

John Introduction

Why another Gospel?

Matthew – Jesus is presented as the King. Written to Jews to prove that Jesus was their Messiah!

Mark – Jesus is presented as the Servant. Written to Gentiles and Romans.

Luke – Jesus is presented as the Son of Man with an emphasis on His humanity. Written to Jews and Gentiles but slanted toward Gentiles.

John is the unique Gospel!

John presents Jesus as God in the flesh!

John excludes:

- Jesus' genealogy, birth, boyhood, baptism, temptation and transfiguration
- No parables are found in John
- 93% of the material in John does not appear in the Synoptics

John has a specific purpose:

“Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written 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

John is written to *unbelievers* to persuade them to believe in Jesus for eternal life.

Key words are:

- Believe – 99 times
- Life – 46 times
- Everlasting life – 17 times
- Father – 156 times, My Father – 35 times

Key words that are omitted:

- Repent – Never used
- Obey, obedience – Never
- Save – Only five times

John's emphasis is on eternal life as a gift to all who will believe in Jesus!

John's method:

Seven signs to reveal the person of Jesus:

- 1 – Turning water to wine – 2:1-11
- 2 – Curing the nobleman's son – 4:46-54
- 3 – Curing the paralytic – 5:1-18
- 4 – Feeding the multitude – 6:6-13
- 5 – Walking on water – 6:16-21
- 6 – Giving sight to the blind – 9:1-7
- 7 – Raising Lazarus from the dead – 11:1-45

Seven “I Am” testimonies emphasize the deity of Jesus!

- 1 – I Am the bread of life (6:35)
- 2 – I Am the light of the world (8:12)
- 3 – Before Abraham was born, I Am (8:58)
- 4 – I Am the good shepherd (10:11)
- 5 – I Am the resurrection and the life (11:25)
- 6 – I Am the way, the truth, and the life (14:6)
- 7 – I Am the true vine (15:1)

Overview:

Chapters 1 – 12:36	Chapters 12:37 – 21
Public ministry	Private ministry
Three years	A few days
Signs given	Self revealed

1:1 - In the beginning...

was the Word...
and the Word was with God...
and the Word was God (20:28)

1:2 - He was in the beginning with God.

1:3 - All things came into being by Him and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

- God is the Creator – Genesis 1:1, Heb. 1:10
 - Jesus is the Creator – Colossians 1:15-17
- Jesus is God in human flesh!

(Philippians 2:5-8)

1:4 - In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The source of life is Jesus. As the eternal Word He is the only One who holds the solution to sin and death.

1:5 - And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend (overcome) it.

Jesus is the light of the world (8:12, 12:46)