

# The Gospel of John

## Chapter One – Teaching Notes

Why did John write this Gospel – John 20:30-31

### Uniqueness of John's Gospel

The Four Gospels

|                          | MATTHEW      | MARK      | LUKE   | JOHN          |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|---------------|
| Genealogy:               | Abraham      | None      | Adam   | Logos         |
| What Jesus:              | Said         | Did       | Felt   | Was           |
| Audience:                | Jewish       | Roman     | Greek  | Church        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Miracle: | Leper        | Demon     | Demon  | Water to wine |
| Ends with:               | Resurrection | Ascension | Spirit | Return        |
| Symbol                   | Lion         | Ox        | Man    | Eagle         |

### Does not record:

- Birth of Jesus
- Baptism of Jesus
- Temptations of Jesus in the wilderness
- The Last Supper
- Gethsemane
- The Ascension
- No deliverances from evil spirits
- No parables

### Unique to John's Gospel:

- Wedding feast at Canaan
- Visit of Nicodemus
- Woman at the well
- Raising of Lazarus from the dead
- Washing the feet of the disciples
- The discourses after the Lords Supper (chapters 13-17)
- Declaring the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Doubting Thomas
- Soldiers gambling for his clothes

## Seven Signs

- Water into wine                      John 2
- Healing in Capernaum                John 4
- Healing of Invalid                    John 5
- Feeding 5000                         John 6
- Walking on water                     John 6
- Healing Blind man                    John 8
- Raising Lazarus                        John 11

## Seven I AMs:

1. Bread of Life                         John 6 – feeding 5000
2. Light of the World                    John 8m – opening eyes of the blind
3. The Door                                John 10
4. Good Shepherd                        John 10
5. Resurrection and life                John 11 – Raising Lazarus
6. Way, Truth, Life                      John 14
7. True Vine                              John 15

## Who is John?

- Son of Zebedee and brother to James
- A fisherman
- Inner Circle (Peter, James and John)
- The Beloved Disciple
- Custodian of Mary
- Pillar of the church in Jerusalem
- Died a natural death
- Wrote Revelation
- Wrote 1,2,3, John

## Outline of the Book

- John 1:1-14    Preexistent One
- John 1: 15-36    John the Baptist
- John 1:37-51    Call of the Disciples
- John 2-11        Book of signs
- John 12-21      Final Week

## The Logos –

- In the beginning (before time began) -Logos was
- Logos was with God
- Logos was God
- Logos - a title for Jesus

Note:

- Genesis 1:1-2
- Colossians 1:16-17
- Hebrews 1:1-3

**LIFE and LIGHT** – major themes of John’s Gospel – Gospel ends and begins with this statement

- Life appears 35 times in John’s gospel – John 10:9-10
- Life as apposed to that which is destructive, condemnation and death
- Also, eternal life
- Light to dispels darkness/chaos – let there be light
- Light to give revelation
- Light to give guidance

Light and life to invade the dominion of darkness (Col 1:13)

Light and life will be resisted by Satan

God’s light and life will prevail over all opposition

SONS OF GOD – *bar Elohim* – direct creation of God – new birth – new creation (II Cor 5:17)

**Word made flesh and dwelt among us – Tabernacled**

- Door            I am the door
- Menorah        I am the light of the world
- Shewbread     I am the bread of life
- Golden Altar   Prayer – intercession for us
- Ark             Our Sin Bearer
- Mercy Seat    Propitiation for our sins

**Grace and Truth** – law through Moses – condemns us; grace and truth forgive us

Grace – unearned, undeserved – free gift – saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8)

Who Are You? Messiah, Elijah, prophet of Moses (Duet 18:15-18)

Voice – make straight the way of the Lord (Isaiah 40:3)

**Names of Jesus**

- Rabbi
- Messiah
- Christ
- Son of God
- King of Israel

