

# The Gospel According to John

## An Introduction and Overview

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#### Jesus Christ, God Incarnate

John 1:45

“We preach Christ crucified” 1 Corinthians 1:23

1 Corinthians 2:2

2 Corinthians 4:5

Galatians 6:14

Ephesians 3:8

Philippians 3:8

#### Jesus Christ is central to all life and everything in creation.

That means, if you go wrong in your *Christology*, you go wrong in everything else.

The attack on the true nature of Christ throughout the generations has been relentless.

2 John 7-11

1 John 4:1-3, 6

#### Authorship: *The apostle John*

John 21:24

Date: 80 – 90 A.D.

Place of Writing: *Ephesus*

Major Theme: *The deity of Jesus Christ*

“these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...” 20:31a

## **Seven miracles performed to verify Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God:**

- 1) Turning water into wine (2:1-11)
- 2) Healing the official's son (4:46-54)
- 3) Healing the lame man (5:1-18)
- 4) Feeding a multitude (6:1-15)
- 5) Walking on water (6:16-21)
- 6) Healing the blind man (9:1-41)
- 7) Raising Lazarus (11:1-57)

**The Seven 'I am' Statements:** 6:35; 8:12; 10:9, 11; 11:25-26; 14:6; 15:1

OUTLINE (main headings from MacArthur Study Bible)

- I. The Incarnation of the Son of God (1:1-18)
- II. The Presentation of the Son of God (1:19-4:54)
- III. The Opposition to the Son of God (5:1-12:50)
- IV. The Preparation of the Disciples by the Son of God (13:1-17:26)
- V. The Execution of the Son of God (18:1-19:37)
- VI. The Resurrection of the Son of God (19:38-21:23)
- VII. Conclusion (21:24-25)

**Purpose of Writing:** *The revelation of the Son of God Jesus Christ whose sacrifice and resurrection bring the hope of salvation to those who believe.*

"believe" (Gk *pisteuo*) is used 98 times, more often than any other key word.

Merrill C. Tenney, a contributor to *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*

- 1) The Prologue: The Proposal for Belief: 1:1-18
- 2) The Presentation for Belief: 1:19-4:54
- 3) The Reactions of Belief and Unbelief: 5:1-6:71
- 4) The Crystallization of Belief and Unbelief: 7:1-11:53
- 5) The Crisis of Belief and Unbelief: 11:54-12:50
- 6) The Assurance for Belief: 13:1-17:26
- 7) The Rejection by Unbelief: 18:1-19:42
- 8) The Vindication of Belief: 20:1-31
- 9) The Epilogue: The Dedication of Belief: 21:1-25

*"these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."* John 20:31

**Knowing Jesus Christ causes us to love Him.**

**The more you love Jesus, the more closely and consistently you will follow Him by keeping His Word.**

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" Luke 6:46

John 14:15,21,23

Romans 13:8-10

James 2:8

**Loving Him creates an insatiable desire to read His Word and respond willingly and gratefully to it.**

1 Peter 2:2-3

'long for' = 'strong desire; yearn for; intensely crave.'

"tasted" means, entering into close intimate communion with.

Psalm 119:127

Psalm 119:48

Psalm 119:97

Psalm 119:159

"My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly." Psalm 119:167

Joshua 1:8

"his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." Psalm 1:2

Colossians 3:15-17