

GOD the SON

John's Gospel – A Most Unique Book!

John 20:30-31

Pastor Jason Dennett's Teaching Notes

NKJV - *"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."*

ESP - *"Hizo además Jesús muchas otras señales en presencia de sus discípulos, las cuales no están escritas en este libro. Pero éstas se han escrito para que creáis que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, y para que creyendo, tengáis vida en su nombre."*

NLT - *"The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name."*

I. John's Gospel is a unique **PUBLICATION**.

II. John's Gospel has a unique **PERSPECTIVE**.

III. John's Gospel has unique **PICTURES**.

IV. John's Gospel has a unique **PURPOSE**.

V. John's Gospel is about a unique **PERSON**.

I. John's Gospel is a unique **PUBLICATION**. - **"..not written in this book.."**

- John is 1 of 4 Gospels - very unique from the "Synoptics."
- Certain events of Jesus' life are **NOT** present in John's Gospel:
 - The genealogy of Jesus
 - The birth of Jesus
 - The baptism of Jesus
 - The Sermon on the Mount
 - The Prophecy teachings
- But 90% of this book is completely **UNIQUE** to John:
 - Prologue, showing Jesus deity and eternity
 - Miracle at Cana
 - Private encounter with Nicodemus
 - Personal conversation with the Samaritan woman
 - Raising of Lazarus from the grave
 - Washing of the disciples feet
 - Last Supper with the Upper Room Discourse

- High Priestly Prayer (John 17)
- More teaching on the Holy Spirit than any other Gospel.
- Of the 3.5 years of Jesus ministry John **focuses only on 20 days** and omits the 2nd year entirely!!

II. John's Gospel has a unique **PERSPECTIVE**. - *"..but these are written.."*

- Each of the Gospels portrays Jesus from a special perspective
 - 4 Gospels - 4 unique viewpoints (**a diamond**)
 - **Matthew** - Jesus as the **Messiah** from God - "**Behold your KING!**"
 - **Mark** - Jesus as the **Servant** of God - "**Behold your SERVANT!**"
 - **Luke** - Jesus the **Perfect Man** of God - "**Behold the MAN!**"
- But John's Gospel presents Christ in a way that is absolutely unique...
 - **John** - Jesus is God in human flesh!! - "**Behold your GOD!**"

III. John's Gospel has unique **PICTURES**. - *"..truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written.."*

- **John records 7 miraculous **SIGNS** that Jesus performed.** (*'Sign'/'wonder'/'miracle'*)
 1. *Transforming Water into wine at a wedding in Cana..*
 2. *Healing a Nobleman's dying son by speaking it..*
 3. *Healing the crippled paralytic of 38 years..*
 4. *Miraculously feeding over 5,000 people with just 5 loaves and 2 fish..*
 5. *Supernaturally walking on the stormy waters of Galilee..*
 6. *Healing a man blind from his birth..*
 7. *Raising Lazarus back to life, after he died days earlier..*
 8. *???Raising Himself back to life as He said He would???*
- **John records 7 special **"I AM"** statements that Jesus declared.**
 - "I AM" the **BREAD** of Life. (John 6)
 - "I AM" the **LIGHT** of the world. (John 8)
 - "I AM" the **DOOR** of salvation. (John 10)
 - "I AM" the Good **SHEPHERD**. (John 10)
 - "I AM" the **RESURRECTION** and the **LIFE**. (John 11)
 - "I AM" the **WAY**, the **TRUTH**, and the **LIFE**. (John 14)
 - "I AM" the True **VINE**. (John 15)

IV. John's Gospel has a unique **PURPOSE**. - *"..these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.."*

- To help his readers understand the *Jesus is the Lord Himself; come down* in human flesh to save the world; *Jesus is truly **GOD the SON!!***
- Thru this belief in Jesus' true identity, John desires for his readers to experience a deeper ***FAITH*** in Christ, and richer ***LIFE*** with Christ!
 - "that you may ***believe***..and that believing you might have ***life*** in His Name."
- 1. Not only a historical narrative, but it's also ***inspirational*** and ***applicational***.
- 2. **98x the word "Believe!"** - Faith in Christ will be birthed and increased!
- 3. **Believing as ***BELIEVERS***** - Not just evangelistic
- A Trust in Jesus that is deep, strong, and settled
- Jesus ***is*** the ***CHRIST*** sent by GOD the Father to save us!
 - Christos - Greek The Anointed One, Messiah, Christ.
 - Mashiach - Hebrew Messiah (Yeshua ha Mashiach)
- "Son of God" - title for deity
 - Jesus alone is the Unique Son of GOD
 - Shares the same divine nature as the Father..Jesus is GOD the SON!!
- This Faith in "GOD the SON" will produce ***SPIRITUAL LIFE*** in you!
 - ***"Bios"*** - physical, biological life, externals
 - ***"Psyche"*** - inner self, thought life, personality
 - ***"ZOE"*** - (often accompanied by eternal or everlasting) - quality of life

V. John's Gospel is about a unique ***PERSON*** - ***"..Jesus.."***

- John's Gospel is all about the ***JESUS CHRIST***, the most special Person whose ever lived. Listen to the words of a poem about His uniqueness entitled ***"One Solitary Life"***:
 - ***He was born in an obscure village, the son of a peasant woman.***
 - ***He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he became a wandering preacher.***
 - ***He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of those things one usually associates with greatness.***
 - ***He had no credentials but himself.***
 - ***He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through a***

mockery of a trial. He was executed by the state. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

- *Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.*