

JOHN

1. Titles:

- A. John = beloved
- B. The Gospel according to John
- C. The Book of the Son of God

2. Author:

Written by John, a fisherman, who was one of the twelve apostles. He also wrote three epistles and the Revelation.

3. Date:

- A. Covers approximately 4 years from John the Baptist's ministry to just before the Ascension.
- B. Probably written between 85 and 95 A.D.

4. Key Words:

- A. Father (God) ----- 122
- B. Believe (ed, est, eth, ing) ----- 101
- C. World ----- 80
- D. Jew (s, s') ----- 70
- E. Love (ed, edst, est, eth) ----- 57
- F. Life, Live ----- 52
- G. True, Truth ----- 47
- H. Witness (two Greek words) ----- 47
- I. Son (Christ) ----- 43
- J. Abide (Greek word) ----- 41
- K. Verily, verily ----- 25
- L. Light ----- 24

5. Key Verses: 3: 16, 20: 31

6. Purpose:

- A. To present Jesus Christ as the only-begotten Son of God, and to show His relationship with the Father.
- B. To show the whole world that Jesus was sent by God the Father into the world that the world, through
- C. Him, might be saved.
- D. To show that in Jesus, God was manifested.
- E. To give a Divine interpretation of the person of Jesus Christ as to His Deity and Humanity, thus refuting prevalent heresies.

7. Message:

- A. The only way of approach to God the Father is through His beloved Son (Jn 14: 1, 6).
- B. There is no eternal life apart from the Son.
- C. Those who believe enter into a father and son relationship with God. D. Faith brings life; unbelief brings death.

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8. Outline:

- I. The Son of God ----- Ch 1: 1 – 18
- II. His Public Ministry ----- To the Jews ----- Ch 1: 19 – 12: 50
- III. His Private Ministry ----- To the Disciples --- Ch 13 – 17
- IV. His Passion ----- To the world -----Ch 18 – 21

9. Summary:

The distinctive characteristic of John's Gospel is its appeal to the whole world. Not only does John use the word "world" many times, but he also emphasizes the universal nature of Christ's mediatorship; that Jesus is the only way of salvation for the whole world. Matthew, Mark, and Luke primarily present the outer factual aspects of the Lord's life and humanity, emphasizing His public discourses and Galilean ministry. John primarily presents the inner doctrinal aspects of the Lord's life and person, emphasizing His private discourses and Judean ministry.

10. Christ Seen:

Christ is seen as the Word (1: 1, 14), the Son (3: 16), the Life (1: 4). The Light (1: 5), the "I AM" (8: 56 – 58), and the only Way of Salvation (14: 6).