

John 1

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD John 1:1-18**

This book is anonymous according to a modern definition

Absolutely not by the early church and the readers who understand this gospel's literacy

This book is deeply personal more personal than any other book that we read maybe in the whole Bible.

It is very different from the Synoptic Gospel

Matthew Mark and Luke They are like a newspaper version of the gospel story of Jesus

Clement of Alexandria said "John was conscious that the outward facts had been set forth in the Gospel."

It is supplemental material Inspired by God to the other 3 gospels

This is stated in **John 1:12 & 20:31** the book end **key verses** of the book of John

Things you don't find in the book of John

Parables

Kingdom teaching

End times sermons (eschatological discourse)

Sermon on the mount

Lord's prayer

Transfiguration

Temptation

Demons

John is different It's purpose is for you to have a personal relationship with JESUS THE SON OF GOD (and I will prove His Divinity)

This book purpose is to tie the life of Jesus Christ to the Old Testament Messiah and the creator in a way that will convince you to believe. Most of the other books of the New Testament are to admonish or edify the believer the Gospel of John is to evangelize the world

By the end John wants you to make a choice like CS Lewis said is LIAR LUNATIC OR LORD

The LOGOS Christology connects Jesus Christ to the creator God (Isaiah 55:10-11)

If focus on his preexistence a major theme of this book

On His work of creation

And part of the Trinity relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit

Important topics that we find in the book

The value of Believing (the word is used 100 times in this book)

Jesus SIGNS

His I am sayings

I believe statements

His hour

Greater Things

Personal Testimony

Picture Words

In John 1 we are introduced to important words through the book

GOD	Life	Light	Darkness	Believe
Witness	Truth	World	Know	Father

Jesus in the Gospel

Cherubs	Anointed angels who cover	Seraphim	fiery ones
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Living Creatures Ezekiel 1:4-14 & Revelation 4:6-8 man ox eagle lion

Matthew	King of Jews	Matthew 1 to Abraham	Lion	King Parables
Mark	Humble Servant	No Genealogy	Ox	Action Gospel
Luke	Perfect Man	Luke 3 to Adam	Man	Dr Luke's man
John	Son of God	John 1 to God	Eagle	The Son of God

That is why John 1:14 is so important THE WORD BECAME FLESH! Incarnation

The reason for this introduction has to do with the real author (God) omniscience

This is like stepping into heaven and getting an insiders look to help us understand the Sovereignty of God himself. Similar to the beginning of Job and Genesis

TYPE OF CHRIST ALERT John 1:14-18

Exodus 33-34

Right after the Golden Calf God needs something to help get the children of Israel to the promised land  
you can not see God's face.

Moses reflects God's glory to the people.

God's great gift's poured out on his people 34:6

God dwells in the tabernacle with the people

Moses gives the Law

Moses is the mediator between God and Man

### **TESTIMONY OF JOHN! John 1:19-34**

**John the Apostle – Never got over the fact that Jesus Loved him.**

**John the Baptist Epitaph – He must increase but I must Decrease**

He got people attentions Matthew 3:4-12

The axe is laid to the root of the trees if you don't bear fruit you are cut down and thrown into  
the fire

Who are you?

The Christ                      Isaiah 9:6-7

Elijah                              Malachi 4:5-6

That Prophet                      Deuteronomy 18:18

OK we give up Who are you?

Isaiah 40:3      The voice crying in the wilderness make straight the way of the LORD

John the Baptist is an Old Testament Prophet the last of his kind (FOR NOW!)

Highway of Holiness Isaiah 35:8-10 a message for the millennial kingdom but has a message for  
us today

HE MUST INCREASE I MUST DECREASE – John 1:27

Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

### **FIRST FIVE DISCIPLES**