

A Tour Through the Divine Library
(John)

I. General Introduction to John

-Title/Author: the apostle John (13:23, 25; 19:26, 27; 20:1, 2; 21:7, 20, 24)

-Date: AD 80-90 (21:18-23)

-Purpose: inculcate faith in Christ (20:30, 31)

-Distinctive Features: omits some things found in the synoptics; early Judean ministry; more theological; large didactic sections; I am sayings; Jesus' relation to the Father; emphasis on faith in Christ; washing of disciples' feet; Upper Room discourses; prayer in ch. 17; simple Greek; retrospective; Jesus' and John's words indistinguishable; irony

-Structure: Five Cycles: Jesus goes up to Jerusalem then withdraws (Cycle #1: 2:13, 4:3; Cycle #2: 5:1, 6:1; Cycle #3: 7:10, 10:40; Cycle #4: 11:7, 54; Cycle #5: 12:1, 21:1)

I. Prologue (1:1-18)

II. Inauguration Week (1:19-2:12)

III. The Public Ministry of Christ (2:13-20:31)

A. Cycle #1: First Passover (2:13-4:54)

B. Cycle #2: Unnamed Feast (5:1-6:71)

C. Cycle #3: Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) and Dedication (7:1-10:42)

D. Cycle #4: Raising of Lazarus (11:1-57)

E. Cycle #5: Final Passover: Passion and Resurrection of Christ (11:55-20:31)

IV. Epilogue (Appendix) (21:1-25)

II. General Overview of John

-Incarnation of the Son of God (1:1-18)

-Presentation of the Son of God (1:19-4:54)

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

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

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

III. Prominent People and Themes in John

-People: John the Baptist (1:6-42; 3:23-27; 4:1; 5:33; 10:40, 41); The Twelve Disciples (*passim*); Mary, the sister of Lazarus (11:1-12:11); Martha (11:17-40); Lazarus (11:1-12:17); The Pharisees (5:17-24; 7:32-52; 9:13-41; 11:37-54; *passim*); Pilate (18:29-19:38); Mary Magdalene (19:25-20:18)

-Themes: Jesus' Hour (7:6, 8, 30; 8:20); Days: [#1 (1:19-28); #2 (1:29-34); #3 (1:35-42); #4 (1:43-51); #5-7 (2:1)]; Signs (2:11, 23; 3:2; 4:48; *passim*); Life (1:4; 3:15, 16, 36; *passim*); Believing (1:7, 12, 50; 3:12, 18; *passim*); Love (13:34; 14:21; 17:23, 26); Jesus' Deity (1:1, 18; 5:18; 10:30-33); Holy Spirit (7:39; 14:16-26; 15:26-16:15; 20:22)

IV. Christ in John

-John's gospel, more than any other book in the Bible, makes the case for the deity of the incarnate Son of God.

V. Practical Lessons in John

→Do you know Christ?