



JOHN

Book 43

What is the Holy Bible?

The Holy Bible is a collection of writings that includes 66 books in English editions. The Bible consists of two parts, the Old Testament and New Testament. The word testament means covenant. The Old Testament includes 39 books, and the New Testament includes 27 books.

These 66 books were written over approximately 1,400 years by 40 different authors in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. The Old Testament writings were affirmed by Jewish leaders, and moreover, by Jesus Christ.¹ The New Testament writings were confirmed by early church leaders. The 66 books of the Bible are the inspired words of God that are used to make and mature disciples of the One true God through Jesus Christ, his Son ([Matthew 28:18-20](#), [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)). The Bible was not created by mere human wisdom but was inspired by God ([2 Peter 1:20-21](#)), is interpreted by His Holy Spirit ([John 16:13](#), [Matthew 23:8-10](#)), and will last forever ([Matthew 24:35](#)).²

If you do a phrase search on the Bible you will find the phrase "the word of the Lord" and "Thus says the Lord" more than 700 times.³ In addition, this book has given reasonable evidence to the claim of being God's word by:

- providing answers that conform with the reality we see around us.
- being a reliable collection of historical documents.
- containing eyewitness accounts that were written during the lifetimes of other eyewitnesses.
- recording supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies.⁴

Notes:

¹ See Matthew 4:4-7, 12:3-5, Mark 7:6-7, 12:26-27, and Luke 19:46 for examples.

² ["What are the Books of the Bible", GotQuestions.org](#)

³ [Blue Letter Bible](#)

⁴ Paraphrased from Voddie Baucham

Our Goals in Studying the Bible

To better

- Understand the Only true God; the Author of the Bible. ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#), [2 Peter 1:20-21](#), [1 John 5:20](#), [Jeremiah 9:23-24](#))
- Learn How He works in the World and in our Lives. ([Job 40:6-14](#), [Isaiah 45:6-7](#), [Isaiah 46:8-10](#), [Philippians 2:12-13](#))
- Understand Ourselves and the Hearts of Mankind. ([Jeremiah 17:9](#), [2 Timothy 3:13](#), [Ephesians 5:7-10](#))
- Come to Know What Pleases and Grieves God. ([1 Thessalonians 4:1](#), [Ephesians 4:26-31](#), [Hebrews 11:6](#), [1 Peter 1:14-19](#))
- To be Transformed into Fruitful Doers of God's Word and not just Hearers. ([Romans 12:2](#), [James 1:27](#), [Matthew 3:8](#))
- Tether Ourselves to God's Word for Our Wisdom, Discernment, and Safety. ([1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#), [Matthew 24:24](#), [Ephesians 4:11-14](#))

[Jeremiah 9:23-24](#) "Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

How to Study the Bible

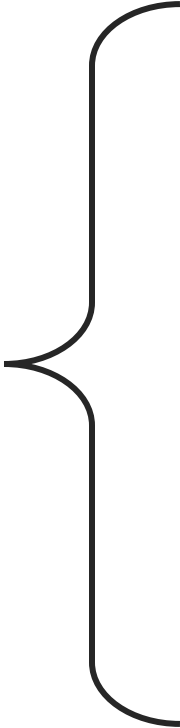
#1. Observation: What does the text say.



#2. Interpretation: What does the text mean in context with the passage, book, and whole counsel of God?

#3. Application: How is the Holy Spirit instructing me to apply this understanding at this time in my life?

Study Resources



- Opening Prayer
- Background and Setting
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Opening Prayer Verse: John

[John 1:1-5](#), “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”



Review of Luke

Brief Summary: Luke opens his account disclosing his purpose for writing; his goal being an orderly account of the things that had been accomplished among them having followed all things closely so that his reader, Theophilus, could have certainty concerning the things he had been taught ([Luke 1:1-4](#)). In this gospel the authority of the Lord Jesus is corroborated over nature, demons, sickness, and death. In addition, Jesus' righteousness, forgiveness¹ and compassion are on display. While Luke's gospel includes similar details regarding Jesus' inauguration from heaven at his baptism, his ministry, final journey to Jerusalem, his betrayal, crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection, Luke also provides details and teachings that are not found in any of the other gospels.

Luke alone provides a genealogy for Jesus back to the first Adam in Genesis ([Luke 3:23-38](#)) and gives us a snippet of Jesus as a young boy ([Luke 2:39-52](#)). In addition, Luke alone records the accounts below.

- The angel Gabriel's announcements to Zechariah and Mary ([Luke 1:5-38](#)).
- Jesus raising the only son of a widow ([Luke 7:11-17](#))
- Jesus sending out 70 disciples with authority over demons and disease ([Luke 10:1-24](#)).
- Jesus healing a woman disabled by a demonic spirit ([Luke 13:10-17](#))
- Parables of the good Samaritan, the lost sheep, lost coin, the prodigal Son, and the rich man and Lazarus ([Luke 10:25-37](#), [Luke 15](#), [Luke 16:19-31](#)).
- Jesus' cleansing of ten lepers with only one returning to give thanks ([Luke 17:11-19](#)).
- Jesus bringing salvation to Zacchaeus ([Luke 19:1-10](#)).
- The salvation of the thief on the cross ([Luke 23:26-42](#)).

Luke's account also emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit.² Luke ends his account explaining to us that after Jesus' resurrection, He opened the minds of his disciples to understand the Scriptures and everything written about Him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms. Jesus taught them that it was written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, "and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem". Lastly, when Jesus had led them out as far as Bethany, He blessed them and "parted from them and was carried into heaven" ([Luke 24:44-53](#)). This book is part one in a two-part series that was addressed to Theophilus concerning the things accomplished among them through Jesus Christ. Luke's account recorded in the book of Acts is part 2.

Connections: Luke records the fulfillment of several Old Testament prophecies: 1) the birth of John the Baptist as the forerunner of Jesus^a, 2) the birth of Jesus through a virgin^b, 3) Jesus to be declared the Son of the Most High and God's Salvation^c, 4) Jesus preaching the good news to the poor, restoring sight to the blind, causing the lame to walk^d, 5) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem^e, and 6) Jesus' sufferings, crucifixion, and resurrection^f. In addition, Luke records Jesus own prophetic words regarding his rejection, death, and resurrection ([Luke 9:21-22](#)), Peter's denial ([Luke 22:24-62](#)), the impending destruction of Jerusalem (70 A.D.), and the signs of his return ([Luke 21](#)). In doing this Luke highlights that God is fulfilling his plan for all the peoples, Jew and Gentile, in his perfect timing ([Mark 1:14-15](#), [Galatians 4:4-5](#)).

Notes:

¹ Luke 3:3; 5:20-25; 6:37; 7:41-50; 11:4; 12:10; 17:3-4; 23:34; 24:47

² Luke 1:15, 1:35, 1:41, 1:67; 2:25-27; 3:16, 3:22; 4:1, 4:14-18; 10:21; 11:13; 12:10-12

^a Compare Luke 1:11-17 with Malachi 4:5-6 and Isaiah 40:3

^b Compare Luke 1:25-38 with Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:22-23, and Isaiah 9:6-7

^c Compare Luke 1:32-35 and 2:22-38 with Psalm 89:35-37, Isaiah 49:6

^d Compare Luke 7:22-23 with Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1

^e Compare Luke 19:28-40 with Daniel 9:24-26, Zechariah 9:9

^f Compare Luke 17:25 and Luke 24:26 with Isaiah 53:1-12, Psalm 22, Psalm 16:10

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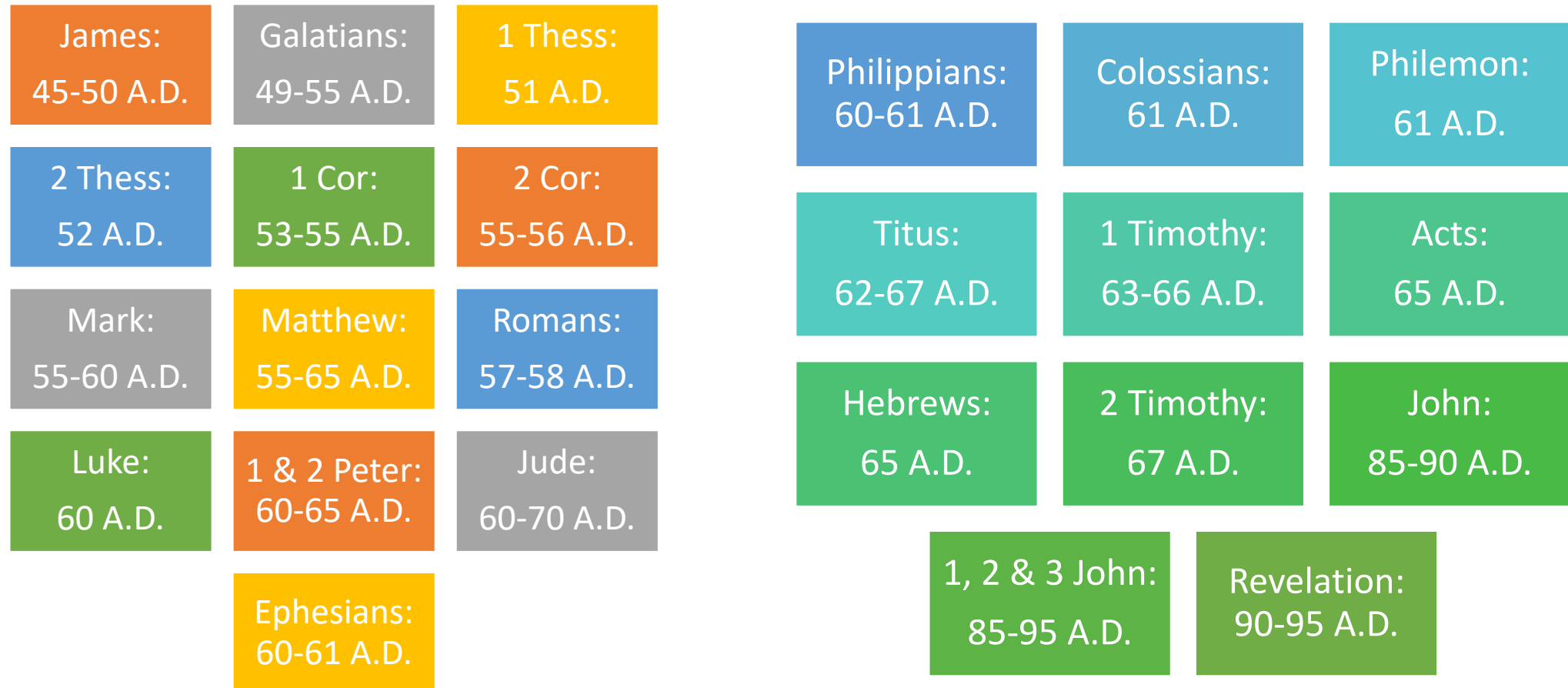
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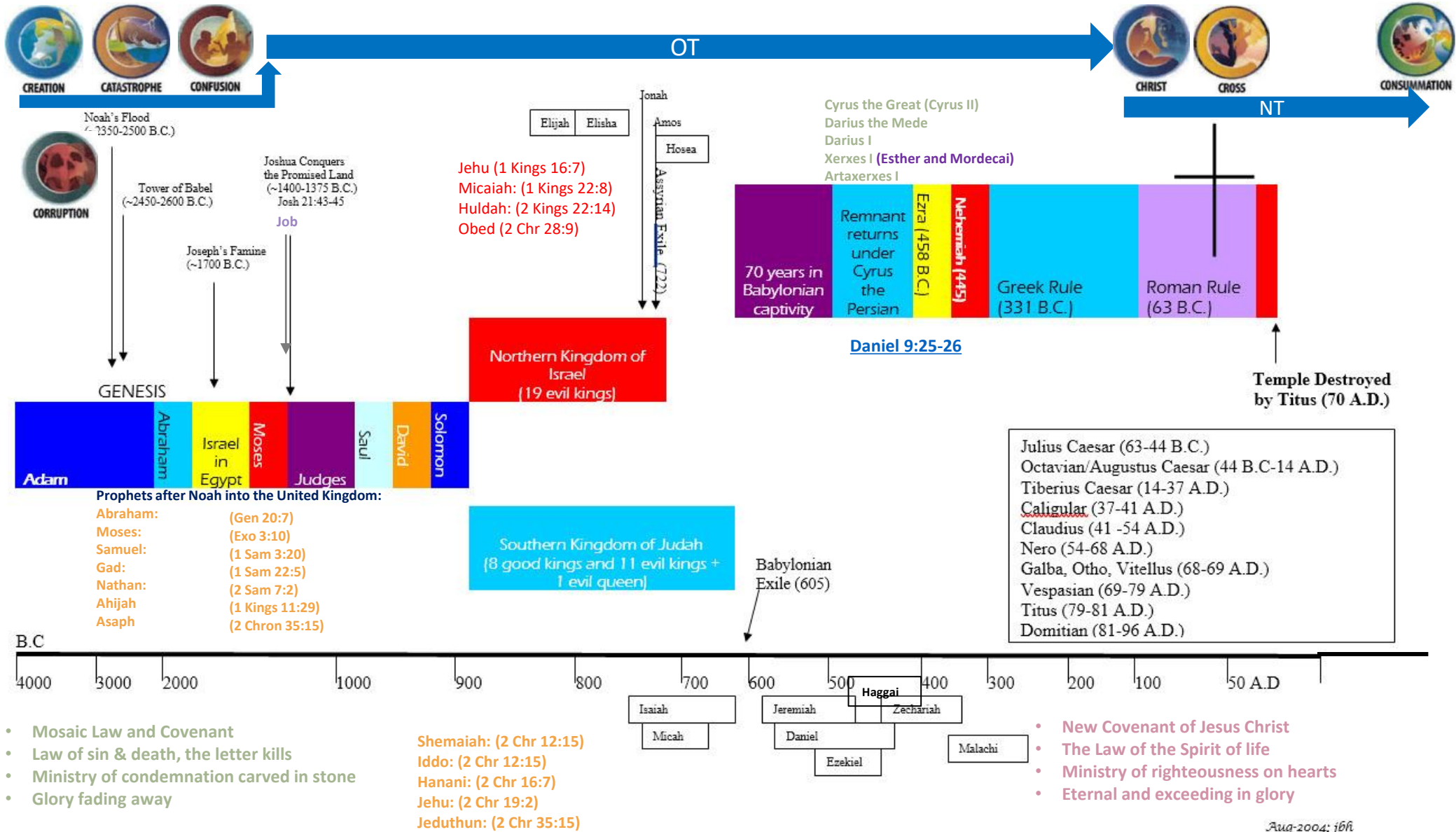
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New Testament Books by Date Written



BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGICAL BACKGROUND



- Mosaic Law and Covenant
- Law of sin & death, the letter kills
- Ministry of condemnation carved in stone
- Glory fading away

- Shemaiah: (2 Chr 12:15)
- Iddo: (2 Chr 12:15)
- Hanani: (2 Chr 16:7)
- Jehu: (2 Chr 19:2)
- Jeduthun: (2 Chr 35:15)

- New Covenant of Jesus Christ
- The Law of the Spirit of life
- Ministry of righteousness on hearts
- Eternal and exceeding in glory

Timeline is not to scale
 Aug-2004; jbh
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John

Author: John the Apostle

Date of Writing: c. 85 - 90 A.D.

About this Gospel and Its Author - John

The title of the fourth Gospel continues the pattern of the other Gospels, being identified originally as “According to John.” Like the others, “The Gospel” was added later.

Although the author’s name does not appear in the Gospel, early church tradition strongly and consistently identified him as the apostle John. The early church father Irenaeus (c. 130–200 A.D.) was a disciple of Polycarp (c. 70–160 A.D.), who was a disciple of the apostle John, and he testified on Polycarp’s authority that John wrote the Gospel during his residence at Ephesus in Asia Minor when he was advanced in age.¹ Subsequent to Irenaeus, all the church Fathers assumed John to be the Gospel’s author. Clement of Alexandria (c. 150–215 A.D.) wrote that John, aware of the facts set forth in the other Gospels and being moved by the Holy Spirit, composed a “spiritual Gospel”.²

Reinforcing early church tradition are significant internal characteristics of the Gospel. While the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) identify the apostle John by name approximately 20 times (including parallels), he is not directly mentioned by name in the Gospel of John. Instead, the author prefers to identify himself as the disciple “whom Jesus loved”.³ The absence of any mention of John’s name directly is remarkable when one considers the important part played by other named disciples in this Gospel. Yet, the recurring designation of himself as the disciple “whom Jesus loved,” a deliberate avoidance by John of his personal name, reflects his humility and celebrates his relation to his Lord Jesus. No mention of his name was necessary since his original readers clearly understood that he was the Gospel’s author. Also, through a process of elimination based primarily on analyzing the material in chapters 20–21, this disciple “whom Jesus loved” narrows down to the apostle John.⁴ Since the Gospel’s author is exacting in mentioning the names of other characters in the book, if the author had been someone other than John the apostle, he would not have omitted John’s name.

The Gospel’s anonymity strongly reinforces the arguments favoring John’s authorship, for only someone of his well known and preeminent authority as an apostle would be able to write a Gospel that differed so markedly in form and substance from the other Gospels and have it receive unanimous acceptance in the early church. In contrast, apocryphal Gospels produced from the mid-second century onward were falsely ascribed to apostles or other famous persons closely associated with Jesus yet universally rejected by the church.

John and James, his older brother ([Acts 12:2](#)), were known as “the sons of Zebedee” ([Matthew 10:2-4](#)), and Jesus gave them the name “Sons of Thunder” ([Mark 3:17](#)). John was an apostle ([Luke 6:12-16](#)) and one of the three most intimate associates of Jesus (along with Peter and James),⁵ being an eyewitness to and participant in Jesus’ earthly ministry ([1 John 1:1-4](#)). After Christ’s ascension, John became a “pillar” in the Jerusalem church ([Galatians 2:9](#)) and ministered with Peter ([Acts 3:1](#); [4:13](#); [8:14](#)). Later he went to Ephesus (tradition says before the destruction of Jerusalem), from where he wrote this Gospel and from where the Romans exiled him to Patmos ([Revelation 1:9](#)). Besides the Gospel that bears his name, John also authored 1–3 John and the book of Revelation ([Revelation 1:1](#)).

Because the writings of some church Fathers indicate that John was actively writing in his old age and that he was already aware of the synoptic Gospels, many date the Gospel sometime after their composition, but prior to John’s writing of 1–3 John or Revelation. John wrote his Gospel c. 80–90 A.D., about 50 years after he witnessed Jesus’ earthly ministry.

Notes:

¹ Against Heresies 2.22.5; 3.1.1

² see Eusebius’s Ecclesiastical History 6.14.7

³ John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 21:20

⁴ e.g., 21:24; cf. 21:2

⁵ cf. Matthew 17:1; 26:37

John: Background and Setting

Strategic to John's background and setting is the fact that according to tradition John was aware of the synoptic Gospels. Apparently, he wrote his Gospel to make a unique contribution to the record of the Lord's life ("a spiritual Gospel") and, in part, to be supplementary as well as complementary to Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Gospel's unique characteristics reinforce this purpose: First, John supplied a large amount of unique material not recorded in the other Gospels. Second, he often supplied information that helps the understanding of the events in the synoptics. For example, while the synoptics begin with Jesus' ministry in Galilee, they imply that Jesus had a ministry prior to that.¹ John supplies the answer with information on Jesus' prior ministry in Judea ([John 3](#)) and Samaria ([John 4](#)). In [Mark 6:42-45](#), after the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus compelled his disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee to Bethsaida. John recorded the reason. The people were about to make Jesus king because of his miraculous multiplying of food, and he was avoiding their ill-motivated efforts ([John 6:12-17](#)). Third, John is the most theological of the Gospels, containing, for example, a heavily theological prologue ([John 1:1-18](#)), larger amounts of doctrinal instruction and discourse material in proportion to narrative,² and the largest amount of teaching on the Holy Spirit.³ Although John was aware of the synoptics and fashioned his Gospel with them in mind, he did not depend upon them for information. Rather, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he utilized his own memory as an eyewitness in composing the Gospel.⁴

John's Gospel is the second (cf. [Luke 1:1-4](#)) that contains a precise statement regarding the author's purpose. He declares, "these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" ([John 20:31](#)). The primary purposes, therefore, are twofold: evangelistic and apologetic. Reinforcing the evangelistic purpose is the fact that the word "believe" occurs approximately 100 times in the Gospel (the synoptics use the term less than half as much). John composed his Gospel to provide reasons for saving faith in his readers and, as a result, to assure them that they would receive the divine gift of eternal life ([John 1:12](#)).

The apologetic purpose is closely related to the evangelistic purpose. John wrote to convince his readers of Jesus' true identity as the incarnate God-Man whose divine and human natures were perfectly united into one person who was the prophesied Christ ("Messiah") and Savior of the world.⁵ He organized his whole Gospel around eight "signs" or proofs that reinforce Jesus' true identity leading to faith. The first half of his work centers around seven miraculous signs selected to reveal Christ's person and engender belief, and the eighth sign is recorded in John 21 after Jesus' resurrection.

- 1) Water made into wine ([John 2:1-11](#)).
- 2) The healing of the official's son ([John 4:46-54](#)).
- 3) The healing of the lame man ([John 5:1-18](#)).
- 4) The feeding of a multitude ([John 6:1-15](#)).
- 5) Walking on water ([John 6:16-21](#)).
- 6) Healing of the blind man ([John 9:1-41](#)).
- 7) The raising of Lazarus ([John 11:1-57](#)).
- 8) The miraculous catch of fish ([John 21:6-11](#)) after Jesus' resurrection.

Notes:

¹ e.g., Matthew 4:12; Mark 1:14

² e.g., John 3:13-17

³ e.g., John 14:16-17, 14:26; 16:7-14

⁴ John 1:14; 19:35; 21:24

⁵ e.g., John 1:41; 3:16; 4:25-26; 8:58

John: Outline

Prologue: The Incarnation of the Son of God

- His Eternality
- His Preincarnate Work
- His Forerunner
- His Rejection
- His Reception
- His Deity

The Opposition to the Son of God

- **Opposition at the Feast in Jerusalem:**
 - Third sign: healing the paralytic
 - Rejection by the Jews
- **Opposition at the Feast of Passover**
 - Fourth sign: feeding the 5,000
 - Fifth sign: walking on water
- **Opposition at the Feast of Booths**
 - The opposition
 - Sixth sign: healing the blind man
- **Opposition at the Feast of Dedication**
- **Opposition at Bethany**
 - Seventh sign: raising of Lazarus
 - Pharisees' plot to kill Christ
- **Opposition at Jerusalem**
 - The triumphal entry
 - The discourse on faith and rejection

The Execution of the Son of God

- **The Rejection of Christ:**
 - His arrest
 - His trials
- **The Crucifixion of Christ**

Conclusion

- **The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved is the One Who:**
 - Bears witness to these things
 - Has written these things
 - Whose testimony is true

John 1:1–18

John 1:19–4:54

John 5:1–12:50

John 13:1–17:26

John 18:1–19:37

John 19:38–21:23

John 21:24–25

The Presentation of the Son of God

- **Presentation by John the Baptist:**
 - To the religious leaders
 - At Christ's baptism
 - To John's Disciples
 - To Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathanael
- **Presentation in Galilee, Judea, Samaria:**
 - First sign: water to wine
 - Cleansing the temple
 - Teaching Nicodemus
 - Witness to the Samaritan woman
 - His Reception by the Galileans
 - Second sign: healing the official's son

Preparation of the Disciples by the Son of God

- **In the Upper Room:**
 - Washing their feet
 - Announcing His betrayal
 - Discourse on Christ's departure
- **On the Way to the Garden:**
 - Instructing the disciples
 - Interceding with the Father

The Resurrection of the Son of God

- **The Burial of Christ**
- **The Resurrection of Christ**
- **The Appearances of Christ:**
 - To Mary Magdalene
 - To the disciples without Thomas
 - To the disciples with Thomas
 - Statement of purpose for the Gospel
 - To the disciples
 - To Peter

Geography for New Testament Israel



John: Key Verses

[John 1:1, 14](#): "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

[John 1:29](#): "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ([John 1:29, NKJV](#)).

[John 3:16](#): "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

[John 6:29](#): "Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent'".

[John 10:10](#): "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly".

[John 10:28](#): "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand".

[John 11:25-26](#): "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?'"

[John 13:35](#): "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another".

[John 14:6](#): "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me'".

[John 14:9](#): "Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father?"'".

[John 17:17](#): "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth".

[John 19:30](#): "So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit".

[John 20:26-29](#): "Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."".

[John 20:30-31](#): "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Timetable of Jesus' Ministry in John's Gospel (Part 1)

A.D. 27 -28	A.D. 28-29	A.D. 29-30
The Wedding at Cana: Jesus' First Miracle (John 2:1-12).	The Healing of the lame man at the Pool on the Sabbath (3 rd miracle), and the Authority of the Son not only over the Sabbath but over life itself and judgment (John 5:1-29)	Jesus Feeds the 5000 and Walks on Water; 4 th and 5 th miracles recorded (John 6:1-21).
Jesus Cleanses the Temple the 1 st time and Knew What Was in Men (John 2:13-25).	Witnesses that testify to Jesus's claim : John the Baptist, the Father, Jesus' works, the Scriptures, Moses (John 5:30-47).	I AM the Bread of Life and Word of Eternal Life (John 6:22-71)
You Must Be Born Again; therefore, God Loving the World, Gave his Only Son (John 3:1-21).		Jesus at the Feast of Booths; Can this Be the Christ (John 7:1-24)
John the Baptist Exalted (John 3:22-36).		Officers Sent to Arrest Jesus, Believe in me and out of your heart will flow rivers of living water, Division among the People (John 7:25-52).
Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:1-45)		[[The Woman Caught in Adultery]] (John 8:1-11)
Jesus Heals an Officials Son; the second miracle recorded in John. (John 4:1-46)		I AM the Light of the World and the Truth Shall Set You Free (John 8:12-38).
		You Are of Your Father the Devil and Before Abraham was I AM (John 8:39-59).
		Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind; 6 th miracle (John 9:1-41).
		I AM the door and I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-21).
		I and the Father Are One (John 10:22-42).
		The Death of Lazarus. 7 th miracle (John 11:1-16).
		I AM the Resurrection and the Life and Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11:17-44).

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Timetable of Jesus' Ministry in John's Gospel (Part 2)

Passion Week (A.D. 29-30)	The Upper Room (A.D. 29-30)	The Arrest, Trial, Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection (A.D. 29-30)
The Plot to Kill Jesus, and Mary's Anointing of Jesus at Bethany (John 11:45-12:8).	Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-20).	Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus (John 18:1-11).
The Plot to Kill Lazarus (John 12:9-11).	One of You Will Betray Me (John 13:21-30).	Jesus Faces Annas and Caiaphas, and Peter Denies Jesus (John 18:12-27).
The Triumphal Entry (John 12:12-19).	A New Commandment, and Peter's Denial Prophesied (John 13:31-36).	Jesus Before Pilate; My Kingdom is not of This World (John 18:28-40).
The Son of Man Must be Lifted Up, and many even of the rulers believed Him but were not confessing from fear (John 12:27-43).	I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:1-14).	Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified (John 19:1-16).
He who sees me has seen the One who sent Me, I have come as Light into the world, if anyone hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I [came] to save the world. He who rejects My sayings, has one who judges him, I speak just as the Father has told Me (John 12:44-50).	Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-31).	The Crucifixion, Death and Burial of our Lord Jesus (John 19:17-42).
	I AM the True Vine (15:1-17).	The Resurrection (John 20:1-10).
	The Hatred of the World and the Promise of the Holy Spirit (John 15:18-16:15).	Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene, the Disciples and Thomas (John 20:11-29).
	Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy; I Have Overcome the World (John 16:16-33).	The Purpose of John's Book (John 20:30-31).
	Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (John 17:1-26).	Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples; the miraculous catch of fish and the 8 th miracle (John 21:1-14).
		Jesus Restores Peter (John 21:15-19).
		Jesus and the Beloved Apostle (John 21:20-25)

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John: Study Questions

1. In the opening prologue of John's gospel (Chapter 1), he introduces the person of Jesus using several descriptions. Which of the following descriptors did John apply to Jesus? (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Word | <input type="checkbox"/> Messiah |
| <input type="checkbox"/> God | <input type="checkbox"/> King of Israel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creator | <input type="checkbox"/> Priest in the order of Melchizedek |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Archangel | <input type="checkbox"/> Son of Man |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The True Light | <input type="checkbox"/> The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glory of the only begotten [Son] of the Father | <input type="checkbox"/> Son of God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Morning Star | <input type="checkbox"/> The source of Life |

2. In John 6:35 we read: "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Which scripture below is the best cross reference to support the primary interpretation of John 6:35?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nehemiah 9:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 8:3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 49:10 |

3. Jesus identifies himself with eight "I AM" statements in the book of John. Which one of the following is not one of His "I AM" statements?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Bread of Life | <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Good Shepherd |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Living Water | <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Resurrection and the Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Door | <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Light of the World |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Before Abraham was, I AM |

4. John records eight miraculous works of Jesus, and seven have been listed below. Which sign from Jesus listed on the left do you believe best demonstrated each declaration listed on the right? [**Note:** There are no perfect answers, so just prayerfully enjoy meditating on our Savior.]

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|---|--|
| 1. Turned water into wine | <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Resurrection and the Life |
| 2. Healed a man born blind | <input type="checkbox"/> Before Abraham was, I AM |
| 3. Raised Lazarus from the dead | <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Light of the World |
| 4. Healed a sick official's son | <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the True Vine |
| 5. Fed the 5,000 men | <input type="checkbox"/> I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life |
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BIBLE ESCHATOLOGY



Major Eschatological Events
<p>John the Baptist, the 1st Coming of Christ Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection First Fruits and Jesus' Ascension (Gen 3:15, Lev 23:9-14, Psa. 16:8-11, Psa. 22, Isa. 7:14, Isa. 9:6, Isa. 53:5-6, Hos. 3:4-5, Jonah 1:15-17, Micah 5:1-2, Zech 9:9, Zech 13:7, Mal 3:1, Matt 27, Mark 16, Luke 24, Acts 1, Titus 2:11-13)</p>
<p>The Last Days Begin and the Church is Built Harvest of Weeks/Pentecost (Lev 23:15-21, Acts 2:17, Titus 2:11-13)</p>
<p>Birth Pangs Jerusalem and the Temple Again Destroyed (70 A.D.) (Matt 24:4-8, Mark 13:1-13, Luke 21:9-10a, 1 Thess 5:1-4, 2 Thess 2:5-7, 1 Tim 4:1-3, 2 Tim 3:1-7)</p>
<p>Great Tribulation (Lev 23:24, Num 29:1-6, Ezek. 38:14-23, Dan. 7:24-25, Dan. 9:24-27, Dan 12:11-12, Joel 2:1-2, Joel 2:10-13, Joel 3:12-16, Obad. 1:15-16, Hag. 2:6-9, Zech 14:1-5, Mal 3:2-4, Mal. 4:5, Matt 24:21-22, Mark 13:14-20, Luke 21:25-36, 1 Thess 5:1-4, 2 Thess 2:3-4, 8-12, Heb 12:26-29, Rev. 6-19)</p>
<p>Sun Darkened, Moon without Light, and Stars Falling from the Sky (Joel 2:30-31, Matt 24:28, Mark 13:24-25, Luke 21:20-24, Heb 12:26-29, Rev. 6:12, Rev. 8:12)</p>
<p>Christ in the Cloud and the last Trumpet to Gather the Elect (Matt 24:29-31, Mark 13:26-27, Luke 21:27, 1 Cor 15:53-56, 2 Cor 5:2-5, Phil 3:20-21, 1 Thess 4:13-17, 2 Thess 2:1-2, Titus 2:11-13, 1 Tim 6:13-16, James 5:7-8, Rev. 14:14-16)</p>
<p>Christ is Victorious in Great Tribulation Final War at Armageddon and all Israel Saved (Lev 23:26-32, Psa. 2:1-12, Dan. 11:44, Zech 12:10-14, Romans 11:25-27, 2 Thess 2:8, 1 Tim 6:13-16, Rev 19:11-21)</p>
<p>Ancient of Days holds Court (Dan 7:9-14, Dan. 7:21-22)</p>
<p>Jesus is Crowned King of Kings for the Millennial Kingdom Every knee will bow at the name of Jesus Christ to the Glory of God the Father (Psa. 89:3-37, Psa. 110:1-7, Isa. 45:23, Isa. 65:25, Jer. 3:14-18, Dan. 7:9-15, Dan. 7:26-27, Hos. 3:4-5, Joel 3:1, Amos 9:11-15, Obad. 1:17-18, Micah 4:1-2, Nah. 2:1-2, Hag. 2:21-23, Zech 14:9, Mal 1:1, Phil 2:10-11, 1 Tim 6:13-16, Heb 12:26-29, 1 Peter 5:2-4, Rev 20:4)</p>
<p>All Israel Saved (Romans 11:25-27) Trial of the Sheep & Goats (Matt 25) Satan is bound for 1,000 years (Rev 20:1-3)</p>
<p>Satan is released and gathers Gog and Magog for war against the saints and the Holy City (Rev 20:7-11)</p>
<p>Fire from heaven destroys the armies of Gog and Magog Satan is thrown into the Lake of Fire Christ on the white throne of Judgment/2nd Resurrection (Mal 4:1-2, Col 3:23-24, Rev 20:9-15)</p>
<p>New Heaven and New Earth (Lev 23:34-43, Isa 25:6-9, 1 Cor 15:22-28, Heb 12:26-29, 2 Peter 3:10-13, Rev 21-22)</p>

[John 1:19-27](#), "And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

[John 6:39](#), "And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day."

[John 1:29-36](#), "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

[John 14:1-3](#), "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

[John 12:48](#), "The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day."

Summary of John

Brief Summary: Whereas Matthew and Luke trace Jesus' earthly heritage back to Abraham and Adam, respectively, and Mark opens with the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry; the gospel of John transports us back to the beginning before Creation. John tells us that "in the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God." All things came into being through Him, and in Him was life. The God from the Father's side became flesh, was named Jesus, and dwelt among us full of glory, grace, and truth as the only begotten Son from the Father ([John 1:1-18](#)) in order that He might take away our sins as the spotless Lamb of God ([John 1:29](#)). John focused his text on the identity of Jesus beginning with the prologue and continuing with eight "I AM" statements from Jesus.

- I AM the Bread of Life ([John 6:22-71](#))
- I AM the Light of the World ([John 8:12-38](#))
- Before Abraham was, I AM ([John 8:39-59](#))
- I AM the Door ([John 10:1-10](#))
- I AM the Good Shepherd ([John 10:11-21](#))
- I AM the Resurrection and the Life ([John 11:17-44](#))
- I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life ([John 14:1-14](#))
- I AM the True Vine ([John 15:1-17](#))

Likewise, John documented eight miracles as evidence to reinforce Jesus' declarations.¹ Jesus taught you must be born again, born from above, born of the Spirit to be saved. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no one comes to the Father except through God's Son. Once born from above by the Spirit through Jesus Christ, we are to express our love for Him by obeying his commands ([John 14:15-21](#), [15:9-10](#)). Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, and we must remain in Him to be fruitful in any endeavor that will have eternal impact. When we sin, we are slaves to sin, but when we are free in Jesus, we are free indeed with His power to overcome sin.

As with the other gospels, John records the plot of the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus, our Lord's crucifixion, death, burial, and glorious resurrection on the third day. The Lord Jesus willingly died on the cross to pay in full the debt owed to God for the sins of all who place their trust in His work and righteousness. Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection giving proof that He conquered the grave, he taught them and personally strengthened Peter by giving him three opportunities to again declare his love for the Lord and instructing Peter to feed his lambs and sheep.

Near the end of his book, John states his purpose: "these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name" ([John 20:30-31](#)). For "those born of God, who receive Him and believe in His name, to them He gave the right to become children of God" ([John 1:10-12](#)).

Connections: The gospel of John's portrayal of Jesus as the God of the Old Testament is seen most emphatically in the seven "I AM" statements of Jesus. He is the "Bread of life" ([John 6:35](#)), provided by God to feed the souls of His people. Just as He provided manna from heaven to feed the Israelites in the wilderness; Jesus now satisfies those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.² Jesus is the "Light of the world" ([John 8:12](#)), the same Light that God promised to His people in the Old Testament ([Isaiah 30:26](#); [60:19-22](#)) and which will find its culmination in the New Jerusalem when Christ the Lamb will be its Light ([Revelation 21:23](#)). Two of the "I AM" statements refer to Jesus as both the "Good Shepherd" and the "Door of the sheep." Here are clear references to Jesus as the God of the Old Testament, the Shepherd of Israel ([Psalm 23:1](#); [80:1](#); [Jeremiah 31:10](#); [Ezekiel 34:23](#)) and, as the only Door into the sheepfold, the only way of salvation by which we escape God's judgment.

Notes:

¹ see John chapters 2, 4-6, 9, 11, and 21

² See Exodus 16:11-36 and Matthew 5:6

John: Practical Application

Practical Application: The gospel of John continues to fulfill its purpose that the reader may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we may have life in His name. John focuses us on the Person and the Power of Christ through eight recorded miracles, eight I AM declarations of Jesus, and the testimony of the Holy Spirit, the Father, John the Baptist and the Scriptures.

We too now have these truths to aid us in helping others find life in Jesus Christ as we declare and explain John 3:16, the death of Jesus for our sins, his burial, and resurrection on the third day. This is the Good News. God's Son, Jesus, paid the penalty for sinners with his life, conquered death, and extends this resurrection power and promise to all who believe Him. Jesus' "high priestly prayer" for believers in John chapter 17 is also a wonderful source of encouragement and strength for believers. Let us abide in this love and strength and serve to extend it to others.

Closing Prayer Verse

[John 21:15-17](#): "When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said 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 said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

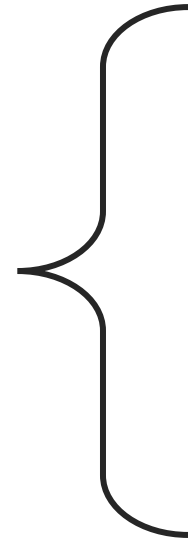




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Study Leader Assistance



Sample Prayers

Study Question Answer Keys

Bonus slides

Sample Opening Prayer Verse: John

[John 1:1-5](#), “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Sample Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the Word who willingly left your side in heaven, took on human flesh and dwelt among us. Thank you for teaching us that He was with You, that all things were made through Him, that in Him is life, and he too is God. We praise you that you are One with the Word and the Holy Spirit, existing in perfect harmony. And we are so grateful that you sent the Light to drive out our personal darkneses, forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thank you for making us new creations, adopting us and giving us the Holy Spirit to instruct and comfort us. Make us fruitful in our service. In Jesus’ name we pray.



John: Study Questions

1. In the opening prologue of John's gospel (Chapter 1), he introduces the person of Jesus using several descriptions. Which of the following descriptors did John apply to Jesus? (Check all that apply.)

- The Word (John 1:1)
- God (John 1:1)
- Creator (John 1:3, 1:10)
- The Archangel
- The True Light (John 1:4-5, 1:8-9)
- Glory of the only begotten [Son] of the Father (John 1:18)
- The Morning Star
- Messiah (John 1:41)
- King of Israel (John 1:49)
- Priest in the order of Melchizedek
- Son of Man (John 1:51)
- The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29)
- Son of God (John 1:34, 1:49)
- The source of Life (John 1:4)

2. In John 6:35 we read: "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Which scripture below is the best cross reference to support the primary interpretation of John 6:35?

- [Nehemiah 9:15](#)
- [Deuteronomy 8:3](#)
- [Matthew 5:6](#), "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."
- [Isaiah 49:10](#)

3. Jesus identifies himself with eight "I AM" statements in the book of John. Which one of the following is not one of His "I AM" statements?

- I AM the Bread of Life
- I AM the Living Water
- I AM the Door
- I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- I AM the Good Shepherd
- I AM the Resurrection and the Life
- I AM the Light of the World
- Before Abraham was, I AM

4. John records eight miraculous works of Jesus, and seven have been listed below. Which sign from Jesus listed on the left do you believe best demonstrated each declaration listed on the right? [**Note:** There are no perfect answers, so just prayerfully enjoy meditating on our Savior.]

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| 1. Turned water into wine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I AM the Resurrection and the Life |
| 2. Healed a man born blind | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Before Abraham was, I AM |
| 3. Raised Lazarus from the dead | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I AM the Light of the World |
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Note: The 8th miracle recorded in John is the healing of the lame man at the pool. See John 5:1-18. I like this miracle for "I AM the door". The lame man was now able to walk thru.

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Sample Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for Peter and all your apostles and prophets through whom you have built the foundations of faith and truth unto salvation with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. As Peter prayed, we too exclaim that "Lord you know all things; you know that we love you." Work in us to demonstrate this love by keeping your commandments and giving you glory in our thoughts, words, and actions. Work through us to feed and guard your lambs and sheep as you feed and guard us. In Jesus's matchless name we pray. Amen.



John's Prologue on Jesus Chapter 1

- The Word (1:1)
- The Word was with God from the beginning (1:1-2, 15)
- The Word was God (1:1)
- The world was made through him (1:3, 10)
- In him was life (1:4-5)
- The light of men and the darkness has not overcome it (1:4-5, 8)
- True Light who enlightens everyone (1:4-5,8-9)
- Gives those who receive him the right to become children of God (1:12-13)

- The Word became flesh and dwelt among us (1:14)
- Glory as the only Son, the only begotten from the Father (1:14)
- Full of grace and truth (1:14)
- Of His fullness we receive grace upon grace (1:16-17)
- The Only God, who is in the bosom of the Father explained Him [the Father] ([1:18](#))
- Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world (1:29)
- Son of God (1:34,49)
- Messiah (1:41)
- King of Israel (1:49)
- Son of man (1:51)

Digging Deeper (John)

Did Judas Iscariot have a choice in his betrayal of Jesus?

Real Questions:

1. Who was responsible for Judas' betrayal of Jesus?

James 1:13-15

John 12:3-6

Genesis 3:1-24

Matt 12:38-45

Titus 1:1-2

2. Could Judas' final destiny have been different?

John 13:11

John 1:12

John 13:18

John 6:37

John 17:12

John 6:44

3. How do we reconcile God's sovereignty with man's responsibility?

Isa 46:8-11

Matt 18:7