

The Gospel According to John



Choose For Yourselves This Day Whom You Will Serve

Book Facts

When: Varies but most agree sometime between 85-90.

Who: “The disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 13:23, 19:34-37, 20:2) Most Likely John Son of Zebedee, who was one of the 12.

OR: John the Elder from Church History: served as teacher and leader in first century.

Where: Most Likely Asia Minor: Ephesus.

John's Main Point

John States It Himself: John 20:30-31

“30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Overall Question: Who will you Worship: Jesus or created things?

Overview of John

Part One: The Hour is Not Yet Here. (1-12:20)

Main Point: Jesus's Glory Hardens and Saves | Theme Verse John 3:19-20

Part Two: The Hour has Come. (12:21-18)

Main Point: Christ Prepares His Disciples for Life Without Him | Theme Verse John 16:33

Part Three: The Lamb of God Takes Away the Sin of the World. (18-19)

Main Point: Christ paid for our sin on the cross. | Theme Verse John 19:30

Part Four: Jesus Restores and Sends His Disciples Out.

Main Point: Jesus Forgives Sin and Gives His Spirit to His Disciples. | Theme Verse John 20:19-23

Part One The Hour is Not Yet Here | His Glory Hardens and Saves

Chapter One Introduction: Who is Jesus?

Chapters 2-10 Jesus Uses Jewish Institutions and Festivals to Display His Glory.

Chapters 11-12 Jesus Gives Up His Life for His Friend Lazarus and Then Enters Jerusalem to die for our sins.

Chapter One: Who is Jesus?

Verses 1:1-4 | The Word of God, Creator, Light, and the Eternal Son of the Father.

Verses 19-51 | Messiah, Lamb of God, Son of God, King of Israel, and Mediator.

Chapters 2-10 Jesus Uses Jewish Institutions and Sacred Days to Display His Glory.

Four Jewish Institutions: Weddings | Temple | Salvation | Sacred Well

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John 2 | Wedding and Temple: 2:1-12 | 13-25

Wine Symbolized: Joy and Blessing of God | life | Covenants

Jesus take something used to ceremonially wash the outside to show how He will not only wash us entirely but will also bestow joy, blessings and life.

The Temple was the meeting place of God, but it had once again been defiled by false worshippers. Jesus claims that He Himself is the meeting place of God and when they destroy Him, He will raise Himself.

Four Jewish Institutions: Weddings | Temple | Salvation | Sacred Well

Third: John 3:1-16 | Salvation

At Night Jesus is met by a high ranking jewish leader with a question on who He is. Nicodemus assumes He is a Rabbi just like Him but Jesus shows him that He is much more.

Jesus shows Nicodemus that He is the Son of God sent into the world to save sinners. He will cleanse not only externally like the Pharisees attempt to, but internally, you must be born again.

Four Jewish Institutions: Weddings | Temple | Salvation | Sacred Well

Fourth: John 4 | Sacred Well

Jesus takes a well sacred to both Jew and Samaritan to show that He is the source of God's eternal life and the fulfilment of the covenant promises of old.





Four Jewish Sacred Days: Sabbath | Passover | Feast of Tabernacles | Hanukkah

First: Chapter 5 | Sabbath

Jesus takes a tragedy and uses it to display His glory as the Lord of the Sabbath, ruler over creation, and equal with the Father



Yahweh's name "I AM"

In Exodus 3:14, Yahweh reveals Himself to Moses with the name I AM, it is a statement of eternal unchangeableness. I AM before creation and I AM forever.

The Jews had a Superstitious dread for the name because in Leviticus 24:16 for anyone who blasphemes the name YAHWEH should be put to death.

Throughout John's Gospel Jesus is going to invoke this name 7 times with statements of who He is. Each one is surrounded by weight, either a miracle or supernatural event, or a profound divine claim.

I AM...

1. The Bread of Life, 6:35
2. Light of the World, 8:12
3. Gate for the Sheep, 10:7
4. Good Shepherd, 10:11
5. The Resurrection, 11:25
6. The Way, Truth, and Life, 14:6
7. The True Vine, 15:1

1. I AM He (Messiah), 4:26
2. I AM, don't be afraid, 6:20
3. If you don't believe I AM you will die in your sins, 8:24
4. When you have lifted up the Son of Man you will know I AM, 8:28
5. Before Abraham Was, I AM, 8:58
6. I am telling you now before it happens so you will believe I AM WHO I AM, 13:19
7. Jesus said, "I AM." When he said this they drew back and fell down, 18:5

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Second: Passover | John 6

The Passover was a time of remembrance: when God delivered Israel from slavery through the blood of a lamb. After that God led the people through the wilderness, delivered them from returning to bondage back to Egypt and then patiently provided for them with water and bread. Despite their constant rebellion, He brought them to the promised land.

Jesus creates bread to test the people's hearts, do they merely want a savior who will just make their life comfortable and fill them physically, or will they seek to find their true spiritual need in Christ.

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Third: John 7-10 | Feast of Tabernacles and Hanukkah

This Feast celebrated Yahweh's guidance of the Jewish people through the wilderness. Jesus is going to use this festival to show that He is the source of God's light and life.

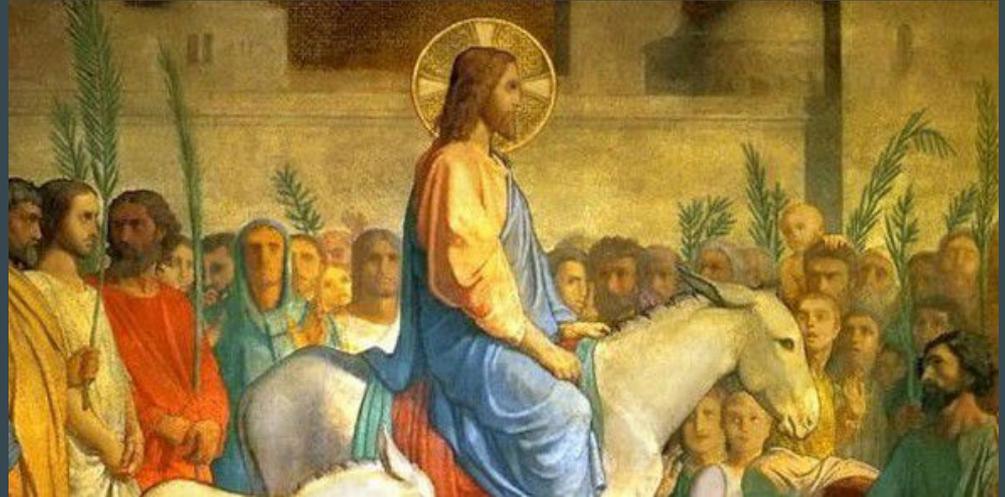
He claims to be living water, heals the blind, and claims to be the shepherd for God's people, and the Gate of Salvation.



Chapters 11-12 Jesus Gives Up His Life for His Friend Lazarus and Then Enters Jerusalem.

Christ in love allows his friend Lazarus to die so that the stage would be set for his crucifixion and glory shown through a resurrection.

Following Lazarus's resurrection, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem according to the Old Testament prophecies to save the world from sin.



Part Two: The Hour has Come. (12:21 to Chapter 18)

Jesus uses his final moments on this earth to equip his disciples for life without Him here.

1. We give up our life for God. (John 12:23-25)
2. We Love others as Christ loved us. (John 13:34-35, 15:12-13)
3. We rely on the Advocate. (John 14: 15-24)
4. We live off Christ (John 14:1-6, 15:1-11)

Old Testament Prophecy	OT Reference	Fulfillment in John 18-19
Rejected by His Own	Isaiah 53:3	John 18:38-40, 19:15
Falsely Accused	Psalms 35:11	John 18:29-31
Taken Away by Gentiles	Isaiah 53:8-11, Daniel 9:26	John 18:28-31
Silent Before Accusers	Isaiah 53:7	John 19:9
Mocked and Scorned	Psalms 22:7-8	John 19:2-3
Hands and Feet Pierced	Psalms 22:16; Zechariah 12:10	John 19:18; 34,37
Garments Divided By Lot	Psalms 22:18	John 19:23-24
Messiah Thirsts	Psalms 22:15; 69:21	John 19:28
Given Sour Wine	Psalms 69:21	John 19:29
No Bones Broken	Exodus 12:46; Psalms 34:20	John 19:33-36
Buried with the Rich	Isaiah 53:9	John 19:34,37

Part Three: The Lamb of God Takes Away the Sin of the World. (18-19)

While on the cross, Jesus, the lamb of God, fulfills the final prophecy and then gives up His Spirit to pay the full wages of our sin.



Part Four: Jesus Restores and Sends His Disciples Out. (20-21)

Jesus's disciples did not understand that he was going to rise from the dead even though Jesus taught them multiple times. Even though they deserted Him and Peter denied him three times, He comes bringing peace and spiritual blessings. (20:19-20)

After he appeared twice, his disciples went back to fishing and Christ goes to restore them, starting with Peter.