



NT Book:

## JOHN



### Who: Technically Anonymous

- Even with the hints, authorship of the Gospel of John is more complicated than the other gospels.
- It has often been attributed to either John the Son of Zebedee (one of the 12) or John the Elder, another follower during Jesus' ministry.
- 13:23, 21:24 omit a name and speak of "the disciple who Jesus loved."

**What:** John could be subtitled, *"The story of Jesus Christ and the signs that point to his identity."*

### Where:

- Unknown

### When:

- Likely last gospel written

### Why:

- 20:30 — so you will believe that JC is the son of God

### People:

- Philip / Thomas / Nathaniel / Samaritan woman / Nicodemus...

### Places:

- Jerusalem / Bethany

### Famous Passages:

- 1:1-18—theological and poetic introduction
- 2:1-11—water to wine
- 3:1-21—Nicodemus conversation & teaching on New Birth
- 4:1-26—Samaritan woman conversation
- 15:1-17—vine and branches

### Memorization:

- 1:14—Word became flesh
- 3:16—God so loved the world
- 14:6—I am... way, truth, life

### Themes:

- One must believe or have faith in Jesus to escape eternal death (ex. 3:16; 6:29, 47)
- "I Am" statements — the identity of Jesus is key (ex. 8:58)
- Signs of Jesus being the Son of God are highlighted heavily
- Love (14, 21, "Disciple who Jesus loved" references)

### Sonar (Discussion Topics & Notes):

- 1) Does it matter that the Gospel of John is so drastically different in presenting the Good News?
- 2) What stories are you surprised to see are only recorded in John?
- 3) What picture would a man on a deserted Island have of Christ if he only had the book of John? What picture would he have if he only had Matthew, Mark & Luke?
- 4) Is it theologically important that God "brought forth" all four gospels in order to the get "whole picture"?

**Size:** 21 Chapters / Pages 788-809 in SLWC Pew Bible

**Location:** After Luke Before Acts / 4th NT Book /  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through

### Features:

- Creation existence of Jesus Christ—The Word in the beginning (1)
- Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (17)
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### Structure:

- 1:1-18 — Theological Introduction
- 1:19-12:50 — Book of Signs
- 13:1-20:31 — Book of Glory
- 21 — Post-Resurrection Galilean Appearances Epilogue