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The Purpose of John

*“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.”
John 20:31 (NLT)*

“Believe” is used...

- Matthew – **11** times
- Mark – **14** times
- Luke – **9** times
- John – **98** times

The Symmetry of The Gospel of John

I. Intro “In the beginning...” (verses 1:1-18)

II. Jesus and the Crowds (Chapters 1:18-12:50)

7 Major Miracles	7 “I Am” Statements	7 Key People
1. Water turned to wine	1. I am the Bread of Life	1. John the Baptist
2. Healing nobleman's son	2. I am the Light of the World	2. Nicodemus
3. Healing man at Bethesda	3. I am the Door/Gate	3. Samaritan Woman
4. Feeding 5,000	4. I am the Good Shepherd	4. Official and Son
5. Walking on water	5. I am the Resurrection and Life	5. Man at Bethesda
6. Healing the blind man	6. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life	6. Man born blind
7. Raising of Lazarus	7. I am the True Vine	7. Lazarus

III. Jesus and the Disciples (Chapters 13-17)

IV. The Dark Chapters (Chapters 18-19)

- Arrest, death, and burial

V. Resurrection! (Chapters 20-21)

- Personal appearances to:

Mary Magdalene – tell my disciples

Thomas – touch my hands and believe

Peter – feed my sheep

Three Big Truths

1. Jesus is **GOD**.

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**” John 1:1 (KJV)*

2. Jesus is **LIGHT AND LIFE**.

*“The Word **gave life** to everything that was created, and **His life brought light** to everyone.” John 1:4 (NLT)*

3. Jesus became **HUMAN** too.

*“So the **Word became human** and made His home among us. He was full of unending love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.” John 1:14 (NLT)*

Keep the Conversation Going...

1. How did John describe Jesus?
2. How does the opening of John’s gospel compare to the other (synoptic) gospels? Why do you think John begins his gospel so differently?
3. Read John 1:12-13. According to these verses, what is necessary to become a child of God?
4. How did you become a child of God? Who helped you? Please share your story.
5. Who can you help become a child of God? What does your help look like?