

The Gospel of John

John 1:1-18

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BACKGROUND

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Date: Most scholars date John’s Gospel to AD 60-65

Place: Most scholars believe it was written in Ephesus

Purpose: John makes his purpose clear in his gospel

To enable **ANYONE**

1. To _____ to faith in Jesus Christ
2. And _____ in faith

“These are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.” ~John 20:31, NLT

Outline of John’s Gospel

- I. Prologue (1:1-18)
- II. The Mission of the Son in Doing Signs & Giving Life (1:19-12:50)
- III. The Death of the Son and the Mission of the Disciples (13:1-19:42)
- IV. The Resurrection of the Son and the Mission of the Disciples (20:1-21:25)

Prologue: 1:1-18: An Introduction to the Identity and Mission of Jesus

1. Vv. 1-2. He is the _____ Word of God (“Word” or “Logos” is the self-expression of God)
 - a. He is with God (union with God)
 - b. He is God (distinct in God = Trinitarian)
2. Vv. 3-4. He is the _____ Word of God (Genesis 1)
 - a. By His Word, He creates life
 - b. By His Word, He gives life
 - c. By his Word, He sustains life
3. Vv. 4-5. He is the _____ of God
 - a. By His Word, we see the light of God’s love
 - b. By His Word, we experience the light of God’s love – His truth and His power
4. Vv. 6-10. The _____ of John the Baptist
 - a. He testifies to the identity of the light
 - b. He testifies to the purpose of the light
 - c. He testifies to the rejection of the light
5. Vv. 11-13. He is the _____ Word of God
 - a. He is at enmity with the “world”
 - b. He is the initiator of reconciliation
 - c. He is the enabler of reconciliation
6. Vv. 14-18. He is the _____ Word of God
 - a. Fully God – Fully Human – Fully Present (Phil. 2:5-8)
 - b. Full of Glory as THE One and Only Son
 - c. To reveal God’s character – FULL of unending love & faithfulness
 - d. So that we might _____ who He is
 - e. And by believing and accepting Him, _____ His grace

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