' in Greek.) When he comes, he will tell us everything {that we need to know}."

What does Jesus say to the woman when she tells Jesus that when Messiah (Christ) comes, he will declare everything to them? (4:25-26)

Jesus tells her that he is the Messiah (Christ).

John 4:26

ULT:

Jesus says to her, "I am, the one speaking to you."

UST:

Jesus told her, "I, who am speaking to you now, I am the Messiah!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:27

ULT:

And at this, his disciples came, and they were amazed that he was speaking with a woman. Nevertheless, no one said, "What are you seeking?" or "Why are you speaking with her?"

UST:

Just at that moment, his disciples came back from the city. They were astonished because Jesus was talking {alone} with a woman {whom he did not know}. However, no one dared to ask him, "What do you want from her?" or "Why are you talking with her at all?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:28

ULT:

Then the woman left her water pot and went back into the town and says to the men,

UST:

At that time the woman left her water jar there and returned to the city. She said to the men of the city,

What did the woman do after her conversation with Jesus? (4:28-29)

The woman left her water pot, went back to town, and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me all things that I ever did. This could not be the Christ, could it?”

John 4:29

ULT:

“Come, see a man who told me all things, as much as I have done. This is not the Christ, is it?”

UST:

“Come and meet this man who told me so many things that I have done! He could not be the Messiah, could he?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:30

ULT:

They went out from the town and came to him.

UST:

Those men left the city and came to Jesus.

What did the town's people do after they heard the woman's report?

They left the town and came to Jesus.

John 4:31

ULT:

In the meantime, the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

UST:

{While the woman was gone,} Jesus' disciples, {who had just returned with the food,} pleaded with him to eat. They said, "Teacher, please eat something!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:32

ULT:

But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know."

UST:

Jesus told them, "I have sustenance that you know nothing about!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:33

ULT:

So the disciples said to each other, "No one brought him to eat, did he?"

UST:

So they were saying to one another, "Surely no one else could have brought him something to eat, could they?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:34

ULT:

Jesus says to them, “My food is that I might do the will of the one having sent me and might complete his work.

UST:

Jesus told them, “This is what sustains me: It is to do what my Father—who sent me—wants and to complete my Father’s work.

What does Jesus say his food is?

Jesus said his food was to do the will of the one who sent him and to complete his work.

John 4:35

ULT:

Do you not say, 'There are still four months, and the harvest comes'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and see the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

UST:

{At this time of the year} you usually say, 'There are four months left, and then we will harvest the crops.' Listen to what I am telling you. Look and see that these people are like fields that are now ready for harvest!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:36

ULT:

The one harvesting receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the one sowing and the one harvesting might rejoice together.

UST:

The one who harvests these crops receives payment and collects fruit, which is people receiving life forever {in heaven}. The result is that those who sow the seed and those who reap the harvest will be glad together.

What is the benefit of harvesting?

The harvester receives wages and gathers fruit for everlasting life, so that he who sows and he who harvests may rejoice together.

John 4:37

ULT:

For in this the saying is true, 'One is the one sowing, and another, the one harvesting.'

UST:

What I am going to say is true: One person sows the seeds, and another person harvests the crops.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:38

ULT:

I sent you to harvest that on which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

UST:

I sent you disciples of mine to gather the harvest from a crop that you did not plant. Others have worked very hard {to plant the crop}, but you are now joining them in their work.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:39

ULT:

Now many of the Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the report of the woman, testifying, “He told me all things that I have done.”

UST:

Now many Samaritans who lived in the city of Sychar trusted in Jesus because of what the woman had told them. She said, “He told me so many things that I have done.”

Why did many Samaritans in that city to believe in Jesus?

The woman’s report caused many Samaritans in that city to believe in Jesus.

John 4:40

ULT:

So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

UST:

When the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to remain with them. So he stayed there with them for two more days.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:41

ULT:

And many more believed because of his word.

UST:

Many more of them trusted in Jesus because of what he proclaimed to them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:42

ULT:

And they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your speech, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this one is truly the Savior of the world.”

UST:

The townspeople told the woman, “We believe in Jesus now, but not just because of what you told us about him. {We believe} because we have heard his message for ourselves. Now we know that this man truly is the one who saves the believers in the world {from their sins}.”

What did many of those Samaritans believe about Jesus?

They said that they now knew that Jesus was indeed the Savior of the world.

John 4:43

ULT:

Now after the two days, he departed from there into Galilee;

UST:

After he stayed for two days {with the Samaritans}, Jesus left the city of Sychar and entered the region of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:44

ULT:

for Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

UST:

(Jesus wanted to go to Galilee because he himself confirmed that a prophet does not receive honor in the place where he grew up {and he did not want publicity}.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:45

ULT:

When therefore he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all {the things}, as much as he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they had also gone to the festival.

UST:

Since this is true, when he arrived in the region of Galilee many of the people there merely welcomed him because they had seen all the amazing things he had done in Jerusalem during the recent Passover celebration, which they also had gone to.

When Jesus came into Galilee, why did the Galileans welcome him?

They welcomed him because they had seen all the things that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival.

John 4:46

ULT:

Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine, and there was a certain royal official whose son in Capernaum was ill.

UST:

Next, Jesus went back again to the town of Cana in the region of Galilee. {That was} where he had turned water into wine. There was an official of the king who lived nearby in the city of Capernaum and had a son who was very sick.

After Jesus left Judea and returned to Galilee, who came to Jesus, and what did he want? (4:46-47)

A certain royal official whose son was sick came to Jesus, imploring him to come down and heal his son.

John 4:47

ULT:

He, having heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, went to him and asked that he would come down and heal his son, for he was about to die.

UST:

When that official heard that Jesus had come back to Galilee from Judea, he went to Jesus in Cana and asked him to come down to Capernaum and heal his son, because his son would die soon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:48

ULT:

Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you would see signs and wonders, you would certainly not believe."

UST:

Jesus then told him, "You people will only trust in me {as the Messiah} if you see {me perform} wonderful miracles!"

What did Jesus tell the royal official about signs and wonders?

Jesus told him people would not believe unless they saw signs and wonders.

John 4:49

ULT:

The royal official says to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

UST:

The official of the king said to him, "Sir, please come down to my home in Capernaum before my son dies!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:50

ULT:

Jesus says to him, "Go. Your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went away.

UST:

Jesus told him, "Go home. Your son will live." The man trusted what Jesus told him, and he started to go back home.

What did the royal official do when Jesus did not go with him but told him, "Go; your son lives"?

The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

John 4:51

ULT:

Now while he was going down, his servants met him and reported {to him}, saying that his son lives.

UST:

As the official was traveling down to his home in the city of Capernaum, his servants met him {along the road}. They told him, "Your child is going to live."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:52

ULT:

So he asked from them the hour in which he began to improve. Therefore, they replied to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

UST:

He asked his servants, "At what time did my son start getting better?" They answered him, "At 1:00 PM yesterday his fever went away."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 4:53

ULT:

Then the father realized {that it was at that} hour in which Jesus had said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself and his whole household believed.

UST:

And the boy’s father recognized that his son had recovered at the exact time that Jesus had told him that his son would live. So this same man, along with everyone who lived in his house, trusted in Jesus.

What was the result after the father of the sick child was told that his son was living and that the fever had left him the day before at the seventh hour, at the same hour Jesus had told him, “Your son lives.”?

The result was the royal official and his whole household believed.

John 4:54

ULT:

Now Jesus again did this second sign, having come from Judea to Galilee.

UST:

That was the second great miracle that Jesus did. {He did it during the time that} he came to the region of Galilee after leaving the region of Judea.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5

John 5:1

ULT:

After these things, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

UST:

After those things happened, the time came for another Jewish festival, and Jesus walked up to the city of Jerusalem {to celebrate the festival}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:2

ULT:

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, in Hebrew being called Bethesda, having five roofed porches.

UST:

{There is a place} called the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem, {which is one of the gates going into the city}. There is a pool beside that gate which people called Bethesda in the language used by the Jews. Next to the pool are five porches with roofs.

What was the name of the pool in Jerusalem by the sheep gate that had five roofed porticos?

That pool was called Bethesda.

John 5:3

ULT:

In these were lying a crowd of the ones being sick, blind, lame, {or} paralyzed.

UST:

Many people were lying on these porches. They were people who were ill, unable to see, unable to walk, or unable to move.

Who was at Bethesda? (5:3-4)

A great number of people who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed were lying in the porticos of Bethesda.

John 5:4

ULT:

[For an angel of the Lord went down into the pool and stirred up the water at certain times, {and} then the one having first stepped in after the stirring of the water was healed from whatever disease he suffered from.]

UST:

[{They were lying there} because an angel from the Lord would occasionally come down and aggravate the water. Whoever was the first person to step into the water after the angel aggravated it was healed from whatever illness or infirmity that was afflicting him.]

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:5

ULT:

Now a certain man was there, having 38 years in his illness.

UST:

There was a man lying near this pool called Bethesda who had been sick for 38 years.

At Bethesda, who did Jesus ask, “Do you want to be well?”? (5:5-6)

Jesus asked a certain man who had been an invalid for 38 years and who had been lying there a long time.

John 5:6

ULT:

Jesus, having seen this one lying there and having known that he already is there a long time, says to him, "Do you want to be healthy?"

UST:

Jesus saw this man lying near the pool, and he knew that he had been lying there for a long time. He asked the man, "Do you want your health to get better?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:7

ULT:

The sick one replied to him, "Sir, I do not have a man so that, when the water is stirred up, he might put me into the pool. But as I am going into it, another goes down before me."

UST:

The ill man answered him, "Sir, I do not have anyone who can put me into the pool when an angel stirs the water. By the time I can put myself into the pool, someone else has already gone down into the pool {and been healed} before me, {so that I cannot be healed}."

What was the sick man's response to Jesus' question, "Do you want to be well?"?

The sick man replied, "Sir, I do not have anyone, when the water is stirred up, to put me into the pool. When I am trying, another steps down before me."

John 5:8

ULT:

Jesus says to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."

UST:

Jesus told him, "Stand up! Pick up the mat {that you have been lying on} and walk!"

What happened when Jesus said to the sick man, "Get up, take up your mat, and walk"? (5:8-9)

Immediately the man was healed, took up his bed, and walked.

John 5:9

ULT:

And immediately the man became healthy, and he took up his bed and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

UST:

Then Jesus healed the man at once, and the man picked up the mat {that he had been lying on} and walked. (Now this happened on {the Jewish day for rest known as} the Sabbath.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:10

ULT:

So the Jews said to the one healed, "It is the Sabbath and not permitted for you to carry your bed."

UST:

Because {it was the Jewish day for rest}, the Jewish leaders said to the man whom Jesus had healed, "Today is a day for rest. You are not allowed to carry your mat {on this day, because it is work}."

Why did it upset the Jewish leaders when they saw the sick man walking with his bed (mat)?

It upset them because it was a Sabbath, and they said the man was not permitted to carry his mat on the Sabbath.

John 5:11

ULT:

But he replied to them, "The one having made me healthy, that one said to me, 'Pick up your bed and walk.'"

UST:

The man whom Jesus had healed answered them, "The man who healed me told me to pick up the mat {that I had been lying on} and walk."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:12

ULT:

They asked him, "Who is the man having said to you, 'Pick {it} up and walk'?"

UST:

The Jewish leaders asked him, "Who told you to pick up your mat and walk?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:13

ULT:

But the one having been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had gone away secretly, a crowd being in the place.

UST:

However, the man whom Jesus had healed did not know who had healed him, because Jesus had left the man without being noticed, since that area was crowded.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:14

ULT:

After these things, Jesus finds him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become healthy! No longer sin, so that something worse might not happen to you."

UST:

Later, Jesus found the man whom he had healed in the temple and told him, "Look, you are well now! Do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse {than your previous illness} might happen to you."

What did Jesus say to the sick man he had healed after Jesus found him in the temple?

Jesus told him, "See, you have become well! Do not sin any more, lest something worse happens to you."

John 5:15

ULT:

The man went away and announced to the Jews that Jesus is the one having made him healthy.

UST:

That man went away and told the Jewish leaders that the man who had healed him was Jesus.

What did the healed man do after Jesus told him to stop sinning?

The man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

John 5:16

ULT:

And because of this, the Jews began to persecute Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

UST:

So the Jewish leaders started persecuting Jesus because he was miraculously healing people on the Jewish day for rest.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:17

ULT:

But he replied to them, "My Father is working even now, and I am working."

UST:

Jesus gave this answer to them, "God, my Father, is working today, so I am also working."

How did Jesus respond to the Jewish leaders who persecuted him because he was doing these things (healing) on the Sabbath?

Jesus told them, "My Father is working even now, and I, too, work."

John 5:18

ULT:

Because of this, therefore, the Jews sought even more to kill him, because he not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God his own Father, making himself equal to God.

UST:

As a consequence {of him saying this}, the Jewish leaders were trying to kill Jesus even more {than they had tried before}. {They wanted to kill him} because he was not only disobeying their rules for the day for rest but also because he was claiming that he was equal with God by saying that God was his own Father.

Why did Jesus' statement to the Jewish leaders make them want to kill Jesus?

This happened because Jesus not only broke the Sabbath (in their minds), but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:19

ULT:

Therefore, Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is able to do nothing from himself except only what he would see the Father doing, for whatever that one would do, these things also the Son does in the same way.

UST:

Because of {these accusations} Jesus replied to the Jewish leaders, "I am telling you {people} the truth: I, the Son, can do nothing on my own authority. I can only do what I perceive that God, the Father, is doing. Whatever the Father does, I, the Son, also do.

What did Jesus do?

He did what he saw the Father doing.

John 5:20

ULT:

For the Father loves the Son and he shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these so that you might be amazed.

UST:

{This is true} because the Father loves me, the Son, and makes known to me everything that he is doing. The Father will also make known to me miraculous deeds that will be even greater than the miracles {that I have already done} in order that you might be astonished by them.

What would the Father do so that the Jewish leaders would be amazed?

The Father would show the Son greater things than these so that the Jewish leaders would be amazed.

John 5:21

ULT:

For just as the Father raises the dead and makes {them} alive, so also the Son makes alive whom he desires.

UST:

{This will happen} because I, the Son, give eternal life to anyone I want in the same way that the Father resurrects those who have died and gives them life again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:22

ULT:

For not even the Father judges anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son

UST:

{This is true} because the Father does not judge anyone. Rather, he has given all authority to judge people to me, the Son.

Why did the Father give all judgment to the Son? (5:22-23)

The Father gave all judgment to the Son so that all may honor the Son even as they honor the Father.

John 5:23

ULT:

so that all will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. The one not honoring the Son does not honor the Father having sent him.

UST:

{The Father did this} in order that everyone would honor me, the Son, in the same way that they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor me cannot honor my Father, who sent me.

What happens if you do not honor the Son?

If you do not honor the Son, you do not honor the Father who sent him.

John 5:24

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you that the one hearing my word and believing the one having sent me has eternal life and does not come into judgment, but he has passed from death to life.

UST:

I am telling you people the truth: Anyone who accepts and obeys my teachings and trusts God who sent me lives forever {with me in heaven}, and God does not judge him as guilty. Instead, that person has gone from being spiritually dead to being spiritually alive.

What happens if you believe Jesus' word and believe in the Father who sent him?

If so, you have eternal life and will not be condemned, but have passed out of death into life.

John 5:25

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you that an hour is coming, and is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and the ones having heard will live.

UST:

I am telling you people the truth: A time is coming and, in fact, is here already when those who have died will hear my voice, the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear me will live.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:26

ULT:

For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son to have life in himself,

UST:

{This is true} because as the Father is able to make people alive, in the same way he has also given me, the Son, the ability to make people alive.

What has the Father given the Son concerning life?

The Father has given to the Son to have life in himself.

John 5:27

ULT:

and he gave him authority to do judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

UST:

The Father has authorized me to judge all mankind, because I am the Son of Man.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:28

ULT:

Do not be amazed at this, for an hour is coming in which all the ones in the tombs will hear his voice

UST:

Do not be surprised {that the Father has done} this, because there will be a time when everyone who has died will hear my voice.

**What will happen when all who are in the tombs hear the Father's voice?
(5:28-29)**

They will come forth. Those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

John 5:29

ULT:

and will come out—the ones having done good, to a resurrection of life, but the ones having practiced evil, to a resurrection of judgment.

UST:

Then they will come out of their graves. God will raise up those who have done good to give them eternal life. But God will raise up those who have done evil to condemn and punish them forever.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:30

ULT:

I am able to do nothing from myself. Just as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one having sent me.

UST:

I can do nothing on my own. I judge according to what I hear {from the Father}, and I judge in a just manner. {I judge justly} because I do not try to do what I want. Rather, I do what my Father, who has sent me, wants.

Why is Jesus' judgment righteous?

His judgment is righteous because he is not seeking his own will but the will of the Father who sent him.

John 5:31

ULT:

If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true.

UST:

If I alone were the only one to be a witness about myself, {according to the law of Moses} my witness would not be trustworthy.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:32

ULT:

There is another one testifying about me, and I know that the testimony that he testifies about me is true.

UST:

Nevertheless, there is someone else who testifies about me, and I know that what he testifies about me is trustworthy.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:33

ULT:

You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

UST:

You Jewish leaders sent messengers to John the Baptizer, and he told you the truth about me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:34

ULT:

But I do not receive the testimony from man, but I say these things so that you might be saved.

UST:

However, I do not need anyone to be a witness for me. Nevertheless, I am saying this about John the Baptizer in order that God might save you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:35

ULT:

That one was the lamp that was burning and shining, but you desired to exult in his light for an hour.

UST:

John the Baptizer {proclaimed God's truth to you} like a burning and shining lamp. You were willing to rejoice for a while in the light {that was the truth that he proclaimed}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:36

ULT:

But I have the testimony that is greater than that of John: for the works that the Father has given me so that I would accomplish them—the very works that I do—testify about me that the Father has sent me.

UST:

However, the witness that I give about myself is even greater than the witness John gave about me. {This is} because this witness is the miraculous works that God the Father has allowed me to do. These very works that I am doing are proof that the Father has sent me.

What testimony, greater than John's, did Jesus have by which to prove he was sent from the Father?

The works that Jesus did testified that he was sent from the Father.

John 5:37

ULT:

And the Father having sent me has himself testified about me. You have neither heard his voice nor have seen his form at any time.

UST:

Furthermore, my Father who sent me is the very one who has given testimony about me. None of you have ever heard him speak or seen what he looks like.

Who had not heard the Father's voice nor seen his form at any time?

The Jewish leaders had neither heard his voice nor seen his form at any time.

John 5:38

ULT:

And you do not have his word remaining in you, for the one whom he has sent, this one you do not believe.

UST:

You also do not obey the Father's teachings. {I know this is true} because you do not trust me, the very person he has sent!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:39

ULT:

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and these are the ones testifying about me,

UST:

You carefully study the Scriptures because you believe that by studying them you will be able to live forever {in heaven}. It is those very Scriptures that declare who I am.

Why did the Jewish leaders search the scriptures?

They searched them because they thought that in them they had eternal life.

Who do the scriptures testify about?

The scriptures testify concerning Jesus.

John 5:40

ULT:

and you are not willing to come to me so that you might have life.

UST:

Yet still you refuse to be my disciples in order that you might live {forever in heaven}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:41

ULT:

I do not receive glory from men,

UST:

I do not accept honor from anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:42

ULT:

but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

UST:

However, I know that you do not love God at all.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:43

ULT:

I have come in the name of my Father, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you receive that one.

UST:

I have come with my Father's authority, but still you do not accept me. If someone else were to come with his own authority, you would accept him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 5:44

ULT:

How are you able to believe, receiving glory from one another, and are not seeking the glory that is from the only God?

UST:

You cannot possibly trust in me when you are honoring each other instead of desiring the one and only God to honor you!

Who were the Jewish leaders not seeking praise from?

They were not seeking the praise that comes from the only God.

John 5:45

ULT:

Do not think that I myself will accuse you before the Father. The one accusing you is Moses, in whom you have hoped.

UST:

Do not think that I am the one who will accuse you before my Father. Moses, the very person you have hoped would defend you, is actually the person who will accuse you.

Who was going to accuse the Jewish leaders before the Father?

Moses was going to accuse the Jewish leaders before the Father.

John 5:46

ULT:

For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because that one wrote about me.

UST:

{He will accuse you} because if you had trusted Moses, but you do not, then you would trust me, because Moses explained about me {in the law}.

What does Jesus say the Jewish leaders would do if they believed Moses? (5:46-47)

He says the Jewish leaders would believe in Jesus if they believed Moses, because Moses wrote concerning Jesus.

John 5:47

ULT:

But if you do not believe the writings of that one, how will you believe my words?"

UST:

Since you do not even trust what Moses wrote, you cannot possibly trust what I have said to you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6

John 6:1

ULT:

After these things, Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (of Tiberias).

UST:

After those things happened, Jesus crossed over to the opposite side of the Sea of Galilee, which some people also call the Sea of Tiberias.

What was another name for the Sea of Galilee?

The Sea of Galilee was also called the Sea of Tiberias.

John 6:2

ULT:

Now a great crowd was following him because they were seeing the signs that he was doing on the ones being sick.

UST:

A large crowd followed him because they had seen the miraculous signs he was performing, that is, healing people who were very ill.

Why was a great crowd following Jesus?

They followed him because they were seeing the signs that Jesus was doing on those who were sick.

John 6:3

ULT:

Now Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples.

UST:

Jesus walked up on a steep hillside and sat down there with his disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:4

ULT:

(Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.)

UST:

(Now at that time the Jewish Passover celebration was about to take place.)

What did Jesus see after he sat down on the mountainside with his disciples and looked up? (6:4-5)

He saw a great crowd coming to him.

John 6:5

ULT:

Then Jesus, having lifted up his eyes and having seen that a great crowd is coming to him, says to Philip, "From where might we buy bread so that these might eat?"

UST:

Jesus then looked up and saw a very large crowd of people walking toward him. He asked Philip, "Where will we buy bread in order to feed all these people?"

Why did Jesus ask Philip, "Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?"? (6:5-6)

Jesus said this to test Philip.

John 6:6

ULT:

(But he said this, testing him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.)

UST:

(He asked Philip this question in order to test his faith, because Jesus already knew what he was going to do about the problem.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:7

ULT:

Philip answered him, "200 denarii {worth} of bread is not sufficient for them, so that each one might receive a little."

UST:

Philip replied to him, "If we had the money that a man can earn in 200 days of work, it would not be enough money to buy bread to give each person in this crowd even a little piece to eat."

What was Philip's response to Jesus' question, "Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?"?

Philip said, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be sufficient for each one to have even a little."

John 6:8

ULT:

One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, says to him,

UST:

Another disciple of his, Simon Peter's brother Andrew, told Jesus,

What was Andrew's response to Jesus' question, "Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?"? (6:8-9)

Andrew said, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these among so many?"

John 6:9

ULT:

“Here is a little boy who has five barley bread loaves and two small fish, but what are these to so many?”

UST:

“There is a boy here who has five little loaves of barley bread and two small fish. Yet, these few loaves and fish are certainly not enough to feed all these people!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:10

ULT:

Jesus said, "Make the men sit down." (Now there was a lot of grass in the place.) So the men sat down, about 5,000 in number.

UST:

Jesus told his disciples to make the people sit down. Thus about 5,000 men sat down. (There was a lot of grass in that place {for them to sit down on}.)

About how many men were there in that place?

There were about 5,000 men there.

John 6:11

ULT:

Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, he gave them to the ones reclining to eat; likewise also with the fish, as much as they wanted.

UST:

Jesus then took the little loaves of barley bread, and he thanked God for the food. {Then} he {and his disciples} gave the loaves to the people who were sitting {on the grass} in order to eat. He did the same with the two fish. The people ate all the fish and bread that they wanted to eat.

What did Jesus do with the loaves and the fish?

Jesus took the loaves and after giving thanks, he distributed to those who were sitting. He distributed the fish in the same way.

How much did the people get to eat?

They got as much as they wanted to eat.

John 6:12

ULT:

But as they were filled, he says to his disciples, "Gather up the remaining broken pieces, so that nothing might be lost."

UST:

When everyone had eaten until they were full, Jesus told his disciples to collect all the leftover, uneaten pieces of barley bread in order that none of it would be wasted.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:13

ULT:

So they gathered them up and filled 12 baskets of broken pieces from the five barley loaves which were left over by the ones having eaten.

UST:

Thus his disciples collected the pieces, and they filled 12 large baskets with the broken pieces that the people had left over from the five little loaves of barley bread.

How much bread was picked up after the meal?

The disciples filled 12 baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves—the pieces left over from those who had eaten.

John 6:14

ULT:

Therefore, the men, having seen the sign he did, said, "This truly is the Prophet coming into the world."

UST:

Because {of this}, when the people saw this miraculous sign that Jesus had performed {in front of them}, they said, "Surely he is the Prophet whom {God promised} to send into the world!"

Why did Jesus withdraw again up the mountain by himself? (6:14-15)

Jesus withdrew because he realized the people, after seeing the sign he did (feeding of the 5,000), were about to come and seize him by force and make him king.

John 6:15

ULT:

Then Jesus, having realized that they were about to come and to seize him so that they might make {him} king, withdrew again onto the mountain by himself alone.

UST:

When Jesus knew that the people were planning to grab him in order to force him to be their king, he left them again and went up the hillside to be completely alone.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:16

ULT:

Now as it became evening, his disciples went down to the sea,

UST:

When it was evening, Jesus' disciples walked down the hillside to the Sea of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:17

ULT:

and having gotten into a boat, they were going over the sea to Capernaum, and darkness had already happened, but Jesus had not yet come to them.

UST:

{They} got into a boat and started to sail across the sea to the town of Capernaum. (It had already become dark, and Jesus had still not joined them.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:18

ULT:

A strong wind was blowing, and the sea was being aroused.

UST:

Because the wind was blowing strongly, it was causing the sea to be very turbulent.

What happened to the weather after the disciples got into a boat and started out for Capernaum?

A strong wind began to blow and the sea started getting rough.

John 6:19

ULT:

Then, having rowed about 25 or 30 stadia, they see Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened.

UST:

After Jesus' disciples had rowed the boat around four-and-a-half or five-and-a-half kilometers out into the sea, they saw Jesus walking on the water and approaching the boat. They were terrified!

Why did the disciples begin to be afraid?

They were afraid because they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat.

John 6:20

ULT:

But he says to them, "It is I! Do not be afraid."

UST:

Jesus told them, "It is I, Jesus! Stop being afraid!"

What did Jesus say to the disciples that made them willing to receive him into the boat?

Jesus said to them, "It is I! Do not be afraid."

John 6:21

ULT:

Then they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately the boat came to the land to which they were going.

UST:

They were very glad to take him into the boat. As soon as he was with them in the boat, their boat arrived at the place where they were going.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:22

ULT:

The next day, the crowd that had been standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there except one and that Jesus had not entered into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had departed alone.

UST:

The day after Jesus had fed the crowd, the crowd of people that had stayed on the other side of the sea realized that there had been only one boat there {the day before}. {They also knew} that Jesus had not gone in the boat with his disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:23

ULT:

Other boats came from Tiberias close to the place where they had eaten the bread loaves after the Lord had given thanks.

UST:

(People came from the city of Tiberias in other boats. {They put their boats} near the place where the crowd had eaten the bread after the Lord Jesus had thanked God for it.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:24

ULT:

Therefore, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples are there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum seeking Jesus.

UST:

So when the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into those boats and sailed to the city of Capernaum to look for Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:25

ULT:

And having found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

UST:

The crowd found Jesus in Capernaum on the side of the Sea of Galilee that is opposite {from where he had fed them}. They asked him, “Teacher, {we know you did not come in a boat,} so when did you arrive here at Capernaum?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:26

ULT:

Jesus replied to them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me not because you saw signs, but because you ate from the bread loaves and were filled."

UST:

Jesus replied, "I am telling you the truth: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs that I performed. Rather, {you are looking for me} only because you ate until you were full of the loaves of bread that I gave you."

What did Jesus say was the reason the crowd was seeking him?

Jesus said they were seeking him not because they saw signs, but because they ate some of the loaves and were filled.

John 6:27

ULT:

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life which the Son of Man will give you, for God the Father has set his seal on this one."

UST:

Stop working for food that will soon spoil! Instead, work for the food that will bring you life forever {in heaven}! {That food} is the bread that I, the Son of Man, will give you. {I alone can give it to you} because God my Father approves of me."

What did Jesus tell the crowd they should and should not work for?

Jesus told them to stop working for the food that perishes, but work for the food that endures to everlasting life.

John 6:28

ULT:

Then they said to him, "What should we do, so that we might work the works of God?"

UST:

Then the crowd asked Jesus, "What works should we do in order to please God?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:29

ULT:

Jesus replied and said to them, "This is the work of God: that you would believe in the one whom that one has sent."

UST:

Jesus answered them, "The work that God wants you to do is this: Trust in me, the one whom he has sent."

How did Jesus define the work of God for the crowd?

Jesus told the crowd, "This is the work of God: that you believe in the one whom he has sent."

John 6:30

ULT:

So they said to him, "What sign then do you do, so that we might see and might believe you? What will you work?"

UST:

The crowd asked him, "Then what miracle will you do in order for us to see it and trust in you? What will you do for us?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:31

ULT:

Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

UST:

Our ancestors ate manna {when they wandered} in the wilderness {with Moses}, just as the prophets wrote: 'God gave them bread out of heaven to eat.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:32

ULT:

Then Jesus replied to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses has not given you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

UST:

Jesus answered them, "I am telling you the truth: It was not Moses who gave your ancestors that bread from heaven. No, it was my Father, who is now giving you the true bread out of heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:33

ULT:

For the bread of God is the one coming down from heaven and giving life to the world.”

UST:

{This is true} because the true bread from God has come down from heaven and gives eternal life to the people in the world.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:34

ULT:

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

UST:

{The crowd did not understand what he meant}, so they said to Jesus, "Sir, please give this bread to us all the time."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:35

ULT:

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. The one coming to me will certainly not hunger, and the one believing in me will certainly not ever thirst.

UST:

Jesus told the crowd, "{Like food sustains physical life}, I am the bread that gives eternal life. {Unlike with food or drink}, anyone who trusts in me will surely be satisfied forever.

What does Jesus say is the bread of life?

Jesus says that he is the bread of life.

John 6:36

ULT:

But I told you that you have both seen me and do not believe.

UST:

Nevertheless, I have already told you that even though you see me, you still do not trust me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:37

ULT:

Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me, and the one coming to me I will certainly not throw out.

UST:

All the people my Father gives to me will come {and be my disciples}, and I will surely never drive away any of them.

Who will come to Jesus?

All whom the Father gives to Jesus will come to him.

John 6:38

ULT:

For I have come down from heaven, not in order that I might do my own will, but the will of the one having sent me.

UST:

{I will never do that} because I have not come down from heaven in order to do what I want. Rather, {I have come down} in order to do what my Father, who sent me, wants me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:39

ULT:

But this is the will of the one having sent me, that I would not lose from it anyone whom he has given me, but will raise it up on the last day.

UST:

This is what my Father, who sent me, wants: {He wants me} to keep all of those whom he has given to me. {He also wants} me to make these ones alive again on the last day {when I judge everyone}.

What is the will of the Father who sent Jesus? (6:39-40)

The Father's will is that Jesus should lose none that the Father has given him and that everyone who sees the son and believes in him should have eternal life; and Jesus will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:40

ULT:

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone seeing the Son and believing in him would have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

UST:

{This is true} because this is also what my Father wants: {He wants} everyone who recognizes who I, the Son, am, and trusts in me to live forever {with me in heaven}. I will make these ones alive again on the last day {when I judge everyone}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:41

ULT:

Then the Jews began to murmur about him because he said, "I am the bread having come down from heaven."

UST:

The Jewish leaders then started to grumble about Jesus, because he had said that he was the true bread that had come down out of heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:42

ULT:

And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

UST:

They said, "This is just Jesus, Joseph's son! We know who his parents are. He cannot possibly have come down out of heaven as he claims!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:43

ULT:

Jesus replied and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves.

UST:

Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves {about what I just said}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:44

ULT:

No one is able to come to me unless the Father having sent me would draw him, and I will raise him up on the last day.

UST:

Only those whom my Father, who sent me, causes to come {and be my disciples} are able to do so. I myself will make those people {who come to me} alive again on the last day {when I judge everyone}.

How can a man come to Jesus?

A man can only come to Jesus if his Father draws him.

John 6:45

ULT:

It is written in the prophets, 'And all will be taught by God.' Everyone having heard and having learned from the Father comes to me.

UST:

The prophets wrote that God will teach everyone. Everyone who listens to and learns from my Father will come {and be my disciples}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:46

ULT:

Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the one being from God—he has seen the Father.

UST:

No one has seen God my Father other than me. I am the one who came from God. I alone have seen him.

Who has seen the Father?

Only he who is from God has seen the Father.

John 6:47

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you, the one believing has eternal life.

UST:

I am telling you the truth: Whoever trusts in me will live forever {with me in heaven}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:48

ULT:

I am the bread of life.

UST:

I am the true bread that gives eternal life.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:49

ULT:

Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

UST:

Your ancestors ate manna {when they wandered} in the wilderness {with Moses}, but they still died.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:50

ULT:

This is the bread which comes down from heaven, so that a {person} might eat from it and might not die.

UST:

{But} this bread that I am talking about came down out of heaven in order that someone would eat it and that person's spirit would never die.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:51

ULT:

I am the living bread that has come down from heaven. If anyone eats from this bread, he will live into eternity. Now my flesh is also the bread that I will give for the life of the world."

UST:

I truly am this bread that gives eternal life and came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever {with me in heaven}. My body is also this bread. I will give up my body for the sake of the eternal life of everyone in the world."

What is the bread that Jesus will give for the life of the world?

The bread that Jesus will give for the life of the world is his own flesh.

John 6:52

ULT:

Then the Jews began to argue among themselves, saying, "How is this one able to give us his flesh to eat?"

UST:

The Jewish leaders then started arguing with each other. They said, "This man surely cannot give his body to us in order for us to eat it!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:53

ULT:

Therefore, Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you would eat the flesh of the Son of Man and would drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves.

UST:

So Jesus told them: “I am telling you the truth: You must eat the flesh of me, the Son of Man, and drink my blood. {If you do not do these things, then} you will never have eternal life.

What do you have to do to have life within yourself?

In order to have life within yourself, you must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood.

John 6:54

ULT:

The one eating my flesh and drinking my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.

UST:

Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live forever {with me in heaven}. I will also make that person alive again on the last day {when I judge everyone}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:55

ULT:

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

UST:

{This is so} because my flesh is true spiritual food, and my blood is true {spiritual} drink.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:56

ULT:

The one eating my flesh and drinking my blood remains in me, and I in him.

UST:

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will be united with me, and I will be united with them.

How can we remain in Jesus and Jesus remain in us?

If we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will remain in Jesus and he in us.

John 6:57

ULT:

Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so the one eating me, he will also live because of me.

UST:

My Father makes everyone alive. He has sent me here, and I can make people alive because he has enabled me to do so. In the same way, those who feed on me will live forever because of what I will do for them.

Why does Jesus live?

Jesus lives because of the Father.

John 6:58

ULT:

This is the bread that has come down from heaven, not just as the fathers ate and died. The one eating this bread will live into eternity.”

UST:

I am this bread that has come down out of heaven. {This bread is} not like {the bread that} the Israelite ancestors ate {in the wilderness} but still eventually died. Anyone who eats me—this bread—will live forever {with me in heaven}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:59

ULT:

He said these things in a synagogue, teaching in Capernaum.

UST:

Jesus said these statements {to the Jewish leaders} in a synagogue while he was teaching in the city of Capernaum.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:60

ULT:

Then many of his disciples, having heard, said, "This word is hard; who is able to listen to it?"

UST:

After they heard {what he had said}, many of Jesus' disciples said, "What he is teaching is difficult to accept. Indeed, no one can accept it!"

How did many of Jesus' disciples respond after hearing Jesus teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood?

When the disciples heard this teaching, many of them said, "This is a difficult teaching; who can accept it?"

John 6:61

ULT:

But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were murmuring about this, said to them, "Does this offend you?"

UST:

{Although no one told} him, Jesus knew that his disciples were grumbling about what he had said. {So} he asked them, "Did my teaching offend you?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:62

ULT:

Then if you would see the Son of Man going up to where he was before...?

UST:

{If this teaching has offended you,} then {would you also be offended} if you saw me, the Son of Man, ascending to heaven where I was formerly?

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:63

ULT:

The Spirit is the one making alive; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life.

UST:

The Holy Spirit is the only one who can give anyone eternal life. Human nature is useless in this matter. What I have taught you comes from the Holy Spirit and gives eternal life.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:64

ULT:

But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who are the ones not believing and who is the one that will be betraying him.

UST:

Nevertheless, some of you do not believe what I have said.” (Jesus said this because he knew since he began his work who would not believe him and who would eventually betray him.)

What did Jesus know about people from the beginning?

Jesus knew from the beginning who the ones were who would not believe and who it was who would betray him.

John 6:65

ULT:

And he said, "Because of this, I have said to you that no one is able to come to me unless it would have been granted to him by the Father."

UST:

Then Jesus said, "Because {some of you do not believe me}, I told you earlier that only those to whom God the Father has given the ability to come {and be my disciple} will be able to do so."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:66

ULT:

From this {time}, many of his disciples stayed behind and no longer were walking with him.

UST:

After Jesus said these things, a lot of his disciples went back {to doing what they had been doing before they met him} and stopped being his disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:67

ULT:

Therefore, Jesus said to the Twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”

UST:

Because {so many left him}, Jesus asked his 12 representatives, “Surely you do not also want to leave me, do you?”

When Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”, who answered and what did he say? (6:67-68)

Simon Peter answered him and said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life, and we have believed and come to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

John 6:68

ULT:

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have words of eternal life,

UST:

Simon Peter replied, "Lord, {if we were to leave you}, there is no one else we could go to! Only you teach the message {that allows us} to live forever {in heaven}!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:69

ULT:

and we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

UST:

We trust in you, and we know for certain that you are the Holy One who has come from God!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 6:70

ULT:

Jesus replied to them, "Did not I choose you, the Twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

UST:

Jesus answered them, "I surely chose all you 12 men to represent me, but one of you is under the control of Satan!"

Who did Jesus mean when he said one of the Twelve was a devil? (6:70-71)

Jesus spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he, being one of the Twelve, who would betray Jesus.

John 6:71

ULT:

(Now he was speaking of Judas, {son} of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.)

UST:

({When Jesus said this} he was talking about Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, because he was the one among Jesus' 12 representatives who would later betray Jesus.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7

John 7:1

ULT:

And after these things, Jesus traveled about in Galilee, for he did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.

UST:

After those things happened, Jesus walked around in the region of Galilee because he did not want to walk around in the region of Judea. {He avoided Judea} because the Jewish leaders there were trying to find a way to kill him.

Why was Jesus not willing to go into Judea?

He was not willing to go there, because the Jews wanted to kill him.

John 7:2

ULT:

(Now the festival of the Jews, the Shelter Festival, was near.)

UST:

(Now at that time the Jewish Shelters celebration was about to take place.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:3

ULT:

Then his brothers said to him, "Leave this place and go to Judea, so that your disciples also will see your works that you do."

UST:

Jesus' brothers told him, "Leave here and go to the region of Judea in order that your disciples can also observe you doing miraculous works."

Why did the brothers of Jesus urge him to go to Judea to the Festival of Shelters? (7:3-4)

They urged him to go so that Jesus' disciples could see the deeds he was doing and so that the world would know.

John 7:4

ULT:

For no one does anything in secret and seeks himself to be in openness. If you do these things, show yourself to the world."

UST:

{Do your miraculous works in Judea} because no one who wants to be famous does anything secretly. Since you are doing all these miracles, reveal who you {claim to be} to everyone {by doing miraculous works}!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:5

ULT:

For not even his brothers were believing in him.

UST:

{Jesus' brothers said this} because not even they believed he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:6

ULT:

Jesus therefore says to them, "My time is not yet come, but your time is always ready.

UST:

Because {they did not believe in him,} Jesus told them, "This is not the right time for me {to go to Jerusalem}, but you can go there whenever you want.

What reason did Jesus give for not going to the festival?

Jesus told his brothers his time had not yet come, and his time had not yet been fulfilled.

John 7:7

ULT:

The world is not able to hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that the works of it are evil.

UST:

No one in the world can hate you. However, everyone hates me because I declare that they do evil deeds.

Why does the world hate Jesus?

Jesus said the world hated him because he testifies about the world that its deeds are evil.

John 7:8

ULT:

You go up to the festival; I am not yet going to this festival, because my time has not yet been fulfilled.”

UST:

You go {to Jerusalem} for the celebration. I am not going to the celebration yet, because now is not the right time for me to go.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:9

ULT:

Now having said these things to them, he remained in Galilee.

UST:

After saying that to his brothers, Jesus stayed a little longer in the region of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:10

ULT:

But when his brothers had gone up to the festival, then he also went up, not publicly, but as in secret.

UST:

However, a few days after his brothers left for the festival, he also went, but he did so secretly.

When and how did Jesus go up to the festival?

Jesus went up after his brothers had gone up to the festival, but he went in private, not publicly.

John 7:11

ULT:

Therefore, the Jews were looking for him at the festival and saying, "Where is that one?"

UST:

Because the Jewish leaders {expected Jesus to be} at the celebration, they tried to find him. They asked people, "Where is that man?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:12

ULT:

And there was much murmuring among the crowds about him. Some were saying, "He is good." But others were saying, "No, but he leads the crowd astray."

UST:

The crowds were quietly speaking a lot about Jesus. Some people said, "He is a good man!" But others said, "No! He deceives the crowd!"

What did the people in the crowd say about Jesus?

Some said, "He is a good man." Others said, "No, he leads the crowds astray."

John 7:13

ULT:

However, no one was speaking openly about him, because of the fear of the Jews.

UST:

Nevertheless, the people were afraid of the Jewish leaders, so they did not speak about Jesus in public.

Why did no one speak openly about Jesus?

It was for fear of the Jews that no one spoke openly about Jesus.

John 7:14

ULT:

Now the festival already being half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach.

UST:

About halfway through the Shelters celebration, Jesus entered the temple {courtyard} and started teaching the people there.

When did Jesus go up into the temple and begin teaching?

When the festival was half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching.

John 7:15

ULT:

Therefore, the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this one know letters, not being educated?"

UST:

The Jewish leaders were shocked {at his teaching}. They said, "This man has not received religious training. He cannot possibly know the scriptures so well!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:16

ULT:

Then Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not mine, but of the one having sent me.

UST:

Jesus replied to them, "What I teach does not come from myself. On the contrary, it comes from God, who sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:17

ULT:

If anyone desires to do his will, he will know about this teaching, whether it is from God, or I speak from myself.

UST:

If anyone wants to do what God wants, then that person will know that what I am teaching has come from God and not only by my own authority.

How did Jesus say one could know whether his teaching came from God or whether Jesus was speaking from himself?

Jesus said if anyone wished to do the will of the person who sent Jesus, he would know about this teaching, whether it came from God or not.

John 7:18

ULT:

The one speaking from himself seeks his own glory, but the one seeking the glory of the one having sent him, this one is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

UST:

Anyone who speaks on his own authority only wants to glorify himself. However, anyone who wants to glorify the person who sent him speaks the truth and acts righteously.

What did Jesus say about the one who seeks the glory of the one who sent him?

Jesus said that person is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

John 7:19

ULT:

Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you does the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"

UST:

Moses did indeed give you laws {from God}. None of you completely obeys those laws. {Since that is true,} why are you trying to kill me {for supposedly disobeying those same laws that you do not obey}?"

According to Jesus, who does the law?

Jesus said none of you does the law.

John 7:20

ULT:

The crowd answered, "You have a demon. Who seeks to kill you?"

UST:

Some people in the crowd replied, "A demon is controlling you! No one is trying to kill you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:21

ULT:

Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel.

UST:

Jesus replied to the crowd, "{Because} I did one miraculous healing on the day for rest, all of you are shocked.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:22

ULT:

Because of this, Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man.

UST:

Because {some works like healing would occur on the day for rest}, Moses gave you a law about circumcision. {That law states that you must circumcise your sons exactly seven days after they are born.} ({Circumcision} did not actually begin with Moses, but {this rite} began with your forefathers, {Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob}.) {Because of that law,} sometimes you must work on the day for rest by circumcising your male babies.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:23

ULT:

If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses might not be broken, why are you angry with me because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath?

UST:

Since you sometimes circumcise someone on the day for rest in order to avoid disobeying the law of Moses, you should not be angry with me for {doing a good work like} healing someone on that day!

What is Jesus' argument for healing on the Sabbath?

Jesus' argument was: You will circumcise a man on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses is not broken. Then why are you angry with me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath.

John 7:24

ULT:

Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

UST:

Stop judging me according to what you have seen! Rather, judge me according to what God says is right."

How did Jesus tell the people to judge?

Jesus told them not to judge according to appearance, but to judge righteously.

John 7:25

ULT:

Then some from the Jerusalemites said, "Is not this the one they seek to kill?"

UST:

Some of the people in the crowd who dwelled in Jerusalem then said, "This is the man that our leaders are trying to kill!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:26

ULT:

And see, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him. The rulers do not truly know that this is the Christ, do they?

UST:

Look! He is saying these things publicly, but our leaders are not saying anything to oppose him. Can it be that our leaders really know that he is the Messiah?

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:27

ULT:

But we know where this one is from. But when the Christ would come, no one knows where he is from."

UST:

But {this man cannot be the Messiah!} We know where this man came from, but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."

What was one of the arguments the people made for not believing Jesus was the Christ?

The people said they knew where Jesus came from, but they said when Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from.

John 7:28

ULT:

Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know me and know where I am from. And I have not come from myself, but the one having sent me is true, whom you do not know."

UST:

Jesus then spoke loudly while he was teaching in the temple {courtyard}. He said, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I have come from. But I have not come here on my own authority. Rather, the one who sent me is the real God, and you do not know him."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:29

ULT:

I know him because I am from him, and he sent me.”

UST:

I know him because I have come from him. He is the one who sent me.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:30

ULT:

Therefore, they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

UST:

Because {Jesus said these things}, the Jewish leaders wanted to arrest him, but no one could seize him, because it was not yet the right time for him {to die}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:31

ULT:

But many from among the crowd believed in him, and they were saying, “When the Christ may come, he will not do more signs than what this one has done, will he?”

UST:

In contrast {to the Jewish leaders}, many in the crowd of people trusted in Jesus. They kept saying, “When the Messiah comes, he surely will not be able to do more miraculous signs than this man!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:32

ULT:

The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things about him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers so that they might arrest him.

UST:

Some of the Pharisees overheard them quietly speaking these things about Jesus. Then they and the ruling priests sent temple guards to arrest him.

Who sent officers to arrest Jesus?

The chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest Jesus.

John 7:33

ULT:

Therefore, Jesus said, "I am still with you for a short time, and then I go away to the one having sent me.

UST:

Because {they did this}, Jesus said, "I will only be with you for a little while longer. Soon I will go back to God, who sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:34

ULT:

You will seek me, but you will not find {me}, and where I am, you will not be able to come."

UST:

You will search for me, but you will not find me. You will not be able to come to the place where I will be."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:35

ULT:

The Jews therefore said among themselves, "Where is this one about to go that we will not find him? He is not about to go to the dispersion of the Greeks and to teach the Greeks, is he?"

UST:

So the Jewish leaders said to each other, "Where can this man go where we cannot find him? Will he actually go to those Jews who are spread throughout the world outside of Israel? Will he even teach the people there who are not Jews?"

Did the Jews understand what Jesus meant when he said, "Yet a little while am I still with you, and then I go to him who sent me. You will seek me but will not find me; where I go, you will not be able to come."? (7:35-36)

By their conversation among themselves, they indicated that they did not understand Jesus' statement.

John 7:36

ULT:

What is this word that he said, 'You will seek me, but will not find {me}, and where I am, you will not be able to come'?"

UST:

What did he mean when he said that we will search for him, but we will not find him, and we will not be able to come to the place where he will be?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:37

ULT:

But on the last, great day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."

UST:

Now on the final and most important day of the {Shelters} celebration, Jesus stood up {in the temple courtyard} and spoke loudly. He said, "Anyone who is thirsty should come to me and drink {what I will give them}!"

What was Jesus referring to when he said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water"? (7:37-39)

Jesus said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him would receive.

John 7:38

ULT:

The one believing in me, just as the scripture says, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his stomach.'"

UST:

This is what the prophets wrote in the scripture about anyone who trusts in me: 'Water that gives eternal life will abundantly flow from that person's innermost being.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:39

ULT:

(Now he said this about the Spirit, whom the ones having believed in him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.)

UST:

(Now Jesus said this about the Holy Spirit, whom God was going to give to those who trusted in Jesus. {He said this} because {at that time God had not yet sent} the Holy Spirit {to dwell within those who trusted in him}, because Jesus had not yet received honor {by his death, resurrection, and return to heaven}.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:40

ULT:

Then some from the crowd, having heard these words, said, "This is truly the Prophet."

UST:

After some people among the crowd heard what Jesus had said, they said, "He is truly the Prophet {whom God had said would come}!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:41

ULT:

Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Indeed, the Christ does not come from Galilee, does he?"

UST:

Some other people in the crowd said, "He is the Messiah!" However, others {who mistakenly thought that Jesus was born in Galilee,} said, "But the Messiah cannot possibly come from the region of Galilee."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:42

ULT:

Has the Scripture not said that the Christ will come from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

UST:

The prophets wrote in the scriptures that the Messiah must come from the descendants of King David and {that he must come} from the village of Bethlehem, where David came from!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:43

ULT:

So a division happened in the crowd because of him.

UST:

Thus the people in the crowd divided {into opposing groups} on account of Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:44

ULT:

(Now some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.)

UST:

(Some of the people in the crowd wanted to arrest him. However, no one seized him.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:45

ULT:

Then the officers came back to the chief priests and Pharisees, and those ones said to them, “Why did you not bring him?”

UST:

The temple guards then returned to the ruling priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest him and bring him here?”

How did the officers answer the chief priests and Pharisees who said to them, “Why did you not bring him (Jesus)?”? (7:45-46)

The officers answered, “No man has ever spoken like this before.”

John 7:46

ULT:

The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken like this."

UST:

The temple guards replied, "No one has ever spoken like this man has!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:47

ULT:

So the Pharisees replied to them, "You have not also been deceived, have you?"

UST:

Because {the guards said that,} the Pharisees replied by asking, "Can it be that he has deceived you as well?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:48

ULT:

None from the rulers have believed in him, or from the Pharisees, have they?

UST:

Surely, none of the members of our highest governing council or us Pharisees have trusted in him!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:49

ULT:

But this crowd not knowing the law, they are accursed.”

UST:

However, this crowd of people does not know God’s laws, and God has cursed them!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:50

ULT:

Nicodemus (the one having come to him earlier, being one from them) says to them,

UST:

Then Nicodemus spoke. (He was the man who had come to Jesus {at night to speak with him} in the past. {He had done this} even though he was one of the Pharisees, {which was a group that usually opposed Jesus}.) He told the Jewish religious leaders,

How did Nicodemus answer the Pharisees when the Pharisees asked the officers sent to arrest Jesus, “Have you also been led astray? Have any of the rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees?”? (7:50-51)

Nicodemus said to the Pharisees, “Does our law judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he does?”

John 7:51

ULT:

“Our law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he does, does it?”

UST:

“Our Jewish laws surely do not allow us to condemn someone without first listening to him and learning about what he has done.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:52

ULT:

They answered and said to him, "You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet rises up from Galilee."

UST:

They replied to him insultingly, "Surely, you are not from the region of Galilee as well! Are you? Read through the scriptures carefully! {If you do that,} you will see that no prophet comes from Galilee."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 7:53

ULT:

[Then each went to his {own} house.

UST:

[Then they all left and went to their own homes.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8

John 8:1

ULT:

Now Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

UST:

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives {and stayed near there that night}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:2

ULT:

Now early in the morning he came to the temple again, and all the people came to him.

UST:

At dawn the next morning, Jesus returned to the temple {courtyard} and many people came to him.

While Jesus was teaching the people in the temple, what did the scribes and Pharisees do? (8:2-3)

They brought in a woman caught in the act of adultery and placed her in their midst and asked Jesus what he had to say about her (to judge her).

John 8:3

ULT:

Now the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and they placed her in the middle.

UST:

Some of the teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought a woman to him. They had apprehended her while she was committing adultery. They made her stand up in the midst of this group.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:4

ULT:

The priests say to him, testing him in order to have an accusation against him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.

UST:

The priests wanted to test Jesus in order to be able to accuse him {of breaking the law of Moses before the highest Jewish governing council}. So they said to him, "Teacher, we apprehended this woman while she was committing adultery, the very act itself!

Why did the scribes and Pharisees really bring this woman to Jesus? (8:4-6)

They really brought this woman to Jesus in order to trap Jesus so that they might have something to accuse him about.

John 8:5

ULT:

Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such ones, but what do you say now?"

UST:

*Now Moses commanded us in the law that we must kill such women with stones.
Nevertheless, what do you say we should do?"*

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:6

ULT:

But Jesus, having bent down, began to write on the ground with his finger.

UST:

However, Jesus bent down and wrote something on the ground with his finger.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:7

ULT:

But when they continued asking him questions, he stood up and said to them, "Let the blameless one among you throw a stone at her first."

UST:

While they continued to question him, he got up and told them, "Let the one among you who has never sinned throw the first stone at her {and lead the rest to kill her}!"

What did Jesus say to the scribes and Pharisees after they kept asking Jesus about the woman caught in adultery?

Jesus said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:8

ULT:

And again, having stooped down, he wrote on the ground with his finger.

UST:

Then Jesus stooped down again and wrote something on the ground with his finger.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:9

ULT:

But each of the Jews went out, beginning with the oldest, so that they all went out, and he was left alone, with the woman being in the midst.

UST:

{After he did this,} those Jewish leaders {who were questioning him} started walking away, one by one. The older ones left first and then the younger ones. Then only Jesus was there with the woman in the midst of the people.

What did the people do after Jesus spoke to them about who should be the first to throw a stone at the woman caught in adultery?

After Jesus spoke, they went out one by one, beginning from the eldest and ending with the last.

John 8:10

ULT:

And Jesus, having stood up, said to the woman, "Where are they? Did no one condemn you?"

UST:

Jesus stood up and asked her, "Where are the men {who were accusing you}? Has no one condemned you {to be punished}?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:11

ULT:

And she said to him, "No one, Lord." And he said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, from now sin no longer."]

UST:

The woman replied, "There is no one, sir." Then Jesus said, "I do not condemn you {to be punished} either. Leave, and from now on do not sin like this anymore!"]

What did Jesus tell the woman (caught in adultery) to do?

Jesus told her to go her way and to sin no more from then on.

John 8:12

ULT:

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; the one following me may certainly not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

UST:

Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, "I am the one who gives God's good and true light to the people in the world. Anyone who becomes my disciple will never walk in {sinful} darkness {again}. Rather, that person will have God's good and true light that gives eternal life."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:13

ULT:

Then the Pharisees said to him, "You testify about yourself; your testimony is not true."

UST:

The Pharisees then told him, "You are the only witness for yourself! {Since the law of Moses requires at least two witnesses,} what you say cannot be true!"

What was the Pharisees complaint after Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life"?

The Pharisees complained that Jesus was bearing witness about himself and that his witness was not true.

John 8:14

ULT:

Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I came from or where I am going.

UST:

Jesus replied, "Even if I were the only witness for myself, what I say is still true because I know where I came from and {I know} where I am going. Nevertheless, you do not know where I came from and {you do not know} where I am going.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:15

ULT:

You judge according to the flesh; I do not judge anyone.

UST:

You judge people according to human standards. {However,} I have not come to judge anyone {in that manner}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:16

ULT:

But even if I judge, my judgment is true, because I am not alone, but I and the Father having sent me.

UST:

Even when I do judge people, I will judge them according to the true standard, because I do not judge people on my own. Rather, I and my Father who sent me, {will judge people together}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:17

ULT:

But even in your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true.

UST:

Moses even wrote in your law that when at least two witnesses say the same thing, then what they say is true.

How did Jesus defend his witness as being true? (8:17-18)

Jesus said that in their law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. He then stated that he and the Father who sent him both bear witness about Jesus.

John 8:18

ULT:

I am the one testifying about myself, and the Father having sent me testifies about me.”

UST:

I am my own witness, but my Father who sent me is also a witness for me. {Therefore, what I say is true}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:19

ULT:

Therefore, they said to him, "Where is your father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father; if you had known me, you would have known my Father also."

UST:

Because {Jesus said his father was a witness for him,} the Pharisees asked him, "Where is your father?" Jesus replied, "You do not know me, and you do not know my Father. If you knew me, you would also know my Father, {but you do not}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:20

ULT:

He said these words in the treasury, teaching in the temple, and no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

UST:

He said these things about himself while he was teaching in the temple {courtyard}. {He said them} at the place {in the temple courtyard} where people brought money offerings. Nobody apprehended him, because it was not yet the right time for him to die.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:21

ULT:

Then again he said to them, "I go away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go away, you are not able to come."

UST:

Jesus then told the people again, "I am going away, and you will search for me, but since you sinfully reject me, you will die without God forgiving you. You will not be able to come to the place where I am going."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:22

ULT:

Then the Jews said, "He will not kill himself, will he? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you are not able to come'?"

UST:

The Jewish leaders then said {among themselves}, "Perhaps he plans to kill himself, and that is {what he means} when he says that we will not be able to come to the place where he is going."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:23

ULT:

And he said to them, "You are from the things below; I am from the things above. You are from this world; I am not from this world."

UST:

Jesus told them, "You are from this earth below, but I am from heaven above. You belong to this sinful world. I do not belong to this world."

On what did Jesus base his statement about the Pharisees that they would die in their sins? (8:23-24)

Jesus based that statement on his knowledge of them, that they were from below, and he was from above. They were of this world and he was not of this world.

John 8:24

ULT:

Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins."

UST:

Because of this I told you that you will die without God forgiving you for all the sins that you have committed. This will certainly happen unless you trust that I am {God, as I say I am}."

How could the Pharisee escape dying in their sins?

Jesus said they would die in their sins unless they believed "that I am."

John 8:25

ULT:

Therefore, they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "What have I even been saying to you from the beginning?"

UST:

Because {he said that}, they asked him, "Who are you?" Jesus replied, "That is what I have been telling you ever since the beginning!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:26

ULT:

I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you. But the one having sent me is true; and the things that I heard from him, these things I say to the world.”

UST:

I could say many things about you and judge you, {but I will not do those things at this time}. Rather, I will tell the people in the world only what I have heard from the one who sent me. He always says the truth.”

What things did Jesus say to the world? (8:26-27)

Jesus said to the world the things he heard from the Father.

John 8:27

ULT:

(They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.)

UST:

(They did not understand that Jesus was telling them about his Father {in heaven}.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:28

ULT:

Then Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then will you know that I am, and that I do nothing from myself. But just as the Father taught me, I speak these things.

UST:

So Jesus told them, "When you have lifted me up to kill me, the Son of Man, you will know that I am {God}, and {you will know} that I do not do anything on my own authority. Rather, I only say what my Father has taught me to say.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:29

ULT:

And the one having sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him.”

UST:

My Father, who sent me, is always with me. He has never abandoned me, because I always do only the things that delight him.”

Why did the Father who sent Jesus stay with him and not leave him alone?

The Father was with Jesus and did not leave him alone because Jesus always did the things that were pleasing to the Father.

John 8:30

ULT:

{As} he is speaking these things, many believed in him.

UST:

While Jesus was saying these things, many more people believed that he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:31

ULT:

Then Jesus said to the Jews having believed in him, “If you remain in my word, you are truly my disciples;

UST:

Jesus then told the Jews who now believed that he was the Messiah, “If you obey what I teach you, then you are my genuine disciples.

How did Jesus say the Jews who had believed in him could know they were truly his disciples?

They could know they were truly Jesus’ disciples by remaining in his word.

John 8:32

ULT:

and you will know the truth, and the truth will free you.”

UST:

{Furthermore,} you will know God’s truth, and {believing that} truth will free you {from what has enslaved you}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:33

ULT:

They replied to him, “We are the seed of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone; how can you say, ‘You will be free’?”

UST:

They answered him, “We are the descendants of Abraham. We have never been anyone’s slaves! Why do you say that we need to be free?”

What did the Jews that believed Jesus think Jesus was referring to when he said, “... and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”?

Those Jews thought Jesus was speaking of being slave of, or in bondage to, men.

John 8:34

ULT:

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that everyone committing sin is a slave of sin.

UST:

Jesus replied, “I am telling you the truth: Anyone who sins {is controlled by his sinful desires like} a slave {is controlled by his master}.

What was Jesus referring to when he said, “and you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free”?

Jesus was referring to being set free from being slaves of sin.

John 8:35

ULT:

Now the slave does not remain in the house into eternity; the son remains into eternity.

UST:

Slaves do not remain as {members of their master's} family forever, {but may be freed or sold}. {However,} a son is a member of the family forever.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:36

ULT:

Therefore, if the Son frees you, you will be truly free.

UST:

So if the Son frees you {from being slaves to sin}, you will absolutely be able to refrain {from sinning}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:37

ULT:

I know that you are the seed of Abraham, but you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you.

UST:

I know that you are Abraham's physical descendants. However, you are trying to kill me because you refuse to trust what I say.

What is the reason, according to Jesus, the Jews sought to kill Jesus?

They sought to kill Jesus because his word had no place in them.

John 8:38

ULT:

What I have seen with the Father, I say; and therefore, what you heard from the father, you do."

UST:

I am telling you about the things that my Father has shown me. Therefore, {I say that} you do what your father has told you to do."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:39

ULT:

They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus says to them, "If you were children of Abraham, you would do the works of Abraham."

UST:

They replied to him, "Abraham is our ancestor." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's descendants, you would be doing the same things he did."

Why did Jesus say these Jews were not Abraham's children? (8:39-40)

Jesus said they were not Abraham's children because they did not do the works of Abraham. Instead, they sought to kill Jesus.

John 8:40

ULT:

But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

UST:

I have been telling you the true things that God told me, but you are trying to kill me. Abraham did not do something like that.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:41

ULT:

You do the works of your father.” Then they said to him, “We have not been born from sexual immorality; we have one Father: God.”

UST:

You are doing the same things that your real father did.” They told him, “We are not illegitimate children, {like you are}! We have only one Father, and that is God.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:42

ULT:

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would have loved me, for I came from God and am here; for neither have I come from myself, but that one sent me."

UST:

Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, which he is not, you would love me because I came from him and have come to this world. {This is true} because I did not come on my own authority. Rather, I came because God sent me."

When these Jews say they have one Father, God, how does Jesus refute them?

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would have loved me, for I came from God and am here; for neither have I come from myself, but that one sent me."

John 8:43

ULT:

Because of what do you not understand my speech? It is because you are not able to hear my words.

UST:

Do you know why you do not understand what I say? It is because you do not accept {and obey} what I have told you!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:44

ULT:

You are from your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. That one was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he would speak a lie, he speaks from his own {nature}, because he is a liar and the father of it.

UST:

You belong to your father, the devil, and you desire to do what he desires. He has been murdering people since the time people first {sinned}. He has rejected what is true, because he never speaks those true things. Whenever he lies, he is doing what is natural for him to do, because he is a liar. He is even the origin of lying.

Who does Jesus say is the father of these Jews?

Jesus says their father is the devil.

What did Jesus say about the devil?

Jesus said that the devil was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When the devil speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature because he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:45

ULT:

But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me.

UST:

Yet you do not believe me, because I tell you what is true!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:46

ULT:

Which one of you convicts me concerning sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe me?

UST:

{Since I have never sinned,} none of you can prove that I have. Since I tell you what is true, there is no good reason for you to not believe what I say!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:47

ULT:

He who is from God hears the words of God; because of this you do not hear, because you are not from God."

UST:

Those who belong to God accept {and obey} what he has said. Since {this is true,} you do not accept {and obey} what God has said, because you do not belong to God."

Who hears the words of God?

He who is from God hears the words of God.

John 8:48

ULT:

The Jews answered and said to him, "Do we not rightly say that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

UST:

The Jews opposing Jesus replied to him, "We are certainly correct when we say that you are one of the Samaritans, {whom we hate,} and that a demon is controlling you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:49

ULT:

Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me.

UST:

Jesus replied, "A demon is not controlling me! On the contrary, I honor my Father {in heaven}, and you dishonor me!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:50

ULT:

Now I do not seek my glory; there is one seeking and judging.

UST:

I do not desire to persuade people to praise me. There is someone else who desires to do that and judges {whether you or I am telling the truth}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:51

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will certainly not see death into eternity."

UST:

I am telling you the truth: Anyone who obeys my teaching will surely never die!"

What does Jesus say will happen if anyone keeps Jesus' word?

If anyone keeps Jesus' word, he will never see death.

John 8:52

ULT:

The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died; but you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will certainly not taste death into eternity.’

UST:

The Jews opposing Jesus said to him, “Now we are sure that a demon is controlling you! Abraham and the prophets died long ago! Yet you say that anyone who obeys your teaching will surely never die!

Why did the Jews say Jesus had a demon?

They said this because Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

Why did the Jews think Jesus’ statement about never seeing death was outlandish? (8:52-53)

They thought this because they were thinking of the physical death of the body. Even Abraham and the prophets died (their physical bodies).

John 8:53

ULT:

You are not greater than our father Abraham who died, are you? The prophets also died. Who do you make yourself out to be?"

UST:

You are surely not greater than our ancestor Abraham! He died and all the prophets also died. {So} who do you think you are?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:54

ULT:

Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; my Father is the one glorifying me—about whom you say, ‘He is our God.’

UST:

Jesus replied, “If I persuade people to praise me, that praise would be worthless. My Father is the one who praises me. He is the one whom you say is your God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:55

ULT:

And you have not known him, but I know him. And if I would say that I do not know him, I would be like you, a liar. However, I know him and keep his word.

UST:

Although you do not know God, I do know him. If I said that I did not know him, I would be a liar like each of you. In contrast to you, I know him, and I always obey what he says.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:56

ULT:

Your father Abraham rejoiced that he might see my day, and he saw and was glad.”

UST:

Your ancestor Abraham was overjoyed {to think} that he could see me come to the world. {God allowed him} to see me come, and he was happy.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:57

ULT:

Therefore the Jews said to him, "You do not yet have 50 years, and you have seen Abraham?"

UST:

Because {Jesus said this}, the Jews opposing him told him, "{Abraham died a long time ago, and} you are not even fifty years old! How can you have seen Abraham?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 8:58

ULT:

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham came into existence, I am."

UST:

Jesus told them, "I am telling you the truth: I was {God} before Abraham was born!"

What statements does Jesus make to say that he was alive before Abraham?

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM."

John 8:59

ULT:

Therefore, they picked up stones in order to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out from the temple.

UST:

Because {he was claiming to be God,} the Jews opposing Jesus picked up rocks to throw at him {to kill him}. But Jesus hid {in the crowd} and left the temple {courtyard}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9

John 9:1

ULT:

And passing by, he saw a man blind from birth.

UST:

While Jesus was walking along the path, he saw a man who had been blind since the day he was born.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:2

ULT:

And his disciples asked him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this one or his parents, so that he might be born blind?"

UST:

His disciples asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be blind when he was born? Did this man or his parents sin?"

What is the assumption made by the disciples as to why the man was born blind?

The disciples are assuming that the reason the man was born blind is because either the man or his parents had sinned.

John 9:3

ULT:

Jesus answered, "Neither did this one sin, nor his parents, but so that the works of God might be revealed in him.

UST:

Jesus replied, "It was neither the sin of this man nor the sin of his parents {that caused him to be blind when he was born}. Rather, {he was blind when he was born} so that I might show people the miraculous works God will do in him.

What does Jesus say is the reason the man was born blind?

Jesus says the man was born blind so that the works of God should be revealed in him.

John 9:4

ULT:

It is necessary for us to work the works of the one having sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one is able to work.

UST:

While I am still with you, we must do the miraculous works that my Father who sent me wants us to do. Just like day is followed by night, when people cannot work, a time will come when it is too late for us to do what God wants us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:5

ULT:

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

UST:

While I am still living in this world, I am the one who gives God’s good and true light to the people in the world.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:6

ULT:

Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud from the saliva and smeared on him the mud on his eyes.

UST:

When he said this, he spat on the dirt and made mud by mixing his saliva {with the dirt}. Then he spread that mud on the blind man's eyes.

What did Jesus do and say to the blind man? (9:6-7)

Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud and anointed the man's eyes with the mud.

John 9:7

ULT:

And he said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," (which is translated "Sent"). So he went away and washed and came back seeing.

UST:

Then Jesus said to the blind man, "Go and wash {the mud off} in the pool of Siloam!" ("Siloam" means "sent" {in Aramaic}). So the man left and washed {the mud off in that pool}. Then he went {home} when he was able to see.

What happened after the blind man washed in the pool of Siloam?

He came back seeing.

John 9:8

ULT:

Then the neighbors and the ones seeing him previously, that he was a beggar, began saying, "Is not this the one sitting and begging?"

UST:

The man's neighbors and others who had seen him in the past and knew that he was a beggar said, "This is surely the man who used to sit here and beg!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:9

ULT:

Some said, "It is he." Others said, "Not at all, but that one is like him." He kept saying, "It is me."

UST:

Some people said, "Yes, he is that man." Other people said, "No, but he just looks like that man." However, the man himself said, "Yes, I am the man who was blind!"

What did the man testify when a dispute arose as to whether or not he was the man born blind who used to sit and beg?

The man testified that he was the blind beggar.

John 9:10

ULT:

Therefore, they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

UST:

So they asked him, "How is it that you can see now?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:11

ULT:

That one answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and smeared {it} on my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So having gone and having washed, I received my sight.”

UST:

He replied, “The man people call Jesus made mud {with dirt and his saliva} and spread it on my eyes. Then he told me to go to the pool of Siloam and wash {the mud off}. So I went there and washed {the mud off}. Then I was able to see {for the first time}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:12

ULT:

And they said to him, "Where is that one?" He said, "I do not know."

UST:

They asked him, "Where is that man?" He replied, "I do not know where he is."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:13

ULT:

They bring him, the one formerly blind, to the Pharisees.

UST:

{Some of the people there} took the man who used to be blind to some of the Pharisees.

What did the people do who were with the formerly blind beggar?

They took the man to the Pharisees.

John 9:14

ULT:

(Now it was a Sabbath on the day Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.)

UST:

(Now the day when Jesus made the mud {with his saliva} and enabled the man to see was the Jewish day for rest.)

When did the healing take place?

The healing of the blind man took place on the Sabbath.

John 9:15

ULT:

Then again the Pharisees also began asking him how he received his sight. But he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

UST:

Then the Pharisees questioned the man for a second time. {This time} as well, they asked him about how he was now able to see. He told them, "The man placed mud on my eyes, and I washed {it off}, and now I {am able to} see {for the first time}."

What did the Pharisees ask the formerly blind man?

They asked him how he had received his sight.

John 9:16

ULT:

Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How is a man, a sinner, able to do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

UST:

Some of the Pharisees then said, "{We know that} this man has not come from God, because he does not follow the rules for the Jewish day for rest." Some other Pharisees said, "Surely a sinful man could not do the kinds of miraculous signs that this man does!" So the Pharisees disagreed with each other {regarding who Jesus was}.

What was the division that arose among the Pharisees?

Some Pharisees said Jesus was not from God because he did not keep the Sabbath (he healed on the Sabbath) and some of the Pharisees said how could a man that is a sinner do such signs.

John 9:17

ULT:

Therefore, they ask the blind man again, "What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?" And he said, "He is a prophet."

UST:

So the Pharisees asked the blind man again, "What do you say about this man, since you say that he is the one who enabled you to see?" The man said, "He must be a prophet."

What did the formerly blind man say about Jesus when asked?

The formerly blind man said, "He is a prophet."

John 9:18

ULT:

Therefore, the Jews did not believe about him that he was blind and received his sight until they called the parents of him having received sight.

UST:

Because {the man believed that Jesus was a prophet}, the Jewish leaders did not believe that the man had been blind and then became able to see until after they summoned the man's parents {in order to question them}.

Why did the Jews call in the parents of the blind man that had received his sight?

They called in the man's parents because they still did not believe the man was the one that had been blind.

John 9:19

ULT:

And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

UST:

They asked his parents, "Is this man your son? Do you say that he was blind when he was born? {If that is so,} then how is he able to see at this time?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:20

ULT:

So his parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind."

UST:

His parents replied, "We are certain that this man is our son. We are also certain that he was blind when he was born."

What did the parents of the man testify concerning their son?

The parents testified that the man was indeed their son and that he had been born blind.

John 9:21

ULT:

But how he now sees, we do not know, or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he has full maturity. He will speak for himself.”

UST:

Nevertheless, we do not know how he is able to see at this time. We also do not know who enabled him to see. Ask him. He is old enough to speak on his own behalf.”

What did the man’s parents say they did not know?

They said they did not know how he could now see, or who opened his eyes.

John 9:22

ULT:

His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone would confess him {as} the Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

UST:

(The Jewish leaders had previously agreed among themselves that they would ban anyone who declared that Jesus was the Messiah from entering the Jewish meeting place. Because of this, the man's parents were afraid of them and told them those things.)

Why did the man's parents say, "He is an adult. Ask him"?

They said this because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

John 9:23

ULT:

Because of this, his parents said, "He has full maturity; ask him."

UST:

That is also why they said to the Jewish leaders, "Ask him. He is old enough."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:24

ULT:

Therefore, for a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."

UST:

So the Jewish leaders summoned for a second time the man who had been blind. They told him, "Glorify God {by speaking only the truth}! We ourselves are certain that this man {who you say healed you} is sinful."

What did the Pharisees say to the formerly blind man when they called him in the second time?

They said, "Give glory to God. We know this man (Jesus) is a sinner."

John 9:25

ULT:

Then that one replied, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I know: that being blind, now I see."

UST:

The man whom Jesus healed replied, "I do not know if he is sinful or not. One thing I do know is that I used to be blind, but now I can see."

What was the formerly blind man's response to the Pharisees when they called Jesus a sinner?

He replied, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know: Once I was blind, and now I see."

John 9:26

ULT:

Then they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

UST:

They then asked him, "What did he do to you {in order to heal you}? How did he enable you to see?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:27

ULT:

He answered them, "I have told you already, and you did not listen! Why do you want to listen again? You do not want to become his disciples also, do you?"

UST:

He replied, "I have already told you the answers to those questions, but you did not listen to what I said. Why do you want me to tell you again? Could it be that you also desire to become his disciples?"

What questions did the formerly blind man ask the Pharisees?

The formerly blind man said, "Why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become his disciples too, do you?"

John 9:28

ULT:

And they reviled him and said, "You are a disciple of that one, but we are disciples of Moses.

UST:

Then they spoke insultingly to him: "You are that man's disciple! As for us, we are Moses's disciples!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:29

ULT:

We know that God has spoken to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.”

UST:

We are certain that God spoke to Moses {long ago}. As for this man, we do not even know where he came from!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:30

ULT:

The man answered and said to them, "Now this is a remarkable thing, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes.

UST:

The man replied, "I am amazed! You do not even know where he came from, but he is the one who enabled me to see!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:31

ULT:

We know that God does not hear sinners, but if someone is devout and does his will, he hears this one.

UST:

We are certain that God does not respond to {the prayers of} sinful people. Rather, he responds to {the prayers of} people who worship him and who do what he wants them to do.

When the Pharisees reviled the man, what did the formerly blind man say everyone knew?

The formerly blind man said that everyone knew God does not listen to sinners.

John 9:32

ULT:

From eternity it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of one having been born blind.

UST:

Never before has anyone ever heard that someone enabled a man to see who was blind when he was born!

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:33

ULT:

If this one were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.”

UST:

If this man had not come from God, he could not have done even one {miracle like that}!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:34

ULT:

They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and you are teaching us?” And they put him out.

UST:

The Jewish leaders replied to him, “You were born blind entirely as a result of {your parents’} sins! How dare you teach us!” Then they banned him from the Jewish meeting place.

How did the Pharisees respond to the blind man’s retort?

They rebuked the man he was born in sin and yet he dared to teach them. Then they cast the man out of the synagogue.

John 9:35

ULT:

Jesus heard that they had put him out, and having found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

UST:

Jesus heard that the Jewish leaders had banned the man he had healed from the Jewish meeting place. When he {searched for him and} found him, he asked him, "Do you trust the Son of Man?"

What did Jesus do when he heard the formerly blind man had been cast out of the synagogue?

Jesus went looking for the man and found him.

**What did Jesus say to the formerly blind man after Jesus found him?
(9:35-36)**

Jesus asked the man if he believed in the Son of Man, and then he told the formerly blind man that he (Jesus) was the Son of Man.

John 9:36

ULT:

That one replied and said, "And who is he, sir, so that I might believe in him?"

UST:

The man answered, "Sir, who is he? {Please tell me,} so that I may trust him."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:37

ULT:

Jesus said to him, "You have both seen him, and that one is the one speaking with you."

UST:

Jesus told him, "You have already seen him. I am that very person who is talking to you now."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:38

ULT:

Now he said, "Lord, I believe" and he worshiped him.

UST:

The man said, "Lord, I trust {that you are the Son of Man}." Then he went down on his knees and worshiped Jesus.

How did the formerly blind man respond when told that Jesus was the Son of Man?

The formerly blind man told Jesus he believed, and he worshiped Jesus.

John 9:39

ULT:

And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those not seeing might see and those seeing might become blind."

UST:

Jesus said, "I have come into this world in order to judge its people. {The result will be} that the people who realize they do not perceive God's truth may perceive it, like a blind person becoming able to see. {Another result will be that} the people who think they perceive God's truth will not perceive it, like a person who sees and becomes blind."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:40

ULT:

{Some} of the Pharisees being with him heard these things and asked him, "We are not also blind, are we?"

UST:

When some of the Pharisees who were near Jesus heard him say this, they asked him, "Do you think that we also cannot perceive God's truth, like blind people?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 9:41

ULT:

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you say, 'We see.' Your sin remains."

UST:

Jesus replied, "If you recognized that you are spiritually blind, you would not be guilty of sin. However, because you claim to perceive God's truth, like someone who sees, you are still guilty of your sin."

What did Jesus say about the sins of the Pharisees?

Jesus told them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin. However, now you say, 'We see.' So your sin remains."

John 10

John 10:1

ULT:

“Truly, truly, I say to you, the one not entering through the gate into the sheep pen but climbing up some other way, that one is a thief and a robber.

UST:

“I am telling you the truth: Anyone who enters into the sheep pen by any way other than the pen’s gate is a thief or bandit {who has come to steal the sheep}.

According to Jesus, who is a thief and a robber?

He who does not enter by the gate into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, that man is a thief and a robber.

John 10:2

ULT:

But the one entering through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

UST:

The man who enters the sheep pen through the gate is the shepherd {who takes care} of the sheep.

Who enters the sheepfold by the gate?

He who enters the sheepfold by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:3

ULT:

The gatekeeper opens for this one, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

UST:

The man who guards the gate {when the shepherd is away} opens the gate for the shepherd {when he comes}. The sheep hear the sound of the shepherd's voice. He summons by name {each of} the sheep that belong to him and leads them out of the pen.

Why do the sheep follow the shepherd when he calls them? (10:3-4)

They follow the shepherd because they know his voice.

John 10:4

ULT:

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

UST:

After the shepherd has brought out of the pen all of the sheep that belong to him, he walks in front of them. His sheep follow him {from behind} because they recognize the sound of his voice.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:5

ULT:

Now they will certainly not follow a stranger, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

UST:

His sheep will never follow someone whom they do not know. Rather, they will run away from him because they do not recognize the voices of people they do not know.”

Will the sheep follow a stranger?

No. The sheep will not follow a stranger.

John 10:6

ULT:

Jesus spoke this parable to them, but those ones did not understand what it was that he was saying to them.

UST:

*Jesus told this illustration {from the work that shepherds do} to the Pharisees.
Nevertheless, they did not understand what the illustration meant.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:7

ULT:

Therefore, Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the gate of the sheep.

UST:

So Jesus spoke to them again, “I am telling you the truth: I am the gate through which the sheep enter into the sheep pen.

What were all those who came before Jesus came? (10:7-8)

All those who came before Jesus came were thieves and robbers, and the sheep did not listen to them.

John 10:8

ULT:

Everyone who came before me is a thief and a robber, but the sheep did not hear them.

UST:

*All the leaders who came before me {without God's authority} were thieves and bandits.
However, the true sheep did not obey them.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:9

ULT:

I am the gate. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and he will go in and go out and will find pasture.

UST:

I myself am the gate {to heaven}. God will save {from eternal punishment} anyone who comes to him by trusting in me. {Whoever trusts in me} will be like a sheep who walks around safely and finds food.

Jesus said he was the gate. What happens to those who enter through that gate?

Those who enter through Jesus, the gate, will be saved; they will go in and out and will find pasture.

John 10:10

ULT:

The thief does not come except in order that he might steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they might have life and might have it abundantly.

UST:

Your leaders are like thieves who come only to steal, kill, and destroy the sheep. I have come to give the sheep eternal life, which will be full {of blessings}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:11

ULT:

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

UST:

I myself am like a good shepherd. The good shepherd is willing to die {in order to protect and to save} his sheep, {and so am I willing to die for my disciples}.

What does the good shepherd, Jesus, do for his sheep?

Jesus, the good shepherd, lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:12

ULT:

And the hired man, not being a shepherd, of whom the sheep are not his own, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and escapes, and the wolf seizes and scatters them,

UST:

{Suppose that} someone hires a man who is not a shepherd to protect sheep that do not belong to that man. When he sees a wolf coming {to kill the sheep}, he leaves the sheep and runs away, so the wolf snatches some of them and causes some others to scatter.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:13

ULT:

because he is a hired man, and it is not a concern to him about the sheep.

UST:

{The hired man runs away} because he was {only protecting the sheep} in order to receive money. He does not care about what happens to the sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:14

ULT:

I am the good shepherd, and I know the ones of mine, and the ones of mine know me,

UST:

I myself am like a good shepherd. {Just like a good shepherd knows his sheep and his sheep know him,} I know those who belong to me, and they know me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:15

ULT:

just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

UST:

{We know each other} in the same way that my Father and I know each other. I am willing to die for the benefit of those sheep {who belong to me}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:16

ULT:

And I have other sheep that are not from this sheep pen. It is necessary for me to bring them also, and they will hear my voice and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

UST:

There are also sheep that belong to me and are from a different sheep pen. {They are people who are not Jews.} I must also bring them to myself. They will respond to what I say, and all those who belong to me will be united as one flock, and I will be their one shepherd.

Does Jesus have another sheep fold, and if so, what will happen to them?

Jesus said he had other sheep that were not of that fold. He said he must bring them, and they would hear his voice so that there would be one flock and one shepherd.

John 10:17

ULT:

Because of this the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I might take it up again.

UST:

My Father loves me because I will willingly die in order that I may make myself alive again.

Why does the Father love Jesus?

The Father loves Jesus because Jesus lays down his life that he may take it up again.

John 10:18

ULT:

No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down from myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. I received this command from my Father.”

UST:

Nobody is forcing me to die. Rather, I myself choose to die. I have authority to willfully die and I have authority to make myself alive again. That is the work my Father has commanded me to do.”

Does someone take Jesus' life away?

No. He lays it down of himself.

Where did Jesus get the authority to lay down his life and to take it again?

Jesus received this command from his Father.

John 10:19

ULT:

A division again occurred among the Jews because of these words.

UST:

The Jewish leaders divided {into opposing groups} again on account of what Jesus had said.

What did the Jews say because of Jesus' words? (10:19-21)

Many said, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to him?" Others said, "These are not the statements of one possessed with a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

John 10:20

ULT:

Now many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to him?”

UST:

Many of the Jewish leaders said, “A demon is controlling him, and he is crazy! Do not listen to him!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:21

ULT:

Others were saying, "These are not the words of a demon-possessed man. A demon is not able to open the eyes of the blind, is he?"

UST:

Some other people said, "What he is saying is not something a man controlled by a demon would ever say. Surely a demon cannot possibly enable a blind person to see!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:22

ULT:

Then the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem happened. It was winter,

UST:

Then the feast to celebrate the temple dedication in Jerusalem took place.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:23

ULT:

and Jesus was walking in the temple on the porch of Solomon.

UST:

Jesus was walking in the temple courtyard in the place called Solomon's Porch.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:24

ULT:

Then the Jews surrounded him and began saying to him, "How long are you taking away our life? If you are the Christ, tell us openly."

UST:

The Jewish leaders gathered around Jesus and said, "How long will you keep us wondering about who you are? If you are the Messiah, then tell us plainly {so that we can know}."

What did the Jews say to Jesus when they surrounded him in the Temple in Solomon's porch?

They said, "How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

John 10:25

ULT:

Jesus replied to them, "I told you, but you do not believe. The works that I do in the name of my Father, these testify concerning me.

UST:

Jesus answered them, "I have told you, but you still do not believe me. The miraculous deeds I do by my Father's authority tell you what you need to know about me.

How did Jesus reply to the Jews in Solomon's porch? (10:25-26)

Jesus said he had already told them (that he was the Christ) and they did not believe him because they were not his sheep.

John 10:26

ULT:

But you do not believe, because you are not from my sheep.

UST:

However, you people still do not believe in me, because you do not belong to me. You are like sheep that are not part of my flock.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:27

ULT:

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

UST:

{Just like sheep obey the voice of their shepherd,} my people respond to what I say. I know them, and they are my disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:28

ULT:

And I give them eternal life, and they will certainly not perish into eternity, and no one will snatch any of them from my hand.

UST:

I enable them to live forever {with God in heaven}. No one can ever destroy them, and {no one can ever} take them away from me.

What does Jesus say about his care and protection of his sheep?

Jesus said he gives his sheep eternal life, they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of his hand.

John 10:29

ULT:

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from the hand of the Father.

UST:

My Father gave them to me. He is greater than anyone, and no one is able to take them away from him.

Who gave the sheep to Jesus?

The Father gave the sheep to Jesus.

Is anyone greater than the Father?

No. The Father is greater than all others.

John 10:30

ULT:

I and the Father are one.”

UST:

My father and I are one God.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:31

ULT:

The Jews took up stones again so that they might stone him.

UST:

The Jewish leaders again picked up stones in order to throw them at him and kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:32

ULT:

Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of those works are you stoning me?"

UST:

Jesus said to them, "You have seen me do many miraculous good deeds that my Father told me to do. For which one of them are you going to kill me with stones?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:33

ULT:

The Jews answered him, “We are not stoning you for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because you, a man, are making yourself God.”

UST:

The Jewish leaders replied, “We do not want to kill you with stones because you did a good deed. Rather, {we want to kill you} because you blaspheme God by claiming to be God even though you are just a man!”

Why did the Jews take up stones to stone Jesus?

Because they believed Jesus was blaspheming and making himself God even though he was a man.

John 10:34

ULT:

Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods””?

UST:

Jesus replied to them, “In the Old Testament a prophet wrote that God said, ‘I have said that you are gods.’

What is Jesus’ defense against the charge of blasphemy? (10:34-36)

Jesus defends himself by saying, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods”””? If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), do you say about him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, “You are blaspheming,” because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”

John 10:35

ULT:

If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture is not able to be broken),

UST:

Since God called those to whom he spoke 'gods' and no one can prove that the Scripture is false,

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:36

ULT:

do you say to the one the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

UST:

why do you say that I am blaspheming God because I said that I am the Son of God? I am the one whom my Father specially selected {to belong to him} and sent into this world.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 10:37

ULT:

If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me.

UST:

If I am not doing the miraculous works that my Father wants me to do, then you should not trust me.

What does Jesus tell the Jews to do in order to determine whether to believe him or not? (10:37-38)

Jesus tell the Jews to look at his works. If Jesus is not doing the works of his Father, do not believe him.

John 10:38

ULT:

But if I am doing them, even if you do not believe me, believe in the works so that you might know and might understand that the Father {is} in me, and I in the Father.”

UST:

However, because I am doing these {miraculous} deeds, you should trust {what} these deeds {reveal about me} even though you do not trust me. {You should do that} in order to learn and comprehend that my Father and I are completely united.”

What does Jesus say the Jews could know and understand if they would believe in the works that Jesus did?

Jesus said they could know and understand that the Father is in Jesus and that Jesus is in the Father.

John 10:39

ULT:

Therefore, they were seeking to seize him again, but he went away out of their hand.

UST:

Because {he said these things}, the Jewish leaders tried again to arrest Jesus, but he got away from them.

What was the response of the Jews to Jesus statement about the Father being in Jesus and Jesus being in the Father?

The Jews tried again to seize Jesus.

John 10:40

ULT:

And he went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John first was baptizing, and he stayed there.

UST:

Then Jesus went back over {on the east side of} the Jordan River. He went to the place where John the Baptizer had baptized people at the beginning {of his ministry}. Jesus stayed there for a while.

Where did Jesus go after this event?

Jesus went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first.

John 10:41

ULT:

And many came to him and were saying, "John indeed did no sign, but all that John said about this one was true."

UST:

Many people came to Jesus there. They said, "John the Baptizer never performed a miraculous sign, but everything that John said about this man is true!"

What did many people who came to Jesus say and do? (10:41-42)

They kept saying, "John indeed did no sign, but all that John said about this one was true." Many people believed in Jesus there.

John 10:42

ULT:

And many believed in him there.

UST:

Many people trusted in him in that place.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11

John 11:1

ULT:

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

UST:

A man named Lazarus became very ill. He lived in the village of Bethany where his sisters Mary and Martha also lived.

Who was this Lazarus? And who was Mary? (11:1-2)

Lazarus was a man from Bethany. His sisters were Mary and Martha. It was the same Mary who would anoint the Lord with myrrh and wipe his feet with her hair.

John 11:2

ULT:

Now Mary was the one having anointed the Lord with myrrh and having wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

UST:

This is the same Mary who later would pour perfume on the Lord and would wipe {the oil off of} his feet with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:3

ULT:

Therefore, the sisters sent to him, saying, "Sir, behold, he whom you love is sick."

UST:

So the two sisters sent someone to tell Jesus about Lazarus. They said, "Lord, the one whom you love is very ill. {Please come!}"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:4

ULT:

But having heard {it}, Jesus said, “This sickness is not to death but for the glory of God so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”

UST:

When Jesus heard about Lazarus’ illness, he said, “This illness will not end in Lazarus’ death. Rather, the purpose of this illness is to reveal how great God is. Lazarus became ill in order that the illness may reveal how great I, the Son of God, am.”

What did Jesus say about Lazarus and his sickness when Jesus heard he was sick?

Jesus said, “This sickness is not to end in death, but it is instead for the glory of God so that the Son of God may be glorified in it.”

John 11:5

ULT:

(Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.)

UST:

(Jesus loved Martha, her sister Mary, and Lazarus.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:6

ULT:

Therefore, when he heard that he was sick, he then indeed stayed two days in the place where he was.

UST:

So when Jesus heard that Lazarus was ill, he deliberately remained where he was for two more days.

What did Jesus do when he heard Lazarus was sick?

Jesus stayed two more days in the place where he was.

John 11:7

ULT:

Then after this, he says to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

UST:

Then after {those two days} Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go back to the region of Judea."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:8

ULT:

The disciples say to him, "Rabbi, right now the Jews are seeking to stone you, and you are going back there again?"

UST:

His disciples said, "Teacher, the Jewish leaders {in Judea} currently want to kill you with stones! You surely should not return there again!"

What did Jesus' disciples say when he told them, "Let us go to Judea again."?

The disciples said to Jesus, "Rabbi, the Jews were only now trying to stone you, and are you going back there again?"

John 11:9

ULT:

Jesus answered, "Are there not 12 hours in the day? If someone walks in the daytime, he does not stumble, because he sees by the light of this world."

UST:

Jesus replied, "You know that there are 12 hours of daylight. The person who walks during the daytime will walk safely because the light allows him to see where he is going."

What did Jesus say about walking in the day?

Jesus said if someone walks in the daytime, he will not stumble because he sees by the daylight.

John 11:10

ULT:

But if someone walks at night, he stumbles because the light is not in him."

UST:

However, when a person walks during the night, he will stumble because there is no light to allow him to see where he is going."

What did Jesus say about walking in the night?

If someone walks at night, he will stumble because the light is not in him.

John 11:11

ULT:

He said these things, and after this, he says to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going so that I may wake him out of sleep."

UST:

After saying these things, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I will go there to wake him up."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:12

ULT:

Therefore, the disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."

UST:

So his disciples told him, "Lord, if he is sleeping, then he will get well."

**In what way did the disciples think that Lazarus had fallen asleep?
(11:12-13)**

The disciples thought Lazarus had fallen asleep to rest.

John 11:13

ULT:

(Now Jesus had spoken about his death, but those ones thought that he is speaking about the sleep of slumber.)

UST:

(Jesus was actually speaking about Lazarus' death, but his disciples thought that he was talking about actual sleep.)

What did Jesus mean when he said Lazarus had fallen asleep?

When Jesus said Lazarus had fallen asleep, he was speaking of Lazarus' death.

John 11:14

ULT:

Therefore, Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus died."

UST:

So Jesus told them clearly, "Lazarus is dead."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:15

ULT:

And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

UST:

And I rejoice that I was not there {when he died}. {I let this happen} so that you may trust in me. {This is} for your benefit. Rather than staying here, let us go to where he is."

Why was Jesus glad that he was not there when Lazarus died?

Jesus said, "I am glad for your sakes, that I was not there, so that you may believe."

John 11:16

ULT:

Therefore, Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with him."

UST:

So Thomas, whom they called "The Twin," said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go with the Teacher in order that we may die with him."

What did Thomas think would happen if they went back to Judea?

Thomas thought they would all die.

John 11:17

ULT:

Therefore, having come, Jesus found him having already been in the tomb for four days.

UST:

So when Jesus arrived {in the village of Bethany,} he learned that people had already put Lazarus' dead body in a tomb four days before then.

How long had Lazarus been in the tomb when Jesus came?

Lazarus had been in the tomb four days.

John 11:18

ULT:

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about 15 stadia away.

UST:

(Jerusalem was only about three kilometers away from the village of Bethany.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:19

ULT:

And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary so that they might comfort them about their brother.

UST:

Many Jewish people came to Martha and Mary {in Bethany} in order to console both of them concerning their brother Lazarus' death.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:20

ULT:

Then Martha, when she heard, "Jesus is coming," went to meet him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

UST:

When Martha heard {someone say} that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him. Mary {did not go with her} but stayed in the house.

What did Martha do when she heard Jesus was coming?

When Martha heard Jesus was coming, she went and met him.

John 11:21

ULT:

Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if you were here, my brother would not have died."

UST:

When Martha met Jesus, she said to him, "Lord, if you had only been here sooner, my brother would not be dead!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:22

ULT:

But even now, I know that whatever you would ask from God, God will give to you.”

UST:

However, even now {that he is dead} I am certain that God will do for you whatever you ask him to do.”

What did Martha think God would do for Jesus?

Martha said, “Even now, I know that whatever you ask from God, he will give to you.”

John 11:23

ULT:

Jesus says to her, "Your brother will rise again."

UST:

Jesus told her, "Your brother will live again."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:24

ULT:

Martha says to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

UST:

Martha told him, "I am certain that my brother will live again when God raises all dead people on the last day {when he judges everyone}."

When Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise again," what was her response to Jesus?

She said to Jesus, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

John 11:25

ULT:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; the one believing in me, even if he dies, will live;

UST:

Jesus told her, "I am the one who causes dead people to live again. I am the one who gives people eternal life. Whoever trusts in me will live forever, even if his body dies.

What did Jesus say would happen to those who believe in him? (11:25-26)

Jesus said that whoever believes in Jesus, though he die, yet he will live; and whoever lives and believes in Jesus will never die.

John 11:26

ULT:

and everyone living and believing in me may certainly not die into eternity. Do you believe this?"

UST:

All those who receive eternal life and trust in me will surely live forever. Do you believe that this is true?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:27

ULT:

She says to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, coming into the world.”

UST:

Martha told him, “Yes, I do, Lord! I do indeed believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. {You are} the one whom God promised would come into this world.”

What was Martha’s testimony about who Jesus is?

Martha said to Jesus, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

John 11:28

ULT:

And having said this, she went away and called her sister Mary privately, having said, "The Teacher is here and is calling you."

UST:

After she said that, she returned {to the house} and secretly summoned her sister Mary. She told Mary, "The Teacher has arrived, and he is summoning you."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:29

ULT:

Now when she heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

UST:

When Mary heard what her sister said, she rose quickly and went out to meet Jesus.

Where was Mary going?

Mary was going to meet Jesus.

John 11:30

ULT:

(Now Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him.)

UST:

(At that time Jesus had not yet entered the village of Bethany. Rather, he was still at the place where Martha had met him.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:31

ULT:

Then the Jews being with her in the house and comforting her, having seen that Mary got up quickly and went out, followed her, having thought that she was going to the tomb so that she might weep there.

UST:

The Jewish people who were comforting Mary in her house saw her rise quickly and go outside, so they followed her. They thought that she was going to the tomb {where they had buried Lazarus} in order to grieve there.

When Mary got up quickly and went out, what did the Jews who were with her think and do?

The Jews who were in the house with Mary supposed she was going to the tomb to weep there, so they followed her.

John 11:32

ULT:

Then as soon as Mary came {to the place} where Jesus was, having seen him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you were here, my brother would not have died."

UST:

When Mary arrived at the place where Jesus had spoken to Martha and saw him, she threw herself down on the ground in front of his feet. She told him, "Lord, if you had only been here sooner, my brother would not be dead!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:33

ULT:

When therefore Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews having come with her weeping, he was deeply disturbed in the spirit and he troubled himself.

UST:

When Jesus saw her grieving, and the Jewish people with her also grieving, he became extremely agitated.

What seems to have prompted Jesus to groan in the spirit and be troubled and weep? (11:33-35)

Jesus groaned in the spirit was troubled and wept after he saw Mary weeping and the Jews who came with her weeping.

John 11:34

ULT:

And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They say to him, "Lord, come and see."

UST:

He asked, "Where have you buried his body?" They told him, "Lord, come and see {where he is}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:35

ULT:

Jesus wept.

UST:

Jesus started crying.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:36

ULT:

Then the Jews said, "Behold how much he loved him!"

UST:

So the Jewish people {who were with Mary} said among themselves, "See how much he loved Lazarus!"

What did the Jews conclude when they saw Jesus weeping?

They concluded that Jesus loved Lazarus.

John 11:37

ULT:

But some of them said, "Was this one, having opened the eyes of the blind man, not able to act so that this one also would not die?"

UST:

However, others among them said, "He could enable the blind man to see. But maybe he did not have enough power to prevent this man from dying!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:38

ULT:

Therefore, Jesus again, being deeply disturbed in himself, went to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

UST:

Jesus then was emotionally agitated again when he came to the tomb. (It was a cave, and a large rock was covering its entrance.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:39

ULT:

Jesus says, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the one that had died, says to him, "Lord, he will already stink, for it is four days."

UST:

Jesus said, "Remove the rock from the cave's entrance." {However,} Lazarus' sister Martha told him, "Lord, by this time his body will smell bad because he died four days ago."

What was Martha's objection to Jesus' command to take away the stone from the mouth of the cave where they had laid Lazarus?

Martha said, "Lord, by this time the body will stink, for he has been dead four days."

John 11:40

ULT:

Jesus says to her, "Did I not say to you that, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

UST:

Jesus told her, "I surely told you that if you trusted me, you would see how great God is!"

What is Jesus' reply to Martha's objection to taking away the stone?

Jesus said to Martha, "Did I not say to you that, if you believed, you would see the glory of God."

John 11:41

ULT:

Therefore, they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me."

UST:

So some people removed the rock from the cave's entrance. Jesus looked up toward heaven and said, "Father, I thank you for listening to me."

What did Jesus do immediately after the stone was taken away from the cave?

Jesus lifted up his eyes and prayed aloud to his Father.

John 11:42

ULT:

Now I have known that you always hear, but because of the crowd that is standing around I spoke, so that they may believe that you sent me."

UST:

I know that you always listen to me. Nevertheless, I said that for the sake of the people standing here. I said this in order that they might be confident that you sent me."

Why did Jesus pray aloud and say what he said to his Father?

He prayed aloud and said what he did because of the crowd that was standing around him, so that they might believe that the Father had sent him.

John 11:43

ULT:

And having said this, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

UST:

After he said that prayer, he shouted loudly, "Lazarus, come out of the tomb!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:44

ULT:

The dead man came out, his feet and hands having been bound with cloths, and his face having been bound with a cloth. Jesus says to them, "Untie him, and let him go."

UST:

The man who had died came out of the tomb! {The people who prepared him for burial} had wrapped his feet and hands with strips of cloth and had wrapped a cloth around his face. {So} Jesus told the people standing there, "Take off the strips of cloth that bind him. Allow him to go."

What happened when Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"?

The dead man came out, bound hand and foot with burial cloths, and his face was bound about with a cloth.

John 11:45

ULT:

Therefore, many of the Jews, having come to Mary and having seen what he did, believed in him.

UST:

As a result, many of the Jewish people who had come to comfort Mary and who had witnessed what Jesus had done trusted him.

What was the response of the Jews when they saw Lazarus come out of the cave? (11:45-46)

Many of the Jews, when they saw what Jesus did, believed in him, but some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

John 11:46

ULT:

But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

UST:

Nevertheless, some of the people there went to the Pharisees and reported to them what Jesus had done.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:47

ULT:

Therefore, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Sanhedrin together and said, "What will we do, for this man does many signs?"

UST:

So the ruling priests and the Pharisees gathered together the members of the highest Jewish ruling council. They were saying to each other, "What are we going to do about this man? He is performing many miraculous signs."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:48

ULT:

If we leave him alone like this, all will believe in him, and the Romans will come and will take away both our place and nation.”

UST:

If we allow him to keep doing these miracles, everyone will trust in him {and make him their king}. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our temple and our people!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:49

ULT:

But one certain man among them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You do not know anything."

UST:

One member of this council was Caiaphas. He was the high priest during that year. He told them, "You people know nothing!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:50

ULT:

You do not consider that it is better for you that one man would die for the people, and the whole nation would not perish.”

UST:

You do not realize that it would be much better for you to have one man die on behalf of the people than let the Romans kill all of the Jewish people.”

In the council meeting of the chief priests and Pharisees, what did Caiaphas prophesy?

Caiaphas said it was expedient for them that one man should die for the people rather than that the whole nation should perish.

John 11:51

ULT:

(Now this he said not from himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,

UST:

(Caiaphas did not say this because he thought of it himself. Rather, since he was the high priest that year, he was prophesying that Jesus would die on behalf of the Jewish people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:52

ULT:

and not only for the nation, but so that also the children of God having been scattered would be gathered together into one.)

UST:

{He was also prophesying that Jesus would die,} not only for the Jewish people, but also in order to gather into one people all the children of God whom God has dispersed throughout the world.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:53

ULT:

Therefore, from that day they plotted so that they might put him to death.

UST:

So in the days following the day that Caiaphas prophesied, the Jewish council made plans to kill Jesus.

From that day onward, what did the council plan?

They planned how to put Jesus to death.

John 11:54

ULT:

Therefore, Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but he departed from there into the country near the wilderness, into a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with the disciples.

UST:

Because of that, Jesus no longer traveled around publicly among his Jewish opponents. Instead, he left Jerusalem and went to a town called Ephraim that is in the region near the desolate area. He remained there with his disciples {for a while}.

What did Jesus do after he raised Lazarus?

Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but he departed from Bethany into the country near to the wilderness into a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with his disciples.

John 11:55

ULT:

Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem from the country before the Passover so that they might purify themselves.

UST:

At that time the Jewish Passover celebration was about to take place. Many people went up to Jerusalem from the region. They came before the Passover celebration began in order to clean themselves {according to the Jewish rules for attending the celebration}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:56

ULT:

So they were looking for Jesus and speaking one with another as they stood in the temple, "What does it seem to you? That he may certainly not come to the festival?"

UST:

The people {who came to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration} were searching for Jesus. While they were standing in the temple {courtyard}, they asked each other, "What do you think? He will surely not come to the Passover celebration!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 11:57

ULT:

Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order so that if anyone might know where he was, he should report it so that they might seize him.

UST:

{Some time earlier} the Jewish ruling priests and the Pharisees had made a command that anyone who found out where Jesus was must report his location to them so that they could arrest him.

What order did the chief priests and Pharisees issue?

They gave an order that if anyone knew where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might seize him.

John 12

John 12:1

ULT:

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

UST:

Jesus arrived in the village of Bethany six days before the Jewish Passover celebration began. {Bethany was the village} where Lazarus dwelled. He was the man whom Jesus made alive again after he had died.

When did Jesus come back to Bethany?

He came to Bethany six days before the Passover.

John 12:2

ULT:

So they made him a dinner there, and Martha was serving, but Lazarus was one of the ones reclining to eat with him.

UST:

There in Bethany, some of Jesus' friends gave a dinner to honor Jesus. Martha served the food to the guests, and Lazarus was among those who were sitting together and eating with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:3

ULT:

Then Mary, having taken a litre of perfumed oil of very precious pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. Now the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfumed oil.

UST:

Mary then took a bottle that contained about half a liter of very expensive perfume, which was pure oil from nard plants, and she poured it out on Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair. The pleasant scent of the perfume filled the entire house.

What did Mary do at the supper which had been made for Jesus?

Mary took a litre of perfume made of very precious pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus with it, and wiped his feet with her hair.

John 12:4

ULT:

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, the one going to betray him, says,

UST:

However, Judas Iscariot {objected}. (He was the one among Jesus' disciples who would soon help the Jewish leaders arrest Jesus.) He said,

Why did Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples, complain that the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor? (12:4-6)

Judas said this not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief: He had charge of the money bag and would take some of what was in it for himself.

John 12:5

ULT:

“For what reason was this perfumed oil not sold for 300 denarii and given to the poor?”

UST:

“We should have sold this perfume for the money that a man can earn in 300 days of work. Then we could have given that money to poor people!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:6

ULT:

(Now he said this, not because it was a concern to him about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the moneybag, he was stealing the things being put in it.)

UST:

(Judas did not say this because he cared about poor people. Rather, {he said this} because he was a thief. He kept charge of the bag that held their money, but he would steal the money that people gave him to put in the bag.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:7

ULT:

Therefore Jesus said, "Leave her alone so that she might have kept it for the day of my burial."

UST:

So Jesus said, "Leave her alone! She saved the perfume in order to keep it to prepare me for the time when I {die and} am buried."

How did Jesus defend Mary's use of the perfume (nard)? (12:7-8)

Jesus said, "Allow her to keep what she has for the day of my burial. The poor you will always have with you; but you will not always have me."

John 12:8

ULT:

For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

UST:

{She did the right thing} because poor people will always be among you {whom you can help}, but I will not be with you much longer.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:9

ULT:

Then a large crowd of the Jews learned that he is there, and they came, not only for Jesus, but also so that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

UST:

A large crowd of Jews heard that Jesus was {in Bethany}, so they went there. {They came} not only because Jesus was there, but also because they wanted to see Lazarus. He was the man whom Jesus made alive again after he had died.

Why did a large crowd gather in Bethany?

They came for Jesus' sake and also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

John 12:10

ULT:

But the chief priests plotted so that they might also put Lazarus to death;

UST:

By contrast, the ruling priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well as Jesus.

Why did the chief priests want to put Lazarus to death? (12:10-11)

They wanted to put Lazarus to death because it was on account of him that many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus.

John 12:11

ULT:

for because of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

UST:

{The ruling priests wanted to kill Lazarus} because he was the reason why many of the Jews were no longer believing what they were teaching and were trusting in Jesus instead.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:12

ULT:

On the next day the great crowd, the one having come to the festival, having heard that Jesus is coming to Jerusalem,

UST:

The next day the large crowd of people that had come {to Jerusalem} to {celebrate} the Passover celebration found out that Jesus was on his way there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:13

ULT:

took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed {is} the one coming in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."

UST:

So they cut branches off of palm trees and went out to the road to welcome him {as he came into the city}. They were shouting, "Please, save us! May God bless the one who comes with his authority. That one is the King of Israel!"

What did the crowd at the festival do when they heard Jesus was coming?

They took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel."

John 12:14

ULT:

Now Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it, just as it is written,

UST:

When Jesus came near to Jerusalem, he found a young donkey and sat on it {in order to ride it into the city}. {By doing this,} he fulfilled what some prophets had written in Scripture:

What prophecy about Jesus was fulfilled as Jesus entered the city on a donkey? (12:14-15)

The prophecy that Zion's King would come, sitting on the young of a donkey was fulfilled.

John 12:15

ULT:

“Do not fear, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a colt of a donkey.”

UST:

“Do not be afraid, you who live in Jerusalem. Look! Your King is coming. He is riding on a donkey’s colt!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:16

ULT:

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

UST:

When these events happened, his disciples did not understand that they were a fulfillment of what those prophets had written. However, after God glorified Jesus {by bringing him back to life}, they remembered what the prophets had written about him and that people had done those things to him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:17

ULT:

Then testified the crowd being with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him up from the dead.

UST:

The crowd of people that was following along with Jesus kept telling others that they had seen Jesus summon Lazarus to come out of the tomb and had seen Jesus make him alive again after he had died.

Why did the crowd at the festival go out to meet Jesus? (12:17-18)

They went out to meet Jesus because they had heard from eye witnesses that Jesus had called Lazarus out of the tomb and had raised him from the dead.

John 12:18

ULT:

Because of this also the crowd went out to meet him: because they heard that he had done this sign.

UST:

A different crowd of people went out of the city gate to meet Jesus. {They did so} because they heard that he had done the miraculous sign of {making Lazarus alive again}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:19

ULT:

Therefore, the Pharisees said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing! Behold, the world has gone after him!"

UST:

So the Pharisees said to each other, "See! We are failing to stop him. Look! Everyone is becoming his disciples!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:20

ULT:

Now certain Greeks were among the ones going up so that they might worship at the festival.

UST:

Some people who were not Jews were among the people who went up {to Jerusalem} in order to worship God during the Passover celebration.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:21

ULT:

Then these men went to Philip, the one from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

UST:

They came to Philip, who was from the city of Bethsaida, which is in the region of Galilee. They asked him, "Sir, would you introduce us to Jesus?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:22

ULT:

Philip goes and speaks to Andrew; Andrew and Philip go and speak to Jesus.

UST:

Then Philip reported this to Andrew, and they both went and told Jesus {about the Greeks}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:23

ULT:

Now Jesus answers them, saying, "The hour has come so that the Son of Man might be glorified."

UST:

Jesus answered Philip and Andrew, "It is now the time for God to show everyone how great I, the Son of Man, am."

What did Jesus say initially after Andrew and Philip told Jesus some Greeks wanted to see him?

Jesus answered them and said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

John 12:24

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat, having fallen into the earth, dies, it remains by itself; but if it would die, it bears much fruit.

UST:

I am telling you the truth: {My life is like a seed.} Unless a seed of wheat is planted in the ground and dies, it will only be one seed. But if it dies in the ground, then it will grow and produce much wheat.

What did Jesus say would happen to a grain of wheat if it fell into the earth and died?

Jesus said that if it died it would bear much fruit.

John 12:25

ULT:

The one loving his life loses it, but the one hating his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

UST:

Anyone who wants to keep on living more than {be my disciple} will die, but anyone who wants to {be my disciple} more than to keep on living in this sinful world will keep his life forever.

What did Jesus say would happen to the one who loves his life and to the one who hates his life in this world?

Jesus said the one who love his life will lose it, but the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for everlasting life.

John 12:26

ULT:

If anyone would serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

UST:

Anyone who wants to serve me must be my disciple. My servant will be with me {in heaven}. My Father will honor anyone who serves me.

How will God treat anyone who serves Jesus?

The Father will honor him.

John 12:27

ULT:

Now my soul has been troubled, and what might I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But because of this I came to this hour.

UST:

At this moment I feel greatly distressed. I should surely not say, 'Father, prevent me from experiencing this time {when I will suffer and die!}' No, {I will not do that,} because this is the very reason I have lived up to this time {when I will suffer and die}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:28

ULT:

Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have both glorified {it}, and I will glorify {it} again.”

UST:

Father, show how great you are!” Then God spoke from heaven, “I have already shown how great I am; I will do it again!”

What happened when Jesus said, “Father, glorify your name”?

A voice came out of heaven and said, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

John 12:29

ULT:

Then the crowd that had stood by, also having heard it, were saying that thunder had occurred. Others were saying, "An angel has spoken to him."

UST:

The crowd of people that was standing there heard the voice of God as well. Some of them said it was just the sound of thunder. Some other people said that an angel had spoken to Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:30

ULT:

Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for me, but for you.

UST:

Jesus replied to them, "The voice that you heard was God's voice. {He did not speak} for my benefit, but for yours!

What did Jesus say was the reason for the voice out of heaven?

Jesus said that the voice was not for his own sake, but for the Jews.

John 12:31

ULT:

Now is the judgment of this world: Now will the ruler of this world be thrown out.

UST:

Now is the time for God to judge the people in this world. Now is the time when he will throw out {Satan, who is} the one who rules this world.

What did Jesus say was going to happen now?

Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world: Now will the prince of this world be thrown out.”

John 12:32

ULT:

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw everyone to myself.”

UST:

As for me, when people raise me high {on a cross}, I will cause all peoples to come to me.”

Why did Jesus say, “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself”? (12:32-33)

Jesus said this to signify by what manner of death he would die.

John 12:33

ULT:

Now he was saying this to indicate what kind of death he was about to die.

UST:

(He said this to let the people know the way he would soon die.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:34

ULT:

Then the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains into eternity. And how do you say that it is necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

UST:

The crowd of people then replied to him, “We have learned from Scripture that the Messiah will live forever. So why do you say that the Son of Man will be lifted up {to die on a cross}? Who is this ‘Son of Man’ you are speaking about?”

When the crowd asked about what he had said, did Jesus directly answer them? (12:34-35)

No. he did not answer their questions directly.

John 12:35

ULT:

Jesus then said to them, "The light will be with you yet a short time. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness might not overtake you. And the one walking in the darkness does not know where he goes.

UST:

Jesus told them, "I am the light {that reveals God's truth and goodness}. I will be with you only a little longer. Live according to my example while I am still here in order to prevent the darkness {that is sin and evil} from controlling you. Those who live sinfully are like people who wander around in darkness, not knowing where they are going!

What did Jesus say about the light? (12:35-36)

Jesus said, "Yet a little longer is the light among you. Walk while you have the light ...". He also said, "While you have the light, believe in the light so that you may become sons of light."

John 12:36

ULT:

While you have the light, believe in the light so that you may be sons of light.” Jesus said these things, and having departed, was hidden from them.

UST:

Trust in me, the light {that reveals God’s truth and goodness}, while I am still with you. {Do this} in order to be God’s people, {those who know his truth and goodness}.” After he said those things, Jesus left them and hid himself from the people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:37

ULT:

Although he had done so many signs before them, they were not believing in him

UST:

Even though Jesus had done many miraculous signs in front of the people, most of them did not trust in him.

Why did the people not believe in Jesus? (12:37-38)

They did not believe so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he said: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

John 12:38

ULT:

so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, in which he said: "Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

UST:

Their unbelief happened in order to make come true what Isaiah the prophet had written {long ago}: "Lord, no one has believed what we said! {It seems like} no one has seen the power that the Lord has revealed!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:39

ULT:

Because of this they were not able to believe, for Isaiah had again said,

UST:

They could not trust in Jesus for this reason: Isaiah had also written,

Why were the people not able to believe in Jesus? (12:39-40)

They were not able to believe because as Isaiah said, “He has blinded their eyes, and he has hardened their hearts; otherwise they would see with their eyes and would perceive with their hearts, and would turn, and I would heal them.”

John 12:40

ULT:

“He has blinded their eyes, and he has hardened their heart; so that they might not see with their eyes and might understand with their heart, and might turn, and I will heal them.”

UST:

“The Lord has made them unable to perceive what they see, and he has made them stubborn. {He has done this} in order that they would not perceive what they see, and would not truly understand, and would not turn away from sin to God, and I would not forgive them.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:41

ULT:

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke about him.

UST:

Isaiah wrote that {long ago}, because he saw how great Jesus is and spoke concerning him.

Why did Isaiah say these things?

He said these things because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

John 12:42

ULT:

But nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him; but because of the Pharisees, they were not confessing {it} so that they would not be put out of the synagogue.

UST:

Although this was true, many members of the highest Jewish governing council trusted in Jesus. Nevertheless, they did not tell others {that they trusted in Jesus}, because they feared that the Pharisees would ban them from entering the Jewish meeting place.

Why did the rulers who did believe in Jesus not admit it? (12:42-43)

They would not admit it, because they were afraid of the Pharisees and did not want to be banned from the synagogue. They loved the praise that comes from people more than the praise that comes from God.

John 12:43

ULT:

For they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

UST:

{They feared this} because they preferred that other people honor them rather than that God would honor them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:44

ULT:

Now Jesus cried out and said, “The one believing in me believes not only in me but also in the one having sent me,

UST:

Jesus spoke loudly {to a crowd of people}, “Those who trust me are not only trusting me but also {are trusting my Father}, who sent me.

What statement does Jesus make about himself and his Father? (12:44-45)

Jesus said, “The one who believes in me, believes not only in me but also in him who sent me, and the one who sees me sees him who sent me.”

John 12:45

ULT:

and the one seeing me sees the one having sent me.

UST:

Those who see me are also seeing my Father, who sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:46

ULT:

I have come {as} a light to the world, so that everyone believing in me might not remain in the darkness.

UST:

I came into this world as the light {that reveals God's truth and goodness} to everyone in the world in order that anyone who trusts in me will not stay in the darkness {that is sin and evil}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 12:47

ULT:

And if anyone hears my words but does not keep {them}, I do not judge him; for I have not come so that I might judge the world, but so that I might save the world.

UST:

I do not condemn anyone who listens to my teachings but refuses to obey them, because I did not come into this world in order to condemn the people in the world. Rather, I came into this world in order to save them {from being punished for their sins}.

What did Jesus say he had come into the world to do?

Jesus said he came to save the world.

John 12:48

ULT:

The one rejecting me and not receiving my words has one judging him. The word which I have spoken, this will judge him on the last day.

UST:

Anyone who rejects me and does not accept {and obey} my teachings will be condemned according to the very teachings I have spoken. On the last day {when God judges everyone,} God will judge that person on the basis of my teachings.

What will judge those who reject Jesus and do not receive his words?

The word that Jesus has spoken will judge those who reject him on the last day.

John 12:49

ULT:

For I did not speak from myself, but the Father himself, having sent me, has given me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

UST:

{This will happen} because I did not speak on my own authority. Rather, my Father himself, who sent me, commanded me regarding what I should say and how I should say it.

Did Jesus speak of his own accord?

No. The Father who sent Jesus commanded him what he should say and speak.

John 12:50

ULT:

And I know that his command is eternal life. Therefore, what I say, just as the Father has spoken to me, thus I speak.”

UST:

I am certain that what my Father has commanded me to say is what people must believe in order to live forever {in heaven}. So I say exactly what my Father has told me to say.”

Why did Jesus say to the people just what the Father had said to him?

Jesus did this because he knew his Father’s command is life everlasting.

John 13

John 13:1

ULT:

Now before the Festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come so that he might depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

UST:

On the day before the Passover celebration would begin, Jesus knew that it was the time for him to leave this world and to return to his Father. He always loved his disciples who were with him in this world, and he loved them to the uttermost.

How long did Jesus love his own?

He loved them to the end.

John 13:2

ULT:

And supper happening, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas, {son} of Simon Iscariot, so that he might betray him,

UST:

When Jesus and his disciples were having their evening meal, the devil had already caused Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to think that he should help the Jewish leaders arrest Jesus.

What had the devil done to Judas Iscariot?

The devil had put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus.

John 13:3

ULT:

knowing that the Father had given all things to him, into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,

UST:

Jesus knew that his Father had given him complete power and authority over everything, and he also knew that he came from God and would soon return to God.

What had the Father given to Jesus?

The Father gave all things over into the hands of Jesus.

Where had Jesus come from and where was he going?

Jesus had come from God and was going back to God.

John 13:4

ULT:

he gets up from supper and takes off his outer clothing. And having taken a towel, he wrapped {it} around himself.

UST:

{Because he knew those things,} Jesus got up from the table where they were eating the evening meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

What did Jesus do when he rose from supper? (13:4-5)

He laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel and wrapped it around himself, poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel.

John 13:5

ULT:

Then he pours water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples and to dry them with the towel that was tied around himself.

UST:

He poured some water into a large bowl and started washing his disciples' feet and wiping them dry with the towel that he had wrapped around his waist.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:6

ULT:

Then he comes to Simon Peter. He says to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

UST:

When he came to Simon Peter {to wash his feet}, Peter told him, "Lord, you should not wash my feet!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:7

ULT:

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not understand now, but you will understand after these things."

UST:

Jesus replied to him, "Right now you do not understand what I am doing, but later you will understand."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:8

ULT:

Peter says to him, "You may certainly not wash my feet into eternity." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

UST:

Peter said, "You will surely never wash my feet!" Jesus replied to him, "If I do not wash you, then you will not inherit God's blessings with me."

What did Jesus say when Peter objected to having his feet washed by Jesus?

Jesus said, "If I do not wash you, you can have no part with me."

John 13:9

ULT:

Simon Peter says to him, "Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

UST:

Simon Peter told him, "Lord, do not wash my feet only! Wash my hands and my head also!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:10

ULT:

Jesus says to him, "The one that has been washed has no need, except to wash his feet, but he is completely clean, and you are clean, but not all."

UST:

Jesus told him, "Anyone whom someone has washed only needs to wash his feet. The rest of his body is clean. You disciples are clean, but not all {of you are clean}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:11

ULT:

(For he knew the one betraying him; because of this he said, "Not all are clean.")

UST:

({Jesus said this about being spiritually clean,} because he knew who was going to help the Jewish leaders arrest him. That is the reason he said, "Not all of you are clean.")

Why did Jesus say to his disciples, "Not all of you are clean"?

Jesus said this because he knew who would betray him.

John 13:12

ULT:

So when he had washed their feet and taken his garments and sat down again, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done for you?"

UST:

After he finished washing their feet, he put his outer clothing on again. Then he sat down at the table again and told them, "You must understand what I have just done for you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:13

ULT:

You call me 'The Teacher' and 'The Lord,' and you are speaking correctly, because I am.

UST:

You rightly call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' because that is what I am.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:14

ULT:

If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash the feet of one another.

UST:

Since I, your teacher and Lord, have {humbly served you by} washing your feet, you also should {humbly serve each other by} washing each other's feet.

Why did Jesus wash the disciples feet? (13:14-15)

Jesus washed the disciples feet to give the disciples an example so that they should do for each other as he did for them.

John 13:15

ULT:

For I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I did to you.

UST:

{By washing your feet} I have given you an example to follow in order that you should {humbly serve each other} as I have {humbly} served you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:16

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor {is} a messenger greater than the one having sent him.

UST:

I am telling you the truth: Just as a servant is not more important than his master, nor is a messenger more important than the person who has sent him, {you are not more important than me}.

Is the servant greater than his master or the one sent greater than the one who sent him?

The servant is not greater than his master and the one sent is not greater than the one who sent him.

John 13:17

ULT:

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

UST:

Since you now know {that you should humbly serve each other}, God will bless you if you do so.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:18

ULT:

I am not speaking about all of you; I know whom I have chosen—but so that the scripture might be fulfilled: ‘The one eating bread with me lifted up his heel against me.’

UST:

I am not saying that all of you will be blessed. I know well the people whom I have chosen {to be my disciples}. However, what is about to happen must take place in order that what a prophet wrote in scripture can come true: ‘The one who shared a meal with me as a friend has opposed me.’

Who lifted up his heel against Jesus?

The one who ate Jesus’ bread lifted up his heel against him.

John 13:19

ULT:

From this moment I tell you, before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe that I am.

UST:

From now on I am telling you what will happen before it happens in order that, when it does happen, you may trust that I am {God}.

Why did Jesus tell his disciples, “Not all of you are clean” and “He who eats my bread lifted up his heel against me”?

Jesus told them this before it happened so that when it did happen, they might believe he is the I AM.

John 13:20

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you, the one receiving whomever I might send receives me, and the one receiving me receives the one having sent me.”

UST:

I am telling you the truth: Whoever accepts the one I send out also accepts me; and whoever accepts me also accepts my Father who sent me.”

Who will you receive if you receive whomever Jesus sends?

If you receive whomever Jesus sends, you will receive Jesus, and you also receive the one who sent Jesus.

John 13:21

ULT:

Having said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and he testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you that one of you will betray me."

UST:

After Jesus said this, he felt disturbed. He solemnly declared, "I am telling you the truth: One of you is going to give me up {to my opponents}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:22

ULT:

The disciples began looking at each other, wondering about whom he was speaking.

UST:

His disciples kept looking at one another and wondering who among them he was talking about.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:23

ULT:

Now one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining to eat against the chest of Jesus.

UST:

One of his disciples, {John} whom Jesus loved, was sitting at the table beside Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:24

ULT:

Therefore, Simon Peter motioned to this one to ask, "Who is it about whom he is speaking?"

UST:

Simon Peter made a gesture to him to indicate that he should ask Jesus which disciple he was talking about.

When Jesus told his disciples that one of them would betray him, what did Simon Peter do?

Simon Peter motioned to the disciple whom Jesus loved and said, "Tell us who it is of whom he is speaking."

John 13:25

ULT:

So having thus leaned back against the chest of Jesus, that one says to him, "Lord, who is it?"

UST:

So John leaned back against Jesus and {quietly} asked him, "Lord, who is the one who will betray you?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:26

ULT:

Jesus answered, "It is that one to whom I, having dipped the piece of bread, will hand it over and give it to him." Then having dipped the bread, he gave {it} to Judas, {son} of Simon Iscariot.

UST:

Jesus replied, "It is the man to whom I will give this piece of bread after I dip it in the bowl." Then he dipped the bread in the bowl and gave it to Judas, Simon Iscariot's son.

How did Jesus respond when the disciple whom Jesus loved asked Jesus who was going to betray Jesus?

Jesus answered, "He it is for whom I will dip the piece of bread and give it to him." Then Jesus dipped the bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

John 13:27

ULT:

And after the bread, Satan then entered into him. Therefore, Jesus says to him, "What you are doing, do quickly."

UST:

As soon as Judas took the piece of bread from Jesus, Satan took control of him. Jesus then told him, "Do quickly what you have planned to do."

What happened to Judas and what did he do after Jesus gave Judas the bread?

After Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him, and he went out immediately.

John 13:28

ULT:

(Now none of the ones reclining to eat knew why he said this to him.)

UST:

(No one else among those sitting at the table knew why Jesus had said that to Judas.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:29

ULT:

For some were thinking, since Judas had the moneybag, that Jesus says to him, "Buy the things we need to have for the festival," or so that he might give something to the poor.)

UST:

Some of them thought that Jesus was telling him to go and buy some things that they needed for the Passover celebration or to give some money to the poor. {They thought this} because Judas had the bag that held their money.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:30

ULT:

Therefore, having received the bread, he went out immediately. Now it was night.

UST:

So after Judas took the bread from Jesus, he immediately went out. (It was night.)

What happened to Judas and what did he do after Jesus gave Judas the bread?

After Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him and he went out immediately.

John 13:31

ULT:

Therefore, when he had gone out, Jesus says, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

UST:

So after Judas left, Jesus said, “Now God has shown people how great I, the Son of Man, am. I have also shown people how great God is.

How was God going to be glorified?

God was going to be glorified in the Son of Man. When the Son of Man was glorified, that glorified God.

John 13:32

ULT:

And God will glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him immediately.

UST:

God himself will show {people} how great I, the Son of Man, am, and he will do this right away.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:33

ULT:

Little children, I am with you for still a short time. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, 'Where I go, you are not able to come.' Now I also say this to you.

UST:

{You whom I love as though you were my} children, I will be with you only a little while longer. Then you will look for me, but it will be just like I told the Jewish leaders and am telling you now: You will not be able to come to the place where I am going.

Did Simon Peter understand where Jesus was going when Jesus told them, “Where I am going, you cannot come”?

No, Simon Peter did not understand, because he asked Jesus, “Lord, where are you going?”

John 13:34

ULT:

I give to you a new commandment, so that you would love one another; just as I have loved you, so also you would love one another.

UST:

I now give you this new command in order that you might love each other: You must love each other in the same way that I have loved you.

What new commandment did Jesus give his disciples?

The new commandment was that they should love one another as Jesus had loved them.

John 13:35

ULT:

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.”

UST:

If you love each other, everyone {who sees that love} will know that you are my disciples.”

What did Jesus say would happen if his disciples obeyed the commandment to love one another?

Jesus said that by them obeying this commandment, all people would know that they were his disciples.

John 13:36

ULT:

Simon Peter says to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I go, you are not able to follow me now, but you will follow later."

UST:

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "You cannot go with me now to the place where I am going, but you will go there later."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:37

ULT:

Peter says to him, "Lord, why am I not able to follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

UST:

Peter told him, "Lord, why can I not go with you now? I am willing to die for you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 13:38

ULT:

Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster may certainly not crow before which you will deny me three times."

UST:

Jesus replied, "You are not really willing to die for me! I am telling you the truth: You will surely say three times that you do not know me before the rooster crows {in the morning}!"

How did Jesus answer when Simon Peter said, "I will lay down my life for you"?

Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow before you have denied me three times."

John 14

John 14:1

ULT:

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

UST:

“Do not be distressed. Trust God. Trust me as well.

Why should the hearts of the disciples not be troubled? (14:1-3)

Their hearts should not be troubled because Jesus is going to prepare a place for them, and Jesus will come again to receive them to himself so that where Jesus is they may be also.

John 14:2

ULT:

In the house of my Father are many dwelling places. But if not, I would have told you, for I am going to prepare a place for you.

UST:

There are many places for people to dwell where my Father dwells. If that were not true, I would have told you so, because I will go there to prepare a place for you to dwell.

What is in the Father's house?

There are many dwelling places in the Father's house.

John 14:3

ULT:

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

UST:

And after I go there to prepare a place for you to dwell, I will return and take you to be with me, in order for you also to be with me where I am.

What was Jesus going to do for the disciples?

Jesus was going to prepare a place for them and then come back for them.

John 14:4

ULT:

And you know the way where I am going.”

UST:

You know how to go to the place where I am going.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:5

ULT:

Thomas says to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How are we able to know the way?"

UST:

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we have no idea where you are going! We cannot possibly know how to go there!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:6

ULT:

Jesus says to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me."

UST:

Jesus told him, "I am how people can go there. I am the one who reveals what is true about God, and the one who gives eternal life to people. The only way people can come to my Father is by trusting me."

What is the only way to come to the Father?

The only way to come to the Father is through Jesus.

John 14:7

ULT:

If you have known me, you will know my Father also. And from now on you know him and have seen him."

UST:

Since you know who I am, you know my Father also. From this time forward, you know him, and it is as though you have seen him."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:8

ULT:

Philip says to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

UST:

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, let us see the Father and that will satisfy us!"

What does Philip tell Jesus to do that would be enough for the disciples?

Philip says to Jesus, "Lord show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

John 14:9

ULT:

Jesus says to him, "So long a time I am with you, and you do not know me, Philip? The one that has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

UST:

Jesus said to him, "I have been with you all for such a long time. Surely you know me, Philip! Those who have seen me are like those who have seen my Father. So you have no reason to say 'Let us see the Father'!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:10

ULT:

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from myself, but the Father remaining in me is doing his work.

UST:

You surely must believe that I and my Father are completely united! I did not speak all that I have spoken to you on my own. Rather, my Father who is united with me is working his own miraculous works through me.

Is Jesus speaking to the disciples of his own accord?

Jesus is not speaking of his own accord. Instead, it is the Father living in him who is doing the Father's work.

John 14:11

ULT:

Believe me that I {am} in the Father, and the Father {is} in me. But if not, believe because of the works themselves.

UST:

Trust me when I say that I and my Father are completely united! Otherwise, if you are not going to trust what I say, at least trust me on account of all the miraculous works {that you have seen me do}.

If for no other reason, why does Jesus say the disciples should believe that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus?

Jesus says they should believe this if for no other reason then because of Jesus' very works.

John 14:12

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you, the one believing in me, the works that I do, he also will do, and he will do greater than these, because I am going to the Father.

UST:

I am telling you the truth: Whoever trusts in me will also do the miraculous works that I do. He will do even greater works than those I do, because I am going to my Father.

Why does Jesus say the disciples will be able to do even greater works than he did?

Jesus says the disciples will do even greater works because Jesus is going to the Father.

John 14:13

ULT:

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

UST:

I will do anything that you request as my representative. I will do this in order that I, his Son, might show how great my Father is.

Why will Jesus do whatever the disciples ask in his name?

Jesus will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14

ULT:

If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

UST:

I will do anything that you request from me as my representative.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:15

ULT:

If you love me, you will keep my commandments,

UST:

If you really love me, you will obey everything that I have commanded you.

What does Jesus say you will do if you love him?

Jesus says you will keep his commandments if you love him.

John 14:16

ULT:

and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper so that he may be with you into eternity—

UST:

Then I will request from my Father, and he will answer me by giving you another one to help you in order for him to be with you forever.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:17

ULT:

the Spirit of Truth whom the world is not able to receive, because it does not see him nor know him. You know him, for he remains with you and will be in you.

UST:

{He is} the Holy Spirit who declares what is true about God. The unbelieving people in the world cannot accept him, because they do not see him or know him. You disciples know this Spirit because he dwells with you, and he will later dwell in you.

What does Jesus call the other comforter that the Father will give to be with the disciples forever?

Jesus calls him the Spirit of Truth.

Why can the world not receive the Spirit of Truth?

The world cannot receive the Spirit of Truth, because it does not see him or know him.

Where does Jesus say the Spirit of Truth will be?

Jesus said the Spirit of Truth would remain with and be in the disciples.

John 14:18

ULT:

I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

UST:

I will not leave you without anyone to take care of you. I will soon return to you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:19

ULT:

Yet a short time and the world no longer sees me, but you see me. Because I live, you will also live.

UST:

In a little while the unbelievers in the world will not see me anymore, but you yourselves will see me again. Because I will soon live again, you too will live again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:20

ULT:

In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you {are} in me, and I {am} in you.

UST:

When you see me again, you will know that I am united with my Father and that you and I are completely united.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:21

ULT:

The one having my commandments and keeping them, this is the one loving me, and the one loving me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and I will show myself to him.”

UST:

Whoever knows and obeys what I command truly loves me. And my Father loves whoever loves me. I will love that person too, and I will reveal myself to that person.”

What will happen to whoever has Jesus' commandments and keeps them?

Those people will be loved by Jesus and his Father and Jesus will show himself to those people.

John 14:22

ULT:

Judas (not Iscariot) says to him, “Lord, what has happened that you are about to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

UST:

Judas (not Judas Iscariot, {but a different disciple with the same name}) spoke to Jesus. {He said,} “Lord, what has changed to cause you to reveal yourself just to us and not to all the people in the world?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:23

ULT:

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. And my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and we will make a dwelling place with him."

UST:

Jesus replied to him, "Whoever loves me obeys my teaching. My Father will love that person. He and I will come to that person and dwell inside that person."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:24

ULT:

The one not loving me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine, but of the Father having sent me.

UST:

Whoever does not love me does not obey my teachings. What you have just heard me say I did not say on my own. Rather, {what I have said has come} from my Father, who has sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:25

ULT:

I have said these things to you, remaining with you.

UST:

I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:26

ULT:

Now the Helper—the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything, and he will remind you of everything that I said to you.

UST:

But my Father will send the Holy Spirit in my place. He is the one who will help you. He will teach you all {of God's truth that you need to know}. He will also cause you to remember all the things that I have told you.

What will the Helper, the Holy Spirit, do when the Father sends him?

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, will teach the disciples all things and bring to their remembrance all the Jesus said to them.

John 14:27

ULT:

I leave you peace; I give you my peace. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

UST:

As I leave you I give you a peaceful feeling. It is my peaceful feeling that I am giving to you. I give to you {a peaceful feeling} in a different manner than the people in the world give it. Do not be distressed or afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:28

ULT:

You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I am.

UST:

You heard me tell you that I am going away and will later return to you. If you really loved me, you would rejoice that I am returning to my Father {in heaven}, because he is superior to me.

Why should the disciples have rejoiced that Jesus was going away?

Jesus said they should rejoice because Jesus was going to the Father, for the Father is greater than Jesus.

John 14:29

ULT:

And now I have told you before it happens so that, when it may happen, you will believe.

UST:

I have told you these things now before they happen so that you will continue to trust me when they do happen.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 14:30

ULT:

I will no longer speak many things with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. And he has nothing in me,

UST:

I will not be able to talk with you much longer, because {Satan,} the one who rules this world, is coming. But he has no control over me.

What reason does Jesus give for saying he will not speak much more with the disciples?

The reason Jesus gives is that the prince of this world is coming.

John 14:31

ULT:

but so that the world might know that I love the Father, and just as the Father commanded me, thus I do. Get up. Let us go from here.”

UST:

However, this will happen in order for the people in the world to know that I love my Father and I will do exactly what my Father has commanded me to do. Rise, let us leave this place.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15

John 15:1

ULT:

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

UST:

"I am like a genuine vine {that grows fruit}. My Father is like a gardener {who takes care of it}."

Who is the true vine?

Jesus is the true vine.

Who is the vine grower?

The Father is the vine grower.

John 15:2

ULT:

Every branch in me not bearing fruit, he takes it away; and every one that bears fruit, he prunes it so that it might bear more fruit.

UST:

My Father cuts off and removes every branch that seems to be part of me but does not produce fruit. As for every branch that produces fruit, he cleans it by pruning it so that it may produce even more fruit.

What does the Father do with the branches who are in Christ?

The Father takes away the branches that bear no fruit, and he prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:3

ULT:

You are already clean through the word that I have spoken to you.

UST:

You are like branches that have already been cleaned by pruning because of the teaching that I have told you before.

Why are the disciples clean?

They are clean because of the message Jesus spoke to them.

John 15:4

ULT:

Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is not able to bear fruit from itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.

UST:

Stay united with me, and I will stay united with you. As the branch cannot produce any fruit unless it stays attached to the vine, so you cannot produce spiritual fruit unless you stay united with me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:5

ULT:

I am the vine; you {are} the branches. The one remaining in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.

UST:

I am like the vine; you are like the branches. If you stay united with me and I stay united with you, you will produce a lot of fruit. {This is true} because you cannot do anything without my help.

Who are the branches?

We are the branches.

What must we do to bear fruit?

In order to bear fruit you must remain in Jesus.

John 15:6

ULT:

If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown outside like a branch and is dried up, and they gather them and throw {them} into the fire, and they are burned up.

UST:

As for anyone who does not stay united with me, that person is like a branch that the gardener cuts off and throws away. After such branches dry up, the gardener's workers pick them up and throw them into a fire and burn them up.

What happens if you do not remain in Jesus?

If anyone does not remain in Jesus, he is thrown away like a branch, dries up, and is burnt up.

John 15:7

ULT:

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

UST:

If you stay united with me and obey what I have taught you, you can request anything from God that you want, and he will grant your request.

What must we do so that whatever we ask will be done for us?

We must remain in Jesus and his word must remain in us. Then we may ask whatever we wish, and it will be done for us.

John 15:8

ULT:

My Father was glorified in this, that you would bear much fruit and you would be my disciples.

UST:

You show people how great my Father is by producing a lot of fruit and being my disciples.

What are two ways the Father is glorified?

The Father is glorified when we bear much fruit and when we are disciples of Jesus.

John 15:9

ULT:

Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love.

UST:

I have loved you in the same way that my Father has loved me. Now keep living in a way that is appropriate for those whom I love.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:10

ULT:

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept the commandments of the Father and remain in his love.

UST:

If you obey what I have commanded you, you will be acting in a way that is appropriate for those whom I love, just like I have obeyed what my Father has commanded me, and I act in a way that is appropriate for someone whom he loves.

What must we do to remain in the love of Jesus?

We must keep his commandments.

John 15:11

ULT:

I have spoken these things to you so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.

UST:

I told you these things in order that you may be as joyful as I am and {in order that} you may be joyful to the greatest degree.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:12

ULT:

This is my commandment, that you would love one another just as I have loved you.

UST:

This is what I am commanding you to do: Love each other in the way that I have loved you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:13

ULT:

No one has greater love than this—that he would lay down his life for his friends.

UST:

No one has greater love than a person who is willing to die for his friends.

What is the greatest love a person can have?

No one has greater love than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:14

ULT:

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

UST:

You are really my friends if you keep doing what I have commanded you to do.

How do we know if we are Jesus' friends or not?

We are friends of Jesus if we do the things he commanded us.

John 15:15

ULT:

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, for all the things I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.

UST:

I am not going to call you my servants any longer, because a servant does not understand what his master is doing. I now call you friends, because I have made you understand everything that my Father has told me.

Why did Jesus call the disciples his friends?

He called them friends, for he made known to them all the things that he heard from his Father.

John 15:16

ULT:

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you would go and would bear fruit, and your fruit would remain, so that whatever you would ask of the Father in my name, he would give it to you.

UST:

You did not choose {to be my disciples}. Rather, I chose you {to be my disciples} and assigned you {to this role} in order that you would go out and produce spiritual fruit and {in order that} the fruit you produce should last forever. {I also chose you} in order that my Father would give you everything that you request from him as my representatives.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:17

ULT:

These things I command you so that you would love one another.

UST:

I command you to do these things in order that you would love one another.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:18

ULT:

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before you.

UST:

Since the people who oppose God in the world detest you, you must realize that they detested me first.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:19

ULT:

If you were from the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not from the world, but I chose you from the world, on account of this the world hates you.

UST:

If you were part of the people who oppose God in the world, those unbelievers would love you as they love their own. However, I chose you to come out from among them. The people who oppose God in the world detest you because you are not part of them.

Why does the world hate those who follow Jesus?

The world hates those who follow Jesus because they are not of this world and because Jesus chose them out of the world.

John 15:20

ULT:

Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

UST:

Remember that I told you that a servant is not more important than his master. Since they have caused me to suffer, they will certainly cause you to suffer as well. If any of them have obeyed my teaching, they will also obey what you teach.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:21

ULT:

But they will do all these things to you because of my name, because they do not know the one having sent me.

UST:

Yet the unbelievers in this world will do all these hateful things to you because you represent me {and} because they do not know my Father who has sent me here.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:22

ULT:

If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

UST:

If I had not come and taught them {God's truth}, they would not have been guilty {of rejecting me and my message}. However, {since I have come and taught them}, now they do not have any excuse for their sin.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:23

ULT:

The one hating me also hates my Father.

UST:

Whoever detests me also detests my Father.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:24

ULT:

If I had not done the works that no one else did among them, they would have no sin, but now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father.

UST:

If I had not performed miraculous works among them that no one else has ever done, they would not be guilty of sin. Yet, as it is, they have seen these works and detest me. They also detest my Father.

What did Jesus do so that the world has no excuse for their sin?

The world has no excuse for their sin because Jesus came and did among them the works that no one else did.

John 15:25

ULT:

But this is so that the word that is written in their law might be fulfilled, 'They hated me without a cause.'

UST:

However, this has happened in order that these words that a prophet wrote in their scriptures would come true: 'They hated me for no reason.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 15:26

ULT:

When the Helper 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.

UST:

When I send to you from my Father the one who will help you, he will tell people who I am. He is the Holy Spirit, who declares what is true about God and goes forth from my Father.

Who will bear witness about Jesus? (15:26-27)

The Helper, that is the Spirit of Truth, would bear witness about Jesus.

John 15:27

ULT:

But you also testify because you are with me from the beginning.”

UST:

You also must tell everyone about me, because you have been with me since the very first days when I began my work.”

Why would the disciples bear witness about Jesus?

They would bear witness about Jesus because they had been with him from the beginning.

John 16

John 16:1

ULT:

"I have spoken these things to you so that you might not fall away.

UST:

I told you about these things that will happen so that you would continue trusting in me {when they do happen}.

Why did Jesus speak these things to the disciples?

Jesus spoke these things to them so that they should not be made to stumble.

John 16:2

ULT:

They will cause you to be put out of the synagogues. But an hour is coming for everyone having killed you to think he offers a service to God.

UST:

The Jews who oppose me will ban you from entering the Jewish meeting places. Yet {something even worse will happen.} The time is coming when all the people who will kill you will think that they are pleasing God by doing so.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:3

ULT:

And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.

UST:

They will do such things because they have never known who I really am, nor who my Father is.

Why will people put the disciples of Jesus out of the synagogues and kill some of them?

They will do this because they have not known the Father or Jesus.

John 16:4

ULT:

But I have spoken these things to you so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you about them. But I did not tell you these things in the beginning, because I was with you.

UST:

I have told you about these things that will happen in order that when they happen, you will remember that I told you they would happen. I did not tell you about them in the very first days when I began my work, because I was with you then.

Why did Jesus not tell the disciples about these things in the beginning?

Jesus did not tell them in the beginning because he was with them.

John 16:5

ULT:

But now I go to the one having sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

UST:

"Now I am going back to my Father who sent me. Yet now none of you is asking me where I am going!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:6

ULT:

But because I have said these things to you, sadness has filled your heart.

UST:

You are very sad because I have told you these things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:7

ULT:

But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I would go away. For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

UST:

Nevertheless, I now tell you true information: It is better for you that I leave {than that I stay}. {This is true} because if I do not leave, then the one who will help you will not come to you. However, If I go away, then I will send him to you.

Why is it better for Jesus to go away?

It is better for Jesus to go away because the Comforter will not come to them unless Jesus goes away; but if Jesus goes away, Jesus will send the Comforter to them.

John 16:8

ULT:

And having come, that one will reprove the world about sin and about righteousness and about judgment—

UST:

When that one who will help comes, he will convict people in the world of the sins {they have committed}. {He will convict them} of not being righteous, and {he will convict} them that God will judge them.

Regarding what will the Comforter convict the world?

The Comforter will convict the world regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment.

John 16:9

ULT:

about sin, because they do not believe in me;

UST:

{He will convict people} of their sin, because they have sinned by not trusting in me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:10

ULT:

and about righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will no longer see me;

UST:

{He will convict people} of not being righteous, because I am going back to my Father, and you will no longer see me {as the example of how to be righteous}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:11

ULT:

and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

UST:

{He will convict people} that God will judge them, because he has condemned {Satan, who is} the one who rules this world.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:12

ULT:

I have many more things to say to you, but you are not able to bear {them} now.

UST:

I want to tell you many more things. However, if I tell you now, you will not be able to accept them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:13

ULT:

But when that one, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into the whole truth, for he will not speak from himself, but he will say whatever he will hear, and he will announce to you the things coming.

UST:

When the Holy Spirit, who declares what is true about God, comes, he will enable you to understand all the truth {you need to know}. {He can do so} because he will not speak from his own authority. Rather, he will say whatever he hears from God, and he will tell you ahead of time about things that will happen.

What will the Spirit of Truth do for the disciples when he comes?

He will guide the disciples into all truth; for he will not speak from himself; but whatever things he hears, he will say those things and will declare to them the things that are to come.

John 16:14

ULT:

That one will glorify me, because he will take from the things of mine, and he will announce {it} to you.

UST:

The Holy Spirit will show how great I am by telling you what he has heard from me.

How will the Spirit of Truth glorify Jesus?

He will glorify Jesus by taking things of Jesus and declaring them to the disciples.

John 16:15

ULT:

Everything, as much as the Father has, is mine. Therefore, I said that he will take from the things of mine and he will announce {it} to you.

UST:

Everything my Father has belongs to me. That is why I said that the Holy Spirit will tell you what he has heard from me.

What will the Spirit of Truth do with the things of Jesus?

The Spirit of Truth will take the things of Jesus and announce them to the disciples.

John 16:16

ULT:

And in a little {while} you no longer see me, and again a little {while} and you will see me.”

UST:

After a short time you will not see me, and after a short time, you will see me again.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:17

ULT:

Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little {while} and you do not see me, and again a little {while} and you will see me,’ and, ‘Because I go to the Father’?”

UST:

Some of his disciples then asked one another, “What does Jesus mean when he says to us, ‘After a short time you will not see me, and after a short time, you will see me again’? And {what does he mean when he says}, ‘Because I am going back to my Father’?”

What sayings of Jesus did the disciples not understand? (16:17-18)

They did not understand when Jesus said, “In a little while, you will see me no more; after a little while again, you will see me,” and when he said, “Because I go to the Father.”

John 16:18

ULT:

Therefore they were saying, "What is this 'A little {while}'? We do not know what he is saying."

UST:

So they kept asking, "What does 'after a short time' mean? We do not understand what he is saying."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:19

ULT:

Jesus knew that they wanted to question him, and he said to them, "Are you seeking among yourselves concerning this, that I said, 'A little {while} and you do not see me, and again a little {while} and you will see me'?"

UST:

Jesus recognized that his disciples wanted to ask him more questions. So he said to them, "You are asking each other what I meant when I said, 'After a short time you will not see me, and after a short time, you will see me again.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:20

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will be glad. You will be grieved, but your sorrow will become joy.

UST:

I am telling you the truth: You will cry and mourn, but the people who oppose God in the world will rejoice. You will be very sad, but you will change from being sad to being joyful.

What will happen to the disciples' sorrow?

It will be turned to joy.

John 16:21

ULT:

When a woman gives birth, she has pain because her hour has come, but when she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers her suffering, because of the joy that a man has been born into the world.

UST:

A woman experiences pain when she gives birth to a child, because it is the time for her to give birth. Yet she forgets that she suffered after she has given birth to the child, because she is joyful about the fact that she has brought a human being into the world.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:22

ULT:

And so you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your heart will be glad, and no one takes away your joy from you.

UST:

In the same way, although you are sad at this time, I will see you again, and you will rejoice, and no one will stop you from rejoicing.

What will happen to cause the disciples to rejoice?

They will see Jesus again, and their hearts will rejoice.

John 16:23

ULT:

And in that day you will ask me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give {it} to you.

UST:

When you see me again, you will not ask me anything. I am telling you the truth: My Father will give you whatever you request from him as my representatives.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:24

ULT:

Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive so that your joy may be fulfilled.

UST:

Up to now you have not requested anything {from my Father} as my representatives. Request {anything from my Father} and you will receive {whatever you request}. God will give it to you in order that you may be joyful to the greatest degree.

Why does Jesus tell the disciples to ask and receive?

Jesus says to do this so that their joy may be full.

John 16:25

ULT:

I have said these things to you in figures of speech; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but instead I will tell you plainly about the Father.

UST:

I have told you these things using figurative language, but there will soon be a time when I will not use that kind of language to speak with you anymore. Rather, I will tell you about my Father using language that you can easily understand.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:26

ULT:

In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on behalf of you,

UST:

When you see me again, you will request {anything from God} as my representatives, and I will not have to ask my Father on your behalf,

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:27

ULT:

for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

UST:

because my Father himself loves you because you love me and trust that I came here from God.

For what reason does the Father himself love the disciples of Jesus?

The Father loves the disciples because the disciples loved Jesus and believed that he came from the Father.

John 16:28

ULT:

I came from the Father, and I have come into the world. Again, I am leaving the world, and I am going to the Father.”

UST:

I came from my Father and entered this world. Again I tell you that I will leave this world and go back to my Father.”

Where did Jesus come from and where was he going?

Jesus came into the world from the Father and was going to leave the world and return to the Father.

John 16:29

ULT:

His disciples say, "See, now you are speaking plainly, and you are not speaking in figures of speech."

UST:

His disciples responded, "Finally! Now you are using language that we can easily understand and not using figurative language."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:30

ULT:

Now we know that you know all things, and you do not have need that anyone would question you. In this we believe that you have come from God.”

UST:

Now we understand that you know everything. There is no need for anyone to ask you questions {because you already know what that person will ask}. This is why we trust that you came here from God.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:31

ULT:

Jesus answered them, “Just now do you believe?”

UST:

Jesus replied to them, “Now you finally trust me!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 16:32

ULT:

Behold, an hour is coming—and has come—that you might be scattered, each one to his own, and you might leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

UST:

Look! There will soon be a time, and that time will be very soon, when others will scatter you everywhere. Each of you will go to his own home, and you will leave me by myself. However, I will not be by myself, because my Father is always with me.

What did Jesus say the disciples would do at that hour?

Jesus said the disciples would be scattered, everyone to his own possessions, and they would leave Jesus all alone.

Who was still going to be with Jesus after the disciples left him alone?

The Father was still going to be with Jesus.

John 16:33

ULT:

I have spoken these things to you so that you might have peace in me. In the world you have troubles, but have courage. I have conquered the world."

UST:

I have told you all these things that will happen in order that you may feel peaceful {because you are united} with me. In this world you will be afflicted, but be brave! I have defeated the people who oppose God in the world!"

Why did Jesus tell the disciples to be encouraged even though in the world they would have troubles?

Jesus told them to be encouraged because he had overcome the world.

John 17

John 17:1

ULT:

Jesus said these things and, having lifted up his eyes to the heaven, he said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son might glorify you,

UST:

After Jesus told his disciples about these things that would happen, he looked up toward heaven and said, “Father, it is now time {for me to suffer and die}. Show everyone how great I, your Son, am in order that I may show everyone how great you are.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:2

ULT:

since you gave him authority {over} all flesh so that everyone whom you have given him, he would give to them eternal life.

UST:

{Please do this} because you gave me authority over all people in order that I might enable all those whom you chose to come to me to live forever {with me in heaven}.

Why did the Father give Jesus authority over all flesh?

The Father did this so that Jesus would give eternal life to all whom the Father have given him.

John 17:3

ULT:

Now this is eternal life, that they would know you, the only true God, and the one you sent, Jesus Christ.

UST:

This is what it means to live forever: to know you, who are the only real God, and to know me, Jesus the Messiah, the one whom you have sent into the world.

What is eternal life?

Eternal life is knowing the Father, the only true God, and him whom he has sent, Jesus Christ.

John 17:4

ULT:

I glorified you on the earth, having completed the work that you have given me so that I might do it.

UST:

I have shown everyone how great you are while I have been on the earth. {I did this} by finishing the work that you assigned me to do.

How did Jesus glorify God on the earth?

He did this by accomplishing the work that the Father gave him to do.

John 17:5

ULT:

And now, Father, glorify me along with yourself with the glory that I had with you before the world was made.

UST:

Father, at this time show how great I am in your presence with the same greatness that I had in your presence before the time we created the world.

What glory does Jesus want?

He wants the glory he had with the Father before the world was created.

John 17:6

ULT:

I revealed your name to the men whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

UST:

I have shown who you really are to the men whom you have given me from among the people in the world. They belonged to you and you have given them to me. They have obeyed your teaching.

To whom did Jesus reveal the Father's name?

Jesus revealed the Father's name to the people the Father gave to Jesus from the world.

John 17:7

ULT:

Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you,

UST:

At this time they know that everything you have given me has come from you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:8

ULT:

for I have given them the words that you gave me, and they received {them} and truly knew that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

UST:

{They know this} because I have told them the teachings that you told me. They themselves accepted those teachings, and they are certain that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me here.

How did those people the Father gave to Jesus respond to Jesus' words?

They received Jesus' words and truly knew that Jesus came from the Father and they believed that the Father sent Jesus.

John 17:9

ULT:

I ask on behalf of them. I do not ask on behalf of the world, but on behalf of whom you have given me, for they are yours.

UST:

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the people who oppose you in the world. Rather, {I am praying} for those people whom you gave me, because they belong to you.

Who does Jesus say he is not praying for?

Jesus says he is not praying for the world.

John 17:10

ULT:

And all my things are yours, and your things {are} mine, and I am glorified in them.

UST:

All the disciples that are mine belong to you, and {all the disciples} that belong to you are mine. They show everyone how great I am.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:11

ULT:

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me so that they would be one, just as we are.

UST:

I will not stay in this sinful world any longer. However, my disciples are staying in it. I will soon return to you. My Father, who is set apart, keep them safe by your same power that you gave to me, in order that they may be united in the same way that we are united.

In brief, what does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks the Father to keep them in the Father's name so they may be one just as the Father and Son are one.

John 17:12

ULT:

While I was with them, I kept them in your name that you have given me. And I protected them, and not one of them perished, except for the son of destruction, so that the scripture would be fulfilled.

UST:

During the time that I have been with them, I have kept them safe by your same power that you gave to me. I have guarded them, and only one of them will be eternally ruined. {He is} the one whom you had destined to be eternally ruined in order that the scriptures would come true.

While Jesus was in the world, what did Jesus do for those the Father had given to him?

Jesus protected them, so that none perished.

John 17:13

ULT:

But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world so that they would have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

UST:

At this time I am about to return to you. I have said these things while I am in this sinful world in order that I may give them my complete joy.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:14

ULT:

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not from the world, just as I am not from the world.

UST:

I have told them your teaching. {Thus the people who oppose you in} the world have detested them because, like me, they do not belong to those who oppose you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:15

ULT:

I do not ask that you would take them away from the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one.

UST:

I am not requesting that you take my disciples out of this sinful world. Rather, {I am requesting} that you keep them safe from being harmed by Satan, the evil one.

In brief, what does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks the Father to keep them from the evil one.

John 17:16

ULT:

They are not from the world, just as I am not from the world.

UST:

Like me, they do not belong to the people who oppose you in the world.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:17

ULT:

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

UST:

Set my disciples apart to serve you by {enabling them to know and live according to} what is true. Your teaching is what is true.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:18

ULT:

Just as you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

UST:

I am sending them among the people in the world in the same way that you sent me among them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:19

ULT:

And for their sakes I have sanctified myself, so that they themselves may also be sanctified in truth.

UST:

I set myself apart as a sacrifice on their behalf in order that they also may set themselves apart to serve you by {knowing and living according to} what is true.”

Why did Jesus sanctify himself?

Jesus sanctified himself so that those the Father gave him might also be sanctified in truth.

John 17:20

ULT:

But I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of the ones believing in me through their word,

UST:

Now I am praying not only for these disciples here, but {I am praying} also for those people who will trust in me by means of what my disciples say.

For whom else does Jesus pray?

Jesus prays for people who will believe in him through the word of those who followed him at that time.

John 17:21

ULT:

that they would all be one, just as you, Father, {are} in me, and I in you, that they also would be in us so that the world would believe that you have sent me.

UST:

{I pray} that they may all be united in the same way that you, my Father, and I are completely united. {I pray} that they may also be united to us in order that the people in the world might know that you sent me here.

What does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks the Father to keep them in the Father's name so they may be one, for them to be one in both Jesus and the Father so that the world would believe God sent Jesus.

John 17:22

ULT:

The glory that you gave to me, I also have given to them so that they would be one, just as we are one:

UST:

In order that they may be united in the same way that we are united, I have honored the people who trust in me just like you honored me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:23

ULT:

I in them, and you in me so that they may be made complete as one so that the world may know that you sent me and you loved them just as you loved me.

UST:

{This means that} I am united with them, and you are united with me. {I have done this} in order that they may be completely united together in order that the people in the world may know that you sent me here and that you love the people who trust in me in the same way that you love me.

How does the Father love those he gave to Jesus?

The Father loves them even as he loved Jesus.

John 17:24

ULT:

Father, the one you have given me, I desire that they also may be with me where I am, in order to see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

UST:

“My Father, I want these people whom you have given to me to be with me where I will be in heaven in order that they can see how glorious I am. You made me glorious because you have loved me from before the time when we created the universe.

What does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks that his followers may be with him where he is, to see his glory.

John 17:25

ULT:

Righteous Father, even the world did not know you, but I know you; and these know that you sent me.

UST:

My Father, who always does what is right, the people who oppose you in the world do not know who you are, but I know who you are. These people who trust me know that you have sent me here.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 17:26

ULT:

And I made your name known to them, and I will make {it} known so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

UST:

I have made them know who you are. I will continue to do so in order that they may love others like you love me and in order that I may be united with them."

Why did and will Jesus make the Father's name known to those the Father has given to him?

Jesus did and will make it known so that the love with which the Father loved Jesus may be in them and that Jesus may be in them.

John 18

John 18:1

ULT:

Having spoken these things, Jesus went out with his disciples across the brook of the Kidron, where there was a garden into which he and his disciples entered.

UST:

After Jesus finished praying, he left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side of the valley they entered into a grove {of olive trees}.

After Jesus spoke these words, where did he go?

He went with his disciples across the Kidron brook to a garden, and he entered it.

John 18:2

ULT:

Now Judas, the one betraying him, also knew the place, for Jesus often gathered there with his disciples.

UST:

Judas is the one who was about to help Jesus' opponents arrest him. He knew the place where Jesus was because Jesus often went there with his disciples.

How did Judas know about the garden?

He knew about it because Jesus often went there with his disciples.

John 18:3

ULT:

So Judas, leading the cohort of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and from the Pharisees, comes there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

UST:

So Judas brought to that grove a group of Roman soldiers and some temple guards who had been sent by the ruling priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lamps, and weapons.

Who else came to the garden with lanterns, torches and weapons?

Judas, leading a group of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, also came to the garden.

John 18:4

ULT:

Then Jesus, knowing all the things happening to him, having gone out, asked them, "Whom do you seek?"

UST:

Because Jesus knew what was going to happen to him, he went forward and asked the soldiers and temple guards, "Who are you looking for?"

What did Jesus ask this group of people in the garden?

Jesus asked them, "For whom are you looking?"

John 18:5

ULT:

They answered him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He says to them, "I am." (Now Judas, the one betraying him, was also standing with them.)

UST:

They replied to him, "Jesus from Nazareth." Jesus told them, "I am {that person}." (Judas was standing with them. He was the one who was helping Jesus' opponents arrest him.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:6

ULT:

So when he said to them, "I am," they went backward and fell to the ground.

UST:

When Jesus told them, "I am {that person}," they stepped back and involuntarily fell down to the ground.

What happened when the group of people said they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus responded, "I am"?

The soldiers and others with them went backward and fell to the ground.

John 18:7

ULT:

Then again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

UST:

Jesus then asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus from Nazareth."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:8

ULT:

Jesus answered, "I told you that I am. So if you are seeking me, allow these to go away."

UST:

Jesus replied, "I told you that I am {that person}. Since I am the one whom you are looking for, let these other men go."

Why did Jesus say, "I told you that I am he; so if you are looking for me, let these others go"? (18:8-9)

Jesus said this so that the word might be fulfilled that he said: "Of those whom you have given me, I lost not one."

John 18:9

ULT:

*(**{This was}** so that would be fulfilled the word that he said: "Of those you have given me, I lost none from among them.")*

UST:

(This happened in order that these words that he had said to his Father would come true: "I did not lose even one of those whom you gave me.")

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:10

ULT:

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. Now the name of the servant was Malchus.

UST:

Simon Peter had a short sword. He took it out of its sheath and struck the high priest's servant with it, cutting off his right ear. Malchus was that servant's name.

What did Jesus tell Peter after Peter cut off the ear of Malchus, the servant of the high priest? (18:10-11)

Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. The cup that the Father has given me, should I not drink it?"

John 18:11

ULT:

Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath. The cup which the Father has given me, should I certainly not drink it?"

UST:

Jesus then told Peter, "Put your short sword back into its sheath! I must surely suffer in the way that my Father has planned for me {to suffer}!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:12

ULT:

Then the cohort of soldiers and the commander and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and tied him up.

UST:

The group of Roman soldiers, along with their leader and some of the temple guards from the Jewish leaders, seized Jesus and tied his hands.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:13

ULT:

And they led him first to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

UST:

Then they took him to Annas first, because he was Caiaphas's father-in-law, and Caiaphas was the high priest that year.

After the group of soldiers, their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus, where did they take him?

They first took Jesus to Annas.

Who was Annas?

Annas was the father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

John 18:14

ULT:

(Now Caiaphas was the one having advised the Jews that it would be better for one man to die on behalf of the people.)

UST:

(It was Caiaphas who had advised the other Jewish leaders that it would be much better to have one man die on behalf of the people {than to let the Romans kill them}.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:15

ULT:

Now Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

UST:

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did one other disciple. Annas the high priest knew the other disciple, so he was allowed to enter the high priest's courtyard {when the soldiers and guards took} Jesus there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:16

ULT:

But Peter was standing at the door outside, so the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the female doorkeeper, and he brought Peter in.

UST:

However, Peter had to stay outside at the door. Therefore, that disciple who knew the high priest went out again and spoke to the servant girl who was watching the door. Then he was allowed to bring Peter into {the courtyard}.

How did Peter get into the courtyard of the high priest?

Another disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman servant who was guarding the door, and he brought in Peter.

John 18:17

ULT:

Then the female servant, the doorkeeper, says to Peter, "Are you not also from the disciples of this man?" He says, "I am not."

UST:

That servant girl who was watching the door then told Peter, "You are surely one of the disciples of the man {whom they have arrested}!" He replied, "No, I am not!"

Who asked Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus? (18:17, 25-26)

The woman guarding the door to the courtyard, the people standing around the fire of coals and one of the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, all asked Peter if he was with Jesus or a disciple of Jesus.

John 18:18

ULT:

(Now the servants and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold, and they were warming themselves. But Peter was also with them, standing there and warming himself.)

UST:

(It was cold, so the high priest's servants and the temple guards made a fire and were standing and warming themselves around it. Peter was also standing and warming himself there with them.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:19

ULT:

Then the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

UST:

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and what he had been teaching them.

In brief how did Jesus answer when the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and his teaching? (18:19-21)

Jesus said he spoke openly to the world in public. He told the chief priest to ask those who heard him about what he said.

John 18:20

ULT:

Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I was always teaching in a synagogue and in the temple where all the Jews come together, and I said nothing in secret.

UST:

Jesus replied to him, "I have spoken in public to everyone {who would listen}. I have always taught in the Jewish meeting places and in the temple. {I have taught in the places} where many Jews gather. I have never said anything secretly.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:21

ULT:

Why do you ask me? Ask the ones having heard what I said to them. Behold, these {people} know what I said."

UST:

You should not ask me! Ask the people who heard what I taught them. They certainly know what I said."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:22

ULT:

Now he having said these things, one of the officers standing there gave Jesus a slap, saying, "Do you answer the high priest in this manner?"

UST:

After Jesus said this, one of the temple guards who was standing near him slapped him. He said, "You should not answer the high priest like that!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:23

ULT:

Jesus answered him, "If I spoke wrongly, testify about the wrong, but if rightly, why do you strike me?"

UST:

Jesus replied to him, "If what I said was wrong, tell me what it was. However, if what I said was right, you should not slap me."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:24

ULT:

Then Annas sent him, tied up, to Caiaphas the high priest.

UST:

Then Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, the other high priest, while his hands were still tied.

After Annas questioned Jesus where did he send Jesus?

Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas the high priest.

John 18:25

ULT:

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Then they said to him, "Are you not also from among his disciples?" He denied {it} and said, "I am not."

UST:

Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing and warming himself {in the courtyard}, when someone said to him, "You are surely also one of the disciples of this man whom they have arrested!" Peter denied this and said, "No, I am not!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:26

ULT:

One from among the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of the one {whose} ear Peter had cut off, says, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

UST:

One of the high priest's servants was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off. He said to Peter, "Surely I saw you in the {olive tree} grove with the man whom they have arrested!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:27

ULT:

Peter then denied {it} again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

UST:

Peter then again denied {that he had been with Jesus}. A rooster crowed immediately {after he did that}.

What happened immediately after Peter denied being associated with Christ for the third time?

Immediately after the third time Peter denied being associated with Christ, the rooster crowed.

John 18:28

ULT:

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. (Now it was early in the morning, and they did not enter into the governor's palace so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.)

UST:

The Jewish leaders then brought Jesus from Caiaphas' house to the headquarters of Pilate, the Roman governor. (It was early morning. The Jewish leaders did not enter Pilate's headquarters {because Pilate was not a Jew. If they entered a non-Jew's home, they thought} they would defile themselves and be unable to eat the Passover celebration meal.)

Why did those who took Jesus to the Praetorium not enter it?

They did not enter the Praetorium so that they might not be defiled and so that they might eat the Passover.

John 18:29

ULT:

Therefore, Pilate went out to them and says, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

UST:

So Pilate came out to talk to them. He asked them, "What are you accusing this man of doing?"

How did Jesus' accusers answer Pilate when he asked them, "What accusation are you bringing against this man?"? (18:29-30)

They answered and said to him, "If this man were not an evil doer, we would not have delivered him up to you."

John 18:30

ULT:

They answered and said to him, "If this one were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over to you."

UST:

The Jewish leaders replied, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have brought him to you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:31

ULT:

Therefore, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

UST:

So Pilate told them, "You yourselves take him and judge him by your own law." The Jewish leaders replied, "We want to execute him, but your Roman law prevents us from doing that."

Why did the Jews take Jesus to Pilate instead of punishing Jesus themselves?

The Jews wanted to kill Jesus, but it was not lawful for them to put any man to death without permission from the Roman authorities (Pilate).

John 18:32

ULT:

(This was so that the word of Jesus would be fulfilled which he spoke to indicate by what kind of death he was about to die.)

UST:

(This happened in order that what Jesus had said about how he would soon die would come true.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:33

ULT:

Then Pilate entered into the governor's palace again and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

UST:

Pilate then went back inside his headquarters. He commanded soldiers to bring Jesus to him, and he asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

What did Pilate ask Jesus? (18:33-35)

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

John 18:34

ULT:

Jesus answered, "Do you speak this from yourself, or did others speak to you about me?"

UST:

Jesus replied, "Are you asking me this question because you thought of it yourself, or did others tell you this concerning me?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:35

ULT:

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What did you do?"

UST:

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew! Your own countrymen and the ruling priests brought you to me. What wrong have you done?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 18:36

ULT:

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here."

UST:

Jesus replied, "The kingdom that I rule over does not belong to this sinful world. If it did, my servants would have fought in order to prevent the Jewish leaders from arresting me. But, as it is, the kingdom that I rule over does not belong to this sinful world."

What did Jesus tell Pilate about Jesus' kingdom?

Jesus told Pilate that his kingdom is not part of this world and does not come from here.

John 18:37

ULT:

Pilate then said to him, "So then, are you a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, so that I would bear witness to the truth. Everyone being from the truth hears my voice."

UST:

Then Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus replied, "You yourself say so. This is why I was born into this world: I came in order to tell people what is true about God. Everyone who believes what is true about God accepts and obeys what I say."

For what purpose was Jesus born?

Jesus was born to be a king and to bear witness to the truth.

John 18:38

ULT:

Pilate says to him, "What is truth?" And having said this, he went out again to the Jews and says to them, "I find no guilt in him."

UST:

Pilate said to him, "Nobody knows what is really true!" After Pilate said that, he went outside and talked to the Jewish leaders again. He told them, "I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law."

What is Pilate's judgment about Jesus after talking with him?

Pilate said to the Jews, "I find no guilt in this man."

John 18:39

ULT:

But it is your custom that I would release one {person} to you at the Passover. Therefore, do you desire that I would release the King of the Jews to you?"

UST:

However, you Jews have a custom: Every year during the Passover celebration you ask me, and I release to you someone who is in prison. So do you want me to release your king to you?"

**When Pilate offered to release Jesus, what did the Jews cry out to Pilate?
(18:39-40)**

The Jews cried out again and said, "Not this man, but Barabbas."

John 18:40

ULT:

Then they cried out again, saying, "Not this one, but Barabbas." (Now Barabbas was a robber.)

UST:

The Jewish leaders then shouted again, "No, do not release this man, but release Barabbas!" (Barabbas was a revolutionary.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19

John 19:1

ULT:

Therefore, Pilate then took Jesus and whipped {him}.

UST:

So at that time Pilate {ordered his soldiers to} take Jesus and beat him with whips.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:2

ULT:

And the soldiers twisted together a crown from thorns. They put {it} on his head and put a purple garment on him.

UST:

The soldiers also took some branches with thorns on them and wound them together to make something like a crown. Then they put it on Jesus' head and put a purple robe on him {in order to mock him}.

What did the soldiers do to Jesus after Pilate had Jesus whipped? (19:2-3)

The soldiers twisted thorns together to make a crown, put it on Jesus' head, and dressed him in a purple garment. They came to him and said, "Hail, king of the Jews!" and they struck him with their hands.

John 19:3

ULT:

And they were coming to him and were saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and they were giving him slaps.

UST:

They kept approaching him and jeering at him, saying, "We salute you, King of the Jews!" and kept slapping his face.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:4

ULT:

Pilate went out again and says to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you so that you might know that I find no guilt in him."

UST:

Pilate came outside again and said to the Jewish leaders, "Look, I am about to bring him out to you in order that you can know that I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law."

Why did Pilate bring Jesus out to the people again?

Pilate brought Jesus out to the people so that they would know that Pilate found no guilt in Jesus.

John 19:5

ULT:

Then Jesus went out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And he says to them, "Behold the man!"

UST:

So Jesus came out. He was wearing the crown made of branches with thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, "Look, here is the man!"

What was Jesus wearing when Pilate brought him back out to the people?

Jesus was wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment.

John 19:6

ULT:

Therefore, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate says to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."

UST:

When the ruling priests and temple guards saw Jesus, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate told them, "You yourselves take him and crucify him! As for me, I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law."

What did the chief priests and the officers say when they saw Jesus?

They cried out and said, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

John 19:7

ULT:

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to the law he ought to die, because he made himself to be the Son of God."

UST:

The Jewish leaders replied to Pilate, "We have a certain law that says he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

What did the Jews say that made Pilate even more afraid? (19:7-8)

The Jews told Pilate, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die because he made himself the Son of God."

John 19:8

ULT:

Therefore, when Pilate heard this word, he became even more afraid,

UST:

When Pilate heard that, he was more afraid {than before of what would happen to himself if he condemned Jesus to die}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:9

ULT:

and he entered into the governor's palace again and says to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

UST:

He entered his headquarters once more {and commanded the soldiers to bring Jesus back inside. Then} he asked Jesus, "Where did you come from?" However, Jesus did not answer his question.

What did Jesus say when Pilate asked Jesus, "From where do you come?"?

Jesus gave Pilate no answer.

John 19:10

ULT:

Therefore, Pilate says to him, “Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you, and I have authority to crucify you?”

UST:

So Pilate said to him, “You should answer me! You surely know that I have the power to release you, and I also have the power to crucify you!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:11

ULT:

Jesus answered him, "You do not have any authority over me, except for what has been given to you from above. Therefore, the one having handed me over to you has a greater sin."

UST:

Jesus replied to him, "The only power you have over me is the power that God has given you. So the man who brought me to you has committed a worse sin than you are committing."

Who did Jesus say gave Pilate power over Jesus?

Jesus said, "You would have no power against me, unless it had been given you from above."

John 19:12

ULT:

At this, Pilate was seeking to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this one, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone making himself a king speaks against Caesar."

UST:

From that moment on, Pilate kept trying to release Jesus. However, the Jewish leaders cried out, "If you release this man, you are not loyal to Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

Although Pilate wanted to release Jesus, what did the Jews say that prevented him?

The Jews cried out saying, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

John 19:13

ULT:

Therefore, Pilate, having heard these words, brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place called "The Pavement," but in Hebrew, "Gabbatha."

UST:

So when Pilate heard that, he {ordered his soldiers to} bring Jesus out. Then Pilate sat down {to pronounce a verdict} on the seat where he usually pronounced verdicts. This was at a place people called "The Stone Pavement," which was "Gabbatha" in the language spoken by the Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:14

ULT:

(Now it was a day of preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour.) And he says to the Jews, "Behold your king!"

UST:

(It was {the day before the Passover celebration, which was} the day when the Jewish people prepared for the celebration. It was almost noon.) Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, "Look, here is your king!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:15

ULT:

But they cried out, "Take {him} away! Take {him} away! Crucify him!" Pilate says to them, "Should I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king except Caesar."

UST:

They shouted, "Kill him! Kill him! Crucify him!" Pilate {mocked} them by saying, "Should I {order my soldiers to} crucify your king?" The ruling priests replied, "Caesar is our only king!"

What was the last thing the chief priests said before Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified? (19:15-16)

The chief priests said, "We have no king but Caesar."

John 19:16

ULT:

Therefore, he then handed him over to them so that he might be crucified, and they took Jesus {and} led {him} away.

UST:

Then, because of what they said, Pilate ordered his soldiers to crucify Jesus. Then the soldiers took Jesus away {in order to crucify him}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:17

ULT:

And he went out, carrying the cross by himself, to the {place} called “The Place of a Skull,” which in Hebrew is called “Golgotha.”

UST:

Jesus went out, carrying his cross by himself to the place that people called “The Place of a Skull,” which was “Golgotha” in the language spoken by the Jews.

Where did they crucify Jesus? (19:17-18)

They crucified Jesus at Golgotha, which means “The Place of a Skull.”

John 19:18

ULT:

They crucified him there, and with him two others, on this side and on that side, and Jesus in the middle.

UST:

The soldiers crucified him at that place. They also crucified two other men with him. One man was on either side of Jesus, so that Jesus was between them.

Was Jesus the only one crucified there that day?

No. Two other men, one on each side of Jesus, were crucified with him.

John 19:19

ULT:

Now Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross. Now on it was written: JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

UST:

Pilate also {ordered someone} to write a notice on a board and fasten it to Jesus' cross. {That person} wrote on it, "Jesus from Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

What did Pilate write on the sign that was put on the cross of Jesus?

On the sign he wrote, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

John 19:20

ULT:

Therefore, many of the Jews read this title, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. And it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

UST:

Many Jewish people read this notice because the place where the soldiers crucified Jesus was close to the city of Jerusalem and {because} someone wrote the notice in three languages, which were the languages spoken by Jews, Romans, and Greeks.

In what languages was the sign on Jesus' cross written?

The sign was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

John 19:21

ULT:

Therefore, the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘That one said, “I am King of the Jews.”””

UST:

The ruling Jewish priests returned to Pilate and said, “You should not have written on that notice, ‘The King of the Jews.’ Rather, {you should have written,} ‘This man said that he is the King of the Jews’.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:22

ULT:

Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

UST:

Pilate replied, "What I {ordered my soldiers} to write on the notice is what they have written. {I will not change it.}"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:23

ULT:

Then, when the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares—a share for each soldier—and the tunic. Now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.

UST:

After the soldiers had put Jesus on the cross, they took his clothes and divided them into four equal parts, one part was for each soldier. {However, they kept his} tunic {separate}. The weaver had woven this tunic from top to bottom from one piece of cloth that did not have any seams.

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?

The soldiers divided up Jesus' garments into four parts, a part for each soldier. But they cast lots to see who would get Jesus' shirt, which was without seams.

Why did the soldiers do what they did with Jesus' garments? (19:23-24)

This happened so that the Scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my garments among themselves."

John 19:24

ULT:

Therefore, they said to each other, "We should not tear it, but instead we should cast lots for it, whose it will be." This happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled which says, "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing." Therefore, the soldiers did this.

UST:

So the soldiers said to each other, "Let us not tear this tunic. Instead, let us decide who will keep it by gambling {and giving it to the winner}." That occurred in order to make this scripture come true: "They divided my clothes among them. They gambled for my clothing." That is why the soldiers did those things.

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?

The soldiers divided up Jesus' garments into four parts, a part for each soldier. But they cast lots to see who would get Jesus' shirt, which was without seams.

John 19:25

ULT:

Now standing beside the cross of Jesus were his mother and the sister of his mother, Mary the {wife} of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

UST:

Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were all standing near the cross that he was hanging on.

Who was standing near the cross of Jesus? (19:25-26)

Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene, and the disciple whom Jesus loved were standing near the cross of Jesus.

John 19:26

ULT:

Then Jesus, having seen his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, says to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

UST:

When Jesus saw his mother {standing there} and the disciple John whom Jesus loved standing near her, he told his mother, "Madam, here is the one who will take care of you like a son would."

What did Jesus tell his mother when he saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing nearby?

Jesus told her, "Woman, see, here is your son!"

John 19:27

ULT:

Then he says to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own {home}.

UST:

Next, he said to John, “Here is the one whom you will take care of like you would your own mother!” From that moment, John took her to live in his own home.

What did the disciple Jesus loved do after Jesus told him, “See, here is your mother!”?

From that hour the disciple Jesus loved took Jesus’ mother to his own home.

John 19:28

ULT:

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been completed, so that the scripture might be completed, says, "I thirst."

UST:

A little while later, because Jesus knew that he had already done everything that God had sent him to do, {and} in order to make another {prophecy in} scripture come true, he said, "I am thirsty!"

Why did Jesus say, "I am thirsty"?

Jesus said this in order to make the scriptures come true.

John 19:29

ULT:

A container full of sour wine was placed there, so having put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop, they lifted it up to his mouth.

UST:

Someone had put a jar containing cheap wine there {and Jesus was thirsty}. So the soldiers took a reed from a hyssop plant and put a sponge on it. {Then they dipped the sponge} in the cheap wine and held it up to Jesus' mouth.

What did Jesus do after he had taken the vinegar from the sponge that was held up to his mouth? (19:29-30)

After taking the vinegar, Jesus said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30

ULT:

Therefore, when Jesus took the sour wine, he said, "It is finished." And having bowed his head, he gave up his spirit.

UST:

So Jesus drank the cheap wine and then said, "I have completed {everything that I came here to do}!" And he bowed his head and voluntarily died.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:31

ULT:

Then the Jews, because it was a day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was an especially important day), asked Pilate that their legs would be broken and they would be taken away.

UST:

The Jewish leaders then asked Pilate to {order his soldiers to} break the legs of the three men on crosses {so that the men would die more quickly} and take away their bodies in order that the bodies would not remain on the crosses during the Jewish day for rest. {They asked this} because it was the day when the Jewish people prepared for the Passover celebration {and the day for rest, and leaving dead bodies on crosses during those days violated Jewish law}. (Since the next day was also the day for rest, it was a very important day.)

Why did the Jews want Pilate to break the legs of the executed men?

It was the Preparation, and in order that the bodies should not remain on the cross during the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was an important day), the Jews asked Pilate that the legs of the executed men be broken so they would die quickly and that their bodies might be taken down.

John 19:32

ULT:

Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other one having been crucified with him.

UST:

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man, who had been crucified at the same time as Jesus. {Then they broke the legs} of the other man.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:33

ULT:

But having come to Jesus, as they saw that he had already died, they did not break his legs.

UST:

However, when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was dead already. So they did not break his legs.

Why did the soldiers not break Jesus' legs?

They did not break Jesus' legs, because they saw he was already dead.

John 19:34

ULT:

However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

UST:

Instead, one of the soldiers stabbed Jesus' side with a spear, and right away blood and water poured out {of the wound}.

What did the soldiers do to Jesus after they saw that he was already dead?

One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, so that blood and water came out.

John 19:35

ULT:

And the one that had seen this has testified, and his testimony is true. And that one knows that he speaks the truth so that you would also believe.

UST:

(I, John, am the one who saw this happen and have testified about it and what I have testified is true. I am certain that I am saying what is true; I say it in order that you may trust in Jesus as well.)

Why did the one who saw all these things concerning the crucifixion of Jesus bear witness to them?

That one bore witness to these events so that you also may believe.

John 19:36

ULT:

For these things happened in order that the scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken."

UST:

These things happened {to Jesus' body} in order to make {this prophecy in} scripture come true: "No one will break any of his bones."

Why were the legs of Jesus not broken and why was Jesus pierced with a spear? (19:36-37)

These things came about so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a single bone of him will be broken." and again, "They will look on him whom they pierced."

John 19:37

ULT:

And again, another scripture says, “They will look at him whom they pierced.”

UST:

{They} also {made} another {prophecy in} scripture {come true}. It states: “They will look at the man whom they have stabbed.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:38

ULT:

Now after these things, Joseph from Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus (but secretly for fear of the Jews), asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

UST:

After these things happened, Joseph, who was a man originally from the city of Arimathea, asked Pilate to allow him to take away Jesus' body. {He did this} because he was one of Jesus' disciples. However, he did not tell anyone that, because he was afraid of the other Jewish leaders. Pilate allowed Joseph to take away Jesus' body, so Joseph went and did so.

Who came and asked to take away the body of Jesus?

Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus.

John 19:39

ULT:

Now Nicodemus also came—the one having come to him at first at night—bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 100 litras in weight.

UST:

Nicodemus also came. {He was the man} who had once come {and spoken} with Jesus at night. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe spices {to prepare Jesus' body for burial}. Those spices weighed about 33 kilograms.

Who came with Joseph of Arimathea to take away the body of Jesus?

Nicodemus came with Joseph of Arimathea.

John 19:40

ULT:

So they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, just as was the custom of the Jews to prepare for burial.

UST:

They took Jesus' body and wrapped strips of linen cloth around it and put the {myrrh and aloe} spices {under the strips of cloth}. {They did this} according to the Jewish customs about burying bodies.

What did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus do with the body of Jesus? (19:40-41)

They wrapped Jesus' body in linen cloths with spices. Then they laid Jesus' body in a new tomb which was in a garden.

John 19:41

ULT:

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden, a new tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

UST:

(There was a garden near the place where the soldiers had crucified Jesus. In the garden was a newly made burial cave. No one had yet buried anyone in that cave.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 19:42

ULT:

Therefore, because of the day of preparation of the Jews and because the tomb was close by, they laid Jesus there.

UST:

So they put Jesus' body in that tomb because it was nearby and because it was the day when the Jewish people prepared for the Passover celebration {so they had to bury the body before sundown}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 20

John 20:1

ULT:

Now early on the first of the week, being still dark, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb and sees the stone having been rolled away from the tomb.

UST:

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb {where they had buried Jesus}. She saw that someone had moved the stone away from the entrance to the tomb.

When did Mary Magdalene come to the tomb?

She came to the tomb very early on the first day of the week.

What did Mary Magdalene see when she got to the tomb?

She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

John 20:2

ULT:

Therefore, she runs and comes to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she says to them, "They took away the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

UST:

So she ran to where Simon Peter and the other disciple, John, whom Jesus loved, {were staying}. She told them, "Some people have removed the Lord Jesus' body from the tomb, and we do not know where they have put it!"

What did Mary Magdalene say to the two disciples?

She told them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

John 20:3

ULT:

Then Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went to the tomb.

UST:

When they heard this, Peter and John left where they were staying and went to the tomb.

What did Simon Peter and the other disciple do after they heard what Mary Magdalene said? (20:3-4)

They both went to the tomb.

John 20:4

ULT:

Now the two were running together, and the other disciple quickly ran ahead of Peter and arrived at the tomb first.

UST:

They were both running, but John ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb before him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 20:5

ULT:

And having stooped down, he sees the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter.

UST:

When John bent down {and looked into the tomb}, he saw the strips of linen cloth {that they had wrapped around Jesus' body} lying where his body had lain, but he did not go into the tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 20:6

ULT:

Simon Peter then also comes following him and entered into the tomb. And he sees the linen cloths lying there

UST:

Simon Peter was running behind John. He arrived there as well and went inside the tomb. He also saw the strips of linen cloth lying where Jesus' body had lain.

What did Simon Peter see in the tomb? (20:6-7)

Peter saw the linen cloths lying there. The cloth that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in its place by itself.

John 20:7

ULT:

and the cloth that had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but having been folded up in one place by itself.

UST:

Peter also saw the cloth that someone had wrapped around Jesus' head. {It was} not lying with the strips of linen cloth. Rather, someone had folded it and set it apart from them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 20:8

ULT:

So then the other disciple, the one having first arrived at the tomb, also went in, and he saw and believed.

UST:

Then John, that other disciple who had reached the tomb before Peter, went inside as well. He saw these things and believed {that Jesus had become alive again}.

What was the response of the other disciple to what he saw in the tomb?

He saw and believed.

John 20:9

ULT:

For they did not yet understand the scripture that it was necessary for him to rise from the dead.

UST:

(At that time they did not understand what the prophets had written in those scriptures which said that Jesus had to die and become alive again.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 20:10

ULT:

Then the disciples went away again to their {own homes}.

UST:

The disciples then returned to the places where they were staying {in Jerusalem}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 20:11

ULT:

But Mary was standing outside at the tomb, weeping. Then as she was weeping, she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

UST:

Mary Magdalene remained standing and crying outside of the tomb. While she was crying, she bent down {and looked} inside the tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 20:12

ULT:

And she sees two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet of where the body of Jesus had lain.

UST:

She saw two angels wearing white clothing. {They were} sitting on the place where people had laid Jesus' body. One angel was sitting on the place where Jesus' head had been. The other angel was sitting on the place where Jesus' feet had been.

What did Mary see when she stooped and looked into the tomb?

She saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the foot, where the body of Jesus had lain.

John 20:13

ULT:

And those ones say to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She says to them, "Because they took away my Lord, and I do not know where they put him."

UST:

They asked her, "Madam, why are you crying?" She told them, "{I am crying} because some people have removed my Lord Jesus' body {from this tomb}, and I do not know where they have put it!"

What did the angels say to Mary?

They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

John 20:14

ULT:

Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and she did not know that it was Jesus.

UST:

After she said that, she turned around and saw someone standing there. {It was Jesus,} but she did not recognize him.

When Mary turned around, what did she see?

She saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

John 20:15

ULT:

Jesus says to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, thinking that he is the gardener, says to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you put him, and I will take him away."

UST:

He asked her, "Madam, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" She thought that the man speaking to her was the gardener, so she told him, "Sir, if you have carried Jesus' body away, tell me where you have put it. I will take it {and bury it again}."

Who did Mary think Jesus was?

She thought he was the gardener.

John 20:16

ULT:

Jesus says to her, "Mary." Having turned, she says to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni" (which means "Teacher").

UST:

Jesus {called her by name,} saying, "Mary!" She turned {toward him again and} said to him, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher" in the language spoken by the Jews).

When did Mary recognize Jesus?

She recognized Jesus when he said her name, "Mary."

John 20:17

ULT:

Jesus says to her, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet gone up to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I go up to my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.'"

UST:

Jesus told her, "Stop clinging to me, because I have not yet returned to {heaven to be with} my Father. Go to the disciples, my brothers, and tell them that I am about to return to {heaven to be with} my God and Father, who is also your God and Father."

Why did Jesus tell Mary not to hold on to him?

Jesus told her not to hold on to him because he had not yet ascended to the Father.

What did Jesus tell Mary to say to his brothers?

Jesus told her to say to his brothers, that he will ascend to his Father and their Father, and his God and their God.

John 20:18

ULT:

Mary Magdalene comes, telling the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that he said these things to her.

UST:

Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord Jesus!" {She} also told them what Jesus had told her.

What did Mary Magdalene do after she saw the stone rolled away from the tomb?

She ran and told the other disciples Jesus' message for them.

John 20:19

ULT:

Then, being evening on that day, the first of the week, and the doors of where the disciples were having been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and says to them, "Peace to you."

UST:

On the evening of that same Sunday, the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were staying, because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus suddenly arrived and stood among them. He told them, "May God give you peace!"

What happened where the disciples were on the evening of the first day of the week?

Jesus came and stood in the midst of them.

John 20:20

ULT:

And having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced, having seen the Lord.

UST:

After he said this, he showed his disciples the wounds that were in his hands and side. They were very happy when they saw the Lord Jesus!

What did Jesus show the disciples?

He showed them his hands and his side.

John 20:21

ULT:

Then he said to them again, "Peace to you. Just as the Father has sent me, so I send you."

UST:

Jesus then told them a second time, "May God give you peace! I am sending you {into the world} just like my Father sent me."

What did Jesus tell the disciples that he would do?

Jesus said he was sending the disciples just as his Father had sent him.

John 20:22

ULT:

And having said this, he breathed on {them} and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

UST:

After he said this, Jesus blew on them and said, "Accept the Holy Spirit.

What did Jesus say to his disciples after he breathed on them? (20:22-23)

He told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whoever's sins you forgive, they are forgiven for them; whoever's sins you keep back, they are kept back."

John 20:23

ULT:

Whoever's sins you forgive, they have been forgiven for them; whoever's {sins} you retain, they have been retained."

UST:

If you forgive anyone's sins, God will forgive that person for those sins. If you do not forgive someone's sins, God will not forgive that person for those sins."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 20:24

ULT:

But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

UST:

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 representatives, whom they called "The Twin," was not there among his other disciples while Jesus was there among them.

Which one of the disciples was not present with the other disciples when they saw Jesus?

Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with the other disciples when Jesus came.

John 20:25

ULT:

Then the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and put my finger into the mark of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe."

UST:

The other disciples told Thomas, "We have seen the Lord Jesus!" However, he told them, "I will only believe you if I see the holes in his hands that were caused by nails and put my fingers in them and if I put my hand into the wound on his side {that was made by a spear}."

What did Thomas say it would take for him to believe that Jesus was alive?

Thomas said he would have to see the print of the nails in Jesus' hands and put his fingers into the nail prints and put his hand into Jesus' side before he would believe.

John 20:26

ULT:

And after eight days his disciples were inside again, and Thomas {was} with them. Jesus comes, the doors having been closed, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace to you."

UST:

Eight days later, Jesus' disciples were again inside a house, and this time Thomas was with them. Although they had locked the doors, Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "May God give you peace!"

When did Thomas see Jesus?

Eight days later, while the doors were shut, Thomas was with the other disciples when Jesus came and stood among them.

John 20:27

ULT:

Then he says to Thomas, "Place your finger here and see my hands. And reach out your hand and put it into my side. And do not be unbelieving, but believing."

UST:

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger into the holes here, and see the holes in my hands, and put out your hand, and place it in the wound in my side! Stop doubting {that I became alive again}. Rather, believe {that it is true}!"

What did Jesus tell Thomas to do?

Jesus told Thomas to reach with his finger and see Jesus' hands and reach with his hand and put it into Jesus' side. Jesus then told Thomas not to be faithless, but believe.

John 20:28

ULT:

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God."

UST:

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

What did Thomas say to Jesus?

Thomas said, "My Lord and my God."

John 20:29

ULT:

Jesus says to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed {are} the ones not having seen, and having believed."

UST:

Jesus told him, "Now you believe {that I have become alive again} because you see me. God {surely} blesses those who have not seen me but yet believe {that I have become alive again}."

Who did Jesus say was blessed?

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:30

ULT:

Then Jesus also did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which have not been written in this book,

UST:

Now Jesus also did many other miraculous signs while his disciples were with him, {but} I did not write about them in this book.

Did Jesus do other signs that were not written in the book?

Yes, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples that were not written in the book of John.

John 20:31

ULT:

but these things have been written so that you would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that believing, you would have life in his name.

UST:

Nevertheless, I have written about the signs in this book in order that you may trust that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. {I also wrote about these things} in order that, by trusting {that Jesus is the Messiah}, you may have eternal life through him.

Why were the signs written in the book?

They were written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that as you believe, you may have life in his name.

John 21

John 21:1

ULT:

After these things, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Now in this manner he showed himself:

UST:

After those things happened, Jesus appeared again to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, {which is also known as the Sea of Galilee}. This is how he appeared to them:

Where were the disciples when Jesus showed himself to them again?

The disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias when Jesus showed himself to them again.

John 21:2

ULT:

they were together—Simon Peter and Thomas called Didymus and Nathaniel from Cana of Galilee and the {sons} of Zebedee and two others from his disciples.

UST:

Simon Peter, Thomas (whom they called “The Twin”), Nathaniel (who was from Cana, which is a town in the region of Galilee), the sons of Zebedee (James and John), and two of Jesus’ other disciples were together.

Which disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias?

Simon Peter, Thomas, called Didymus, Nathaniel from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two of Jesus’ other disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias.

John 21:3

ULT:

Simon Peter says to them, "I am going fishing." They say to him, "We also are coming with you." They went out and got into a boat, but they caught nothing during that night.

UST:

Simon Peter told the other disciples with him, "I am going to catch some fish." They told him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat {and fished}, but they did not catch any fish that night.

What were these disciples doing?

These disciples had gone fishing but had caught nothing all night.

John 21:4

ULT:

Now, when it was already early morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it is Jesus.

UST:

At dawn the next morning Jesus stood on the shore of the sea, but the disciples who were fishing did not know that it was him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:5

ULT:

Then Jesus says to them, "Children, you do not have any fish to eat, do you?" They answered him, "No."

UST:

Jesus then called to them, "Dear friends, you do not have any fish, do you?" They replied, "We do not."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:6

ULT:

But he said to them, "Throw the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." Therefore, they threw {the net} and did not have the strength to draw it in, because of the large number of fish.

UST:

He told them, "Throw your net off the right side of the boat and you will catch some fish." So they did so, and they caught so many fish that they were not able to pull the net {into the boat}.

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

Jesus told the disciples to cast their net on the right side of the boat and they would catch some fish.

What happened when the disciples cast their net?

They could not draw in their net because there were so many fish in it.

John 21:7

ULT:

Then that disciple whom Jesus loved says to Peter, "It is the Lord." Therefore, Simon Peter, having heard that it was the Lord, put on his outer garment (for he was undressed), and threw himself into the sea.

UST:

I, the disciple whom Jesus loved, then told Peter, "It is the Lord Jesus!" So when Simon Peter heard this, he put on his coat (he had taken it off to work) and jumped into the water {to swim to the shore}.

What did Simon Peter do when the disciple Jesus loved said, "It is the Lord"?

He tucked up his outer garment about himself and threw himself into the sea.

John 21:8

ULT:

But the other disciples came in the boat (for they were not far from the land, but about 200 cubits away), dragging the net of the fish.

UST:

The rest of the disciples who had been fishing came to the shore in the boat, while pulling the net full of fish {behind the boat}. (They were not far from the shore, only 90 meters away.)

What did the other disciples do?

The other disciples came in the boat, pulling the net full of fish.

John 21:9

ULT:

Then when they got out upon the land, they see a charcoal fire kindled and a fish laid on it and a bread loaf.

UST:

When they reached the shore, they saw a fire {that Jesus had prepared} and a fish he was cooking on it. {There was} also a loaf of bread.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:10

ULT:

Jesus says to them, "Bring some of the fish that you just caught."

UST:

Jesus told them, "Bring {over here} some of those fish that you have just caught!"

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do with some of the fish that they had caught?

Jesus told the disciples to bring some of the fish they had just caught.

John 21:11

ULT:

*Therefore, Simon Peter went up and pulled the net to the shore, full of large fish; 153.
But being so many, the net was not torn.*

UST:

*So Simon Peter went back {to the boat} and dragged the net to the shore. {It was} full of
153 large fish. Even though there were so many fish, the net did not tear.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:12

ULT:

Jesus says to them, "Come, eat breakfast." But none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew that it is the Lord.

UST:

Jesus told them, "Come {here and} eat breakfast!" None of the disciples were bold enough to ask him who he was. They knew it was the Lord Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:13

ULT:

Jesus comes and takes the bread and gives {it} to them, and the fish in the same way.

UST:

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish.

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:14

ULT:

This {was} already the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples, having been raised from the dead.

UST:

(This was the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after God had caused him to become alive again.)

How many times had Jesus now shown himself to the disciples since he had risen?

This was the third time Jesus had now shown himself to the disciples since he had risen.

John 21:15

ULT:

Then when they ate breakfast, Jesus says to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He says to him, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." He says to him, "Feed my lambs."

UST:

When they finished eating breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these {others love me}?" Peter replied to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Take care of those who trust in me."

After breakfast, what was the first thing Jesus asked Simon Peter?

Jesus asked Simon Peter if Simon loved Jesus more than these.

John 21:16

ULT:

He says to him again, a second {time}, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He says to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He says to him, "Take care of my sheep."

UST:

Jesus asked him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He replied to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Take care of those who trust in me."

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:17

ULT:

He says to him the third {time}, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third {time}, "Do you love me?" And he says to him, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus says to him, "Feed my sheep.

UST:

Jesus asked him a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was sad because Jesus asked him three times if he loved him. Peter replied to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Take care of those who trust in me.

How did Simon Peter answer Jesus the third time Jesus asked Peter if he loved Jesus?

The third time he was asked, Peter responded, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

The third time Peter responds to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" what does Jesus tell Peter to do?

The third time, Jesus told him, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:18

ULT:

Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you become old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry {you} where you do not want."

UST:

I am telling you the truth: When you were young, you put your own clothes on, and you walked wherever you wanted to go. However, when you are old, you will extend your hands away from your body, and someone else will put clothes on you and take you where you do not want to go."

What did Jesus tell Simon Peter was going to happen to him when Simon became old?

Jesus told Simon Peter that when he became old, he would stretch out his hands and another person would clothe him and carry him where he did not wish to go.

John 21:19

ULT:

Now he said this, indicating with what manner of death he will glorify God. And having said this, he says to him, "Follow me."

UST:

(Jesus said this to indicate how Peter would die in order to show people how great God is). Then Jesus told him, "Come be my disciple!"

Why did Jesus tell Peter what was going to happen to Peter when he became old?

Jesus said this in order to signal by what kind of death Peter would glorify God.

John 21:20

ULT:

Having turned around, Peter sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, who indeed leaned back against his chest at the dinner and said, "Lord, who is the one betraying you?"

UST:

When Peter turned around, he saw John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, walking behind them. John was the one who had leaned close to Jesus during the dinner {before Jesus died} and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray you?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:21

ULT:

Therefore, having seen him, Peter says to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this one?”

UST:

So when Peter saw John, he asked Jesus, “Lord, what is going to happen to this man?”

What did Simon Peter ask Jesus concerning the disciple that Jesus loved?

Peter asked Jesus, “Lord, what will this man do?”

John 21:22

ULT:

Jesus says to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what {is that} to you? You follow me."

UST:

Jesus said to him, "If I want him to continue living until I return, that is not your concern! As for you, {continue to} be my disciple!"

How did Jesus respond to Peter's question, "Lord, what will this man do?"?

Jesus told Peter, "You follow me."

John 21:23

ULT:

So this word spread among the brothers, that that disciple does not die. But Jesus did not say to him that he does not die, but, "If I want him to remain until I come, what {is that} to you?"

UST:

Because {Jesus said this}, the rumor that the disciple John was not going to die was repeated among the believers. However, Jesus did not tell Peter that John would not die. Rather, he said, "If I want him to continue living until I return, that is not your concern!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

John 21:24

ULT:

This is the disciple testifying about these things and the one having written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

UST:

I, John, am the disciple who is testifying about all these things, and I have written them down in this book. We know that what I have testified is true.

Who wrote this book and to what does he bear witness?

The disciple Jesus loved wrote this book and bears witness that the events described in the book are true.

John 21:25

ULT:

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did, which, if each one were written down, I imagine not even the world itself to have enough room for the books being written.

UST:

Jesus also did so many other things that if people wrote down every one of them, I suppose that the whole world would not even be big enough to contain the books that those people would write about them.

(There are no questions for this verse)