Analysis of John's Prologue

Read the prologue (John 1:1–38) and then answer the following questions.

1. How does John 1:1–5 parallel Genesis 1:1–5 in wording and concepts?

2. What statement is John making about Jesus by such obvious similarity in the two accounts?

3. What words does John use as metaphors or titles for Jesus? What do they mean?

4. The prologue may have been a Christian hymn. Repetition is a characteristic of Hebrew poetry. What words are repeated in verses 1 through 5?

5. When this Gospel was written, some of John's disciples still thought that he was the Messiah. How does the prologue make it clear that Jesus, not John, is the Messiah?

6. What wonderful things has Jesus given us, according to John?

7. Where does the prologue make it clear that Jesus is God?