

## “Show us the Father”

*The “Father” is referred to over 100 times in John’s Gospel.  
(I’ve tried to hit the highlights and avoid redundancy.)*

*John 1:14*

The Son of God came down to be a man by human birth--  
The perfect declaration of His Father on the earth--  
And we observed His glory in the Lord’s humility,  
His grace and truth expressed in scenes of sacred Sympathy.

*John 1:18 & 3:34-4:23*

He was the dearest object of His Father’s loving heart,  
And all His Father’s business occupied Him from the start.  
Since God was seeking worshippers in spirit and in truth,  
His willing heart adored Him from the yearnings of His youth.

*John 5:17-20*

The Father has been working from creation’s fall till now;  
The Son was working with Him teaching human hearts to bow.  
He was veiled in human trappings but His glory couldn’t be hid,  
‘Cause what the Father showed Him was exactly what He did.

*John 5:21-26*

The Father has committed every judgment to the Son;  
Whoever honors either will exalt the other one.  
As life is in the Father, so the Son bestows it too  
With destiny defaulting to whatever Christ would do

*John 5:30-36*

The Father was His witness and the Spirit tells it still;  
The Son was never selfish as He did the Father’s will.  
The works He did confirmed it, as the Scriptures were fulfilled,  
But many didn’t believe it so their consciences were stilled.

*John 6:27 & 30-35*

The Father sent the Spirit to authenticate the Son,  
It rested on His shoulder on the day His work begun;  
He was that ancient manna that the Father fed the flock,  
The bread of life from heaven that the unbelievers mock.

*John 6:43-45*

No one can come to Jesus till he hears the Father’s call,  
So those who hate the Father simply never come at all;  
But all the Father gives Him will return to Christ and live  
Because they know His Father’s always willing to forgive.

*John 6:46-51*

No one has seen the Father’s face except the Son who came  
Expressly to reveal Him and to glorify His name;  
The living Father sent Him and He gave Him life within,  
And feeding on the Savior gives the sinner life again.

*John 8:14-18*

The Lord knew where He came from and exactly where He’d go,  
And where the Lord was going unbelievers could not know;  
But though the world forsook Him He would never walk alone,  
The Father walked beside Him, and He felt His every groan.

*John 8:38-44*

Those who didn't know the Father could not seem to understand  
That the Lord was just fulfilling what His Father would command;  
He did what He had witnessed of the way His Father works,  
But they'd learned the wrong behavior from the place where Satan lurks.

*John 8:49-56*

They claimed He had a demon, though He always honored God,  
And He never sought for glory on this world's corrupted sod;  
Their hateful accusations just denied the Spirit's power,  
And would filter back to haunt them at the final judgment hour .

*John 10:15-18*

The Father knew that Jesus would expire to save the sheep,  
And this was the commandment that He gave the Son to keep;  
That although His life was taken, He would take it back again,  
And by the resurrection He would triumph over sin.

*John 10:29-30*

Christ's sheep can never perish, for their destiny is planned,  
There is nothing that can harm them or remove them from His hand;  
He is one with God-the-Father, who is greater than the Son,  
And the greater hand will keep them safe within the lesser one.

*John 11:40-43*

The Lord looked toward the Father, and His voice distinctly said,  
"I thank you that you've heard Me," and I know you'll raise the dead;  
It's not that Jesus doubted, but He wanted them to know  
He depended on the Father everywhere He chose to go.

*John 12:23-26*

He who loves his life will lose it, so if you are serving Me  
You must sacrifice your life if that is how it has to be;  
Make My Father's approbation your priority on earth,  
And He'll certainly reward you when you've proven what you're worth.

*John 12:27-33*

Now My soul is sorely troubled, but I don't know what to say;  
"Father, save me from this hour," is the prayer I'd like to pray;  
But to die for My creation is precisely why I came,  
So with all My soul I'm praying, "Father, glorify your name!"

*John 12:28b-30*

And the Father's burdened Spirit overflows in tender love,  
"I have glorified it in you," thundered down from up above,  
"And I'll glorify it further," in the death that you must die;  
*But, my Son, my soul will suffer when I hear your plaintive cry.*

*John 12:48-50*

My words will judge the world, but they did not come from Me,  
My Father gave them to Me, and they'll stand eternally;  
I spoke as He commanded, and you've twisted them with strife,  
But I know that His commandment ends in everlasting life.

*John 13:1*

As the Passover was coming and the end was drawing near,  
Jesus's love for His disciples shined astonishingly clear;  
He was going to the Father, but He'd always be their friend,  
He had loved them from the start and He would love them to the end.

*John 13:2-17*

Though the Father had committed everything into His care,  
Jesus Christ became the servant of the people that were there;  
He washed their dirty feet from the defilement of the way,  
So they would learn to serve each other's needs from day to day.

*John 14:1-3*

Do not let your hearts be troubled, Jesus urged the faithful few,  
Since I'm one with God the Father faith in Me is nothing new;  
In His house are many mansions, and I'll tell you in advance,  
I'm preparing something for you, nothing will be left to chance.

*John 14 4:6*

You're aware of where I'm going so you ought to know the way,  
And I'm coming back to get you, so be ready any day;  
I'm the way that you must follow, I'm the truth that lights the path,  
I'm the life from God the Father that propitiates His wrath.

*John 14:6-7*

"No one can approach the Father," not unless he comes through Me,  
But if you will scrutinize Me, He's the One that you will see;  
And if you have come to know Me, you're acquainted with Him too,  
Cause we're one with one another and agree in all we do.

*John 14:8-11*

"Lord, reveal the Father to us and our need will be sufficed,"  
Phillip begged the patient Rabbi, but He could not be enticed;  
Cause the Lord was in the Father and the Father was in Him,  
And the reason they couldn't see it was because their sight was dim.

*John 14:11-14*

If you struggle with my message trust Me for the things I do,  
'Cause those who really trust Me will do greater marvels too;  
Since I'll be with the Father, you can ask Him in My name,  
And I'll grant each requisition that contributes to His fame.

*John 14:21-26*

Those who follow My commandments demonstrate their love for Me,  
And the Father's heart will love them throughout all eternity;  
And We'll send the Holy Spirit down to bring My words to mind,  
He will teach you all that's needed as Our plans for you unwind.

*John 14:27-29*

I am going to My Father so your spirits should rejoice,  
But I know you'll be discouraged when you cannot hear my voice;  
And because you cannot comprehend what I have prophesied,  
I am giving you My peace to help your faith when it is tried.

*John 15:1-8*

In the figure of the vineyard I am pictured as the vine,  
Every branch that stays connected is a follower of mine;  
And the Father prunes the branches so the fruit will come to be,  
But there won't be any fruit unless the branch abides in Me.

*John 15:11-14*

I have spoken all this to you so My joy will be instilled,  
And by loving one another all your joy will be fulfilled;  
And there is no greater love than someone dying for his friend,  
(But they missed the implication that that's how His life would end.)

*John 15:15-16*

I no longer call you servants, for the servant doesn't know  
What his Master is intending or the way His musings go;  
But the Lord has designated us to be His closest friends,  
And He shares His feelings with us as we do what He intends .

*John 15:18-25*

If the wicked hate the Savior they will hate the Father too,  
And they couldn't excuse their hatred after what they'd seen Him do;  
They hated Him without a cause and wished that He was dead,  
And they'll hate whoever follows Him because of what He said.

*John 16:5-15*

I have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now,  
But when the promised Spirit comes, He'll tell you anyhow;  
And everything the Father has belongs to Me as well,  
So when the Spirit speaks to you He'll have a lot to tell.

*John 16:8-10*

The Helper from the Father will convict the world of sin  
Because they don't believe in Me and are not born again;  
And righteousness because they'll see the resurrection's power  
And Judgment cause the Devil will be conquered in that hour.

*John 16:25-27*

I have told you this in figure, but I need to plainly say,  
That the Father loves you dearly, but He's taking Me away;  
And although you will invoke my name because you both love Me,  
He will answer you in person from the place where We will be.

*John 17:1-5*

Then Jesus lifted up His voice, which sounded rather sad,  
And asked the Father to restore the glory that He'd had;  
He said the work He'd come to do was pretty nearly done,  
And that the Father gloried in the glory of the Son.

*John 17:9-13*

I come to You, O Father, and I'm asking you to keep  
The ones that you have given Me to care for as My sheep;  
The world has been hard on them but none have gone astray  
Except the one who sold his soul and went the other way.

*John 17:15-17*

I do not pray that You should take my servants from this scene,  
But rather when the Devil roars they'll see You in between;  
Then sanctify them by Your truth, which is Your holy word,  
So when these things are black and white their vision won't be blurred.

*John 17:18-19*

As You have sent Me to the world so I have sent them out  
To take the gospel of Your grace and spread it all about;  
And for their sakes I've sanctified Myself so they will be  
So dedicated to the truth that they'll be just like Me.

*John 17:24-26*

And Father I desire that they'll be with Me where I am,  
So they can see the glory which You've given to the Lamb;  
And that they'll find the love that you have lavished upon Me,  
To be in them, and I in them throughout eternity.

*John 18:1-11*

When Christ was in the Garden and His troubled spirit cried,  
The bloody sweat dripped from His brow before He bled and died;  
Brave Peter wanted to defend the Savior with his sword,  
But Jesus chose to drink the cup the Father gave the Lord.

*John 19:5-16*

When Pilate said, "Behold the Man," they said that Christ should die,  
Because He made Himself to be the Son of God most high;  
I find no cause for death in Him, the Governor replied,  
And then caved in to their demands and had Him crucified.

*Not in John's Gospel*

The Father/Son relationship was interrupted when  
Our sins were laid upon the back of Him who knew no sin;  
So John does not record His cry as everything grew dim,  
When Jesus raised the question of why God abandoned Him.

*John 20:11-22*

But after He was crucified the Savior rose again,  
And the disciples had to learn the church would now begin;  
And their relationship with God would never be the same,  
They'd call Him, "Abba Father," and He'd answer them by name.

*John 20:21*

He breathed the Spirit into them and said His stratagem  
Was "As the Father sent the Son, the Son was sending them;"  
And though He was ascending to the Father's throne on high,  
He would return to take them to His home beyond the sky.

*John 20:30*

The story of the Father's love had only just begun  
When John recorded all these things about His only Son;  
And many other miracles confirmed it all along.  
But these were written so our faith would stay alive and strong.

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