

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: *John* – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today:

John 1:1 – The Introduction and Context of the Gospel According to John

Today's Message:

“The Word – The Word”



INTRODUCTION

Today, we begin one of the most important books of the Bible – John! We will start with an overview and introduction of the book. John is known as the **BELOVED** disciple. John is primarily a worldwide gospel presenting Jesus Christ as **GOD**. John's gospel account contains the very important records about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, chose to start Christ's genealogy in the **BEGINNING** – before there was any time. He always was and always will be God. John's gospel presents Jesus Christ as God in a HUMAN BODY, given for the entire world. Amen!

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. Overview of John * FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION *

Title Means: *Jehovah is **GRACIOUS**; mercy of the Lord; grace, gift.*

The Numbers: *Chapters: 21 | Verses: 879 | Words: 19,099 Ps 12:6-7; Prov 30:5*

Author: John Identified as the “disciple whom Jesus **LOVED**” (**13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20**) which points to John. The 3 closest disciples to Jesus were Peter, James, and John. John's writing style in epistles and *Revelation* clearly point to him. Other factors are early saints believed John as author... and John's name appears in the **TITLE!**

Facts concerning John:

- ✓ John was one of 3 members of Jesus' inner circle of disciples – Peter, James, and John.
- ✓ John's brother was James (the greater). They are the sons of Zebedee and Salome (as is believed – **Mt 27:56; Mk 15:40.**)
- ✓ Together, James and John were called the “sons of thunder.” **Mark 3:17**
- ✓ John, with Peter and James, witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. **Mt 17:1-13; Lk 9:28-36**
- ✓ John is the beloved disciple who laid his head on Jesus' breast at last supper. **John 13:23**
 - John is the only disciple who asked, “**Who is it?**” instead of “**Is it I?**” **John 13:25; Mt 26:22**
- ✓ John alone witnessed the trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. **John 19:26**
- ✓ John outran Peter to the empty tomb. **John 20:4**
- ✓ John recognized Jesus on the seashore after the resurrection. **John 21:7**
- ✓ John is the most prolific NT writer (after Paul) with 5 books (**John, 1, 2, 3 John, Revelation**).
- ✓ John was a **COMMON** man – a commercial fisherman. **Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 12:37**

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Historical Time: 60-90 AD *This gospel is hard to pinpoint... likely after other gospel accounts.*

Theme: **Jesus Christ, the Son of God** – *whosoever believes on Him will have eternal life.*

Key Verse: **20:31** – *Clearly demonstrates the theme in every aspect; explains what the gospel is about!*

Key Chapter: **3** *It is the most recognized, preached, read, and quoted chapter in the world!*

THREE BASIC APPLICATIONS

1. **Historical** John presents the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Christ, the “*Son of God.*”
2. **Doctrinal** The revealing of Jehovah God Himself... **God in the flesh.** Jesus is presented to the world as the Messiah, the one who will come again with power as *the Word of God!*
3. **Devotional** God provides Himself as a lamb for all sinners – **John 1:29** – *Behold the Lamb of God!* Are you struggling with self-worth or low self-esteem? God loves you so much that He became your sin-bearer! You are **IMPORTANT** to God! *“Amazing love, how can it be, that thou my God shouldst die for me!”*

OUTLINE STRUCTURE – Basic Outline

CH 1-1:18 The PRESENTATION of *the Son of God.*

CH 1:19-12 The **PUBLIC** MINISTRY of *the Son of God* – the Seven Miracles. (the common salvation)

The ROAD (way) of salvation:	The RESULT of salvation:
The water into wine – <i>salvation by the Word</i>	The feeding of the multitudes – <i>responsibility</i>
The healing of nobleman’s son – <i>by faith alone</i>	The walk on the waves – <i>stability and peace</i>
The healing of paralyzed man – <i>grace, no works</i>	The healing of blind man – <i>brings clear sight</i>
	The raising of Lazarus – <i>brings new life</i>

CH 13-21 The **PRIVATE** MINISTRY of *the Son of God* – Jesus’ last days on earth.

B. The Lesson John 1:1 (The Context of John 1)

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

1. God calls both Jesus (*the living Word*) and the Bible (*the written Word*) – the **WORD**.
 - Jesus is called *the Word* in **John 1:1, 14, 1 John 5:7, and Revelation 19:13.**
 - The Bible is called *the Word* in **Ephesians 6:17, 2Timothy 2:9, and Hebrews 4:12.**
2. The *living Word* **and** the *written Word* are **interchangeable!** **1Pet 1:23; Heb 4:13; Rev 6:9**
 - Jesus is called **PURE** in **Job 4:17** and **1Jo 3:3**; the Bible is called **pure** in **Ps 19:8** and **Pr 30:5.**
 - Jesus is called **HOLY** in **Rev 3:7**; the Bible is called **holy** in **2Tim 3:15** and **Rom 1:2.**
 - Jesus is called **PERFECT** in **Heb 5:9, Mt 5:48**; the Bible is called **perfect** in **Ps 19:7, Jas 1:25.**
 - Jesus is called **TRUTH** in **Jn 14:6**; the Bible is called **truth** in **Jn 17:17.**

NOTE Jesus Christ is the **WORD** of God; the book you hold is the **WORD** of God! **1Cor 2:16**

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