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## ACCORDING TO JOHN

**1 John 4:16,19** *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him... We love because he first loved us.*

1. First four books of the New Testament are known collectively as the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The 4 Gospels are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the term we use to refer to Matthew, Mark & Luke.
4. The synoptics share \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_% of their material.
5. By comparison, synoptics share only \_\_\_\_\_% of their material with John.

**Eugene Peterson** *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

*"This history is important, for without it we are at the mercy of whims. Memory is a databank we use to evaluate our position and make decisions. With a biblical memory, we have 2000 years of experience from which to make the off-the-cuff responses that are required each day in the life of faith. If we're going to live adequately and maturely as people of God, we need more data to work from than our own experience can give us."*

**C.S. Lewis** *"My own eyes are not enough for me; I will see through those of others."*

6. Jesus is the new \_\_\_\_\_, the new meeting place between God & his people. (*John 2:13-22*)

7. John's central message is that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_, the Son of God.

**John 14:21** Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and **manifest** myself to him.

**Romans 5:8** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 1) Review some of the lessons you've learned from studying John so far.
- 2) What did you learn about John's gospel from this week's sermon?
- 3) What is the major difference between John's gospel and the Synoptics?
- 4) What was happening when John wrote his gospel?
- 5) Do you like studying historical context of the Bible? Why or why not?
- 6) Re-read the quote from Eugene Peterson on the front. Does this help you understand why some historical context is important?
- 7) To the Jews, what does it mean that Jesus is the new temple?
- 8) To the Jews, what does it mean that Jesus is the Christ?
- 9) What do those things mean to YOU?
- 10) What does it mean that Jesus the "manifest presence of God?"
- 11) What does Jesus reveal to us about God?