



1, 2, & 3 JOHN

CONTRASTING WHAT'S TRUE AND NOT TRUE ABOUT JESUS

PART 1: CONTRAST

To help pass the baton of faith from one generation of Jesus followers to the next, John lays out some characteristics of those who truly follow Jesus—and those who only claim to.

John, one of the original twelve disciples, wrote the letters of 1, 2, and 3 John at a time when almost all eyewitnesses of Jesus's life on earth had died. People with no firsthand experience with Jesus were spreading false information, and John wanted to clarify who Jesus was while he still had time.

SCRIPTURE

1 JOHN 1:5-10

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

PRE-VIDEO DISCUSSION | 6:30 PM

QUESTIONS:

1. What's a life lesson that has been passed down to you from someone older?
 - Did something they taught or modeled keep you from going down the wrong path?
2. How much of 1, 2, and 3 John have you read?
 - Will this be your first time reading these letters?
 - How do you feel about beginning this study?

PRAYER | 6:50 PM

Heavenly Father, thank you for inspiring John to write these letters in order to pass along his faith to the next generation. Help prepare us to pass along our faith to the next generation as well. Amen.

REFLECT: Read **1 JOHN 1:5-10**

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QUESTION (A): In your own words, what do you think John's main message was in these verses?

DISCUSSION [5].

QUESTION (A): What does he mean when he talks about darkness versus light?

- Why do you think he used those terms?
- What does it look like to walk in the light?
- How do you know if you're doing that?

DISCUSSION [6].

QUESTION (A): What helps you walk in the light instead of darkness?

QUESTION (B): When are you most vulnerable to slipping toward darkness?

MEMORIZE

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1 JOHN 1:6-7

PRAY | DISMISS [8:00 PM]