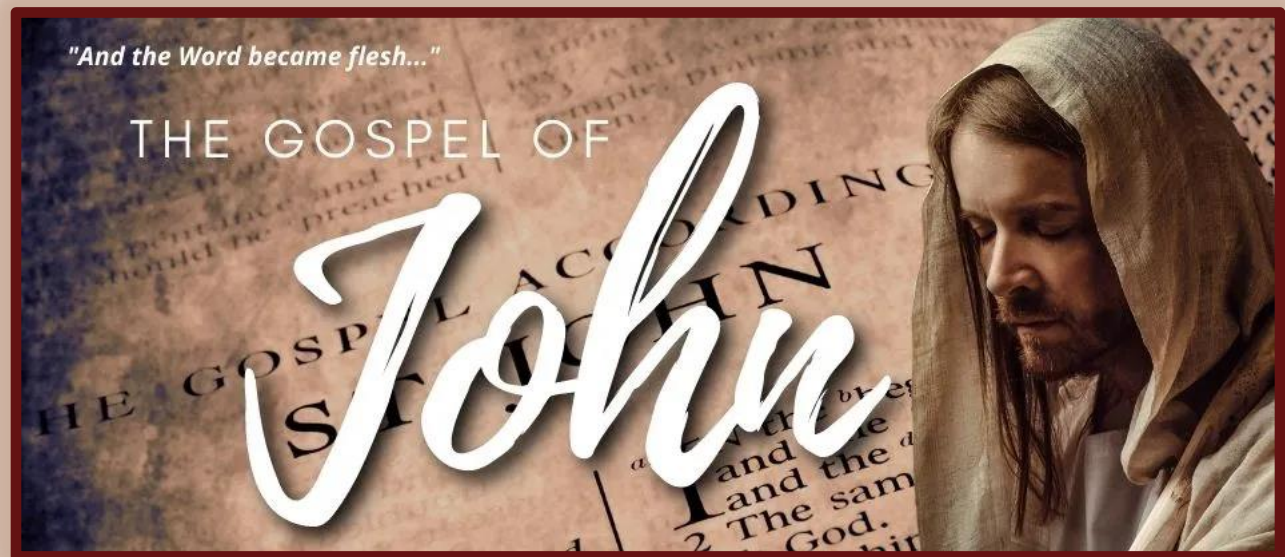




THE GOSPEL OF JOHN is a gospel apart. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the “synoptic gospels” because, despite their individual emphases, they describe many of the same events in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. John draws mainly upon events and discourses not found in the other gospels to prove to his readers that Jesus is God in the flesh, the eternal Word come to earth, born to die as God’s sacrifice for human sin. Seven miraculous signs prove that “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (20:31).

Key Word: Jesus the Son of God

Key Verses (1:11-13; 20:30-31) — “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (1:11-13).

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (20:30-31).

Key Chapter (3) — John 3:16 is without doubt the most quoted and preached verse in all of Scripture. Captured in it is the gospel in its clearest and simplest form: that salvation is a gift of God and is obtainable only through belief. The conversation with Nicodemus and the testimony of John the Baptist provide the setting that clearly points out that being “born again” is the only way to find the “kingdom of God.”

Outline of John

Part One: The Incarnation of the Son of God (1:1-18)

- I. **The Deity of Christ, 1:1-2**
- II. **The Preincarnate Work of Christ, 1:3-5**
- III. **The Forerunner of Christ, 1:6-8**
- IV. **The Rejection of Christ, 1:9-11**
- V. **The Acceptance of Christ, 1:12-13**
- VI. **The Incarnation of Christ, 1:14-18**

Part Two: The Presentation of the Son of God (1:9-4:54)

- I. **The Presentation of Christ by John the Baptist, 1:19-34**
 - A. John's Witness to the Priests and Levites, 1:19-28
 - B. John's Witness at Christ's Baptism, 1:29-34
- II. **The Presentation of Christ to John's Disciples, 1:35-51**
 - A. Andrew and Peter Follow Christ, 1:35-42
 - B. Philip and Nathanael Follow Christ, 1:43-51
- III. **The Presentation of Christ in Galilee, 2:1-12**
 - A. First Sign: Christ Changes Water into Wine, 2:1-10
 - B. The Disciples Believe, 2:11-12
- IV. **The Presentation of Christ in Judea, 2:13-3:36**
 - A. Christ Cleanses the Temple, 2:13-25
 - B. Christ Witnesses to Nicodemus, 3:1-21
 - C. John the Baptist Witnesses Concerning Christ, 3:22-36
- V. **The Presentation of Christ in Samaria, 4:1-42**
 - A. Christ Witnesses to the Woman at the Well, 4:1-26
 - B. Christ Witnesses to the Disciples, 4:27-38
 - C. Christ Witnesses to the Samaritans, 4:39-42
- VI. **The Presentation of Christ in Galilee, 4:43-54**
 - A. Christ Is Received by the Galileans, 4:43-45
 - B. Second Sign: Christ Heals the Nobleman's Son, 4:46-54

Part Three: The Opposition to the Son of God (5:1-12:50)

- I. **The Opposition at the Feast in Jerusalem, 5:1-47**
 - A. Third Sign: Christ Heals the Impotent Man, 5:1-9
 - B. Jews Reject Christ, 5:10-47
 - 1. Christ Breaks the Sabbath, 5:10-16
 - 2. Christ Claims Equality with God, 5:17-30
 - a. Equality with God in Nature, 5:17-18
 - b. Equality with God in Power, 5:19-21
 - c. Equality with God in Authority, 5:22-30
 - 3. Christ Lists Other Witnesses to His Person, 5:31-47
 - a. Witness of John the Baptist, 5:31-35
 - b. Witness of the Works of Christ, 5:36
 - c. Witness of the Father, 5:37-38
 - d. Witness of the Scriptures, 5:39-47
- II. **The Opposition during Passover Time in Galilee, 6:1-71**
 - A. Fourth Sign: Christ Feeds 5,000, 6:1-14
 - B. Fifth Sign: Christ Walks on the Water, 6:15-21
 - C. Christ Announces: "I Am the Bread of Life." 6:22-71
 - 1. To the Crowds, 6:22-40
 - 2. To the Jews, 6:41-59
 - 3. To the Disciples, 6:60-71
 - a. Rejection by Many Followers, 6:60-66
 - b. Confession by Peter, 6:67-71
- III. **The Opposition at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, 7:1-10:21**
 - A. Before the Feast of Tabernacles, 7:1-13
 - 1. Christ's Brothers Do Not Believe, 7:1-9
 - 2. Christ Secretly Goes to the Feast, 7:10-13
 - B. In the Middle of the Feast of Tabernacles, 7:14-36
 - 1. Christ's Authority from the Father, 7:14-24
 - 2. Christ's Origin from the Father, 7:25-31
 - 3. Christ's Departure to the Father, 7:32-36
 - C. In the Last Day of the Feast of Tabernacles, 7:37-53
 - 1. Christ Reveals the "Living Water," 7:37-39
 - 2. Israel Is Divided over Christ, 7:40-44
 - 3. The Sanhedrin Is Confused over Christ, 7:45-53
 - D. After the Feast of Tabernacles, 8:1-10:21
 - 1. A Woman Is Caught in Adultery, 8:1-11
 - 2. Christ Announces: "I Am the Light of the World," 8:12-59
 - 3. Sixth Sign: Christ Heals the Blind Man, 9:1-41
 - 4. Christ Announces: "I Am the Good Shepherd," 10:1-21

- IV. **The Opposition at the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, 10:22-42**
- V. **The Opposition at Bethany, 11:1-12:11**
 - A. Seventh Sign: Christ Raises Lazarus, 11:1-44
 - B. The Pharisees Plan to Kill Christ, 11:45-57
 - C. Mary Anoints Christ, 12:1-11
- VI. **The Opposition at Jerusalem, 12:12-50**
 - A. The Triumphal Entry, 12:12-22
 - B. The Messiah Teaches, 12:23-50

Part Four: The Preparation of the Disciples by the Son of God (13:1-17:26)

- I. **The Preparation in the Upper Room, 13:1-14:31**
 - A. Christ Washes the Disciples Feet, 13:1-14:31
 - B. Christ Announces Judas, the Betrayer, 13:21-30
 - C. Christ Gives the Upper Room Discourse, 13:31-14:31
 - 1. Christ Announces His Departure, 13:31-35
 - 2. Christ Foretells Peter's Denial, 13:36-38
 - 3. Christ Comforts His Disciples, 14:1-4
 - 4. Christ Answers Thomas, 14:5-7
 - 5. Christ Answers Philip, 14:8-21
 - 6. Christ Answers Judas, 14:22-31
- II. **The Preparation on the Way to the Garden, 15:1-17:26**
 - A. Christ Instructs the Disciples, 15:1-16:33
 - 1. The Relationship of Believers to Christ, 15:1-11
 - 2. The Relationship of Believers to Each Other, 15:12-17
 - 3. The Relationship of Believers to the World, 15:18-25
 - 4. The Promise of the Holy Spirit, 15:26-16:15
 - 5. The Predictions of Christ's Death and Resurrection, 16:16-33
 - B. Christ Intercedes with the Father, 17:1-26
 - 1. Christ Prays for Himself, 17:1-5
 - 2. Christ Prays for His Disciples, 17:6-19
 - 3. Christ Prays for All Believers, 17:20-26

Part Five: The Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Son of God (18:1-21:25)

- I. **The Rejection of Christ, 18:1-19:16**
 - A. The Arrest of Christ, 18:1-11
 - B. The Trials of Christ, 18:12-19:16
 - 1. First Jewish Trial before Annas, 18:12-23
 - 2. Second Jewish Trial before Caiaphas, 18:24-27
 - 3. First Roman Trial before Pilate, 18:28-38
 - 4. Second Roman Trial before Pilate, 18:39-19:16
- II. **The Crucifixion of Christ, 19:17-37**
 - A. Christ's Crucifixion, 19:17-18
 - B. Pilate's Inscription, 19:19-22
 - C. Soldiers Cast Lots, 19:23-24
 - D. Mary's Committal, 19:25-27
 - E. Christ's Death, 19:28-37
- III. **The Burial of Christ, 19:38-42**
- IV. **The Resurrection of Christ, 20:1-10**
- V. **The Appearance of Christ, 20:11-21:25**
 - A. Christ Appears to Mary Magdalene, 20:11-18
 - B. Christ Appears to the Disciples (Thomas Absent), 20:19-25
 - C. Christ Appears to the Disciples (Thomas Present), 20:26-29
 - D. The Purpose of John's Gospel, 20:30-31
 - E. Christ Appears to the Seven Disciples, 21:1-14
 - F. Christ Speaks to Peter, 21:15-23
 - G. The Conclusion of John's Gospel, 21:24-25

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Focus	Incarnation of the Son of God	Presentation of the Son of God	Opposition to the Son of God	Presentation of the Son’s Disciples	Crucifixion and Resurrection Of the son of God
	1:11:18	1:194:54	5:112:50	13:117:26	18:121:25
Divisions	Introduction to Christ 1:11:18	Revelation of Christ 1:194:54	Rejection of Christ 5:112:50	Revelation from Christ 13:117:26	Rejection of Christ 18:121:25
Topics	Seven Miracles			Upper Room Disclosure	Supreme Miracle
	“That You May Believe”			“That You May Have Life”	
Place	Israel				
Time	A Few Years			A Few Hours	A Few Weeks

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