

## 4262 JOHN

**AUTHOR:** The apostle John, 1902.

**DATE WRITTEN:** Uncertain. Probably late in the first century.

**PURPOSE:** To inspire faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

**TO WHOM WRITTEN:** Seekers, who want to examine the life of Jesus Christ; and believers who want to be strengthened in their faith.

**MAIN THEME:** An encounter with Jesus Christ demands a response. Those who believe have eternal life, but those who reject Him are under the condemnation of God (John 3:36; 5:24–29; 10:27–29).

**KEY WORD:** Believe.

**KEY VERSE:** 20:31.

**SYNOPSIS:**

- I. Analysis. The book may be divided into five parts.
  - A. The prologue. The eternal Word incarnate, 1:1–18.
  - B. The manifestation of Christ's divinity to the world accompanied by a six-fold testimony: that of John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit, the disciples, Christ's mighty works, the Father, and the Scriptures, 1:19–12:50.
  - C. The private revelation and instruction to the disciples, 13–17.
  - D. His humiliation and triumph over death, 18–20.
  - E. The epilogue, 21:1–23. See The Overview of Christ's Life, 4303b.
- II. Distinctive Features.
  - A. It is considered by many to be the deepest and most spiritual book in the Bible.
  - B. In it, Christ gives a more complete revelation of Himself and of God than in the Synoptic Gospels.
    1. Of His person and attributes. See the I Am's of Christ, 4166.

2. Of His divinity, 1:1; 10:30–38; 12:45; 14:7–9; 16:15.
3. Of the work of the Holy Spirit. See the 6's, 7's, 8's of the Holy Spirit, 4165.
4. Of His own divine commission. For example, in the fifth chapter He declares Himself to be sent from God six times, 5:23, 24, 30, 36, 37, 38.
5. Of the Fatherhood of God. Christ speaks of God as "the Father" over one hundred times: God is the spiritual Father, 4:23; He is the life-giving Father, 5:21; the message is the Father's, 7:16; the Father is greater than all, 10:29; the works are the Father's, 14:10; God is the Indwelling Father, 14:23; the Eternal Father, 17:5; the Holy Father, 17:11; the Righteous Father, 17:25.
- C. Perhaps the most notable of all the peculiarities of this Gospel is the fact that over one half of the space in the book is given to the events of Christ's life and His sayings during His last days.
- D. Discourses and conversations found only in John: the talk with Nicodemus, 3:1–21; with the woman of Samaria, 4:1–26; the discourse to the Jews at the Festival of Tabernacles, 7:14–39; 8:3–58; the parable of the Good Shepherd, 10; the series of private instructions to the disciples; His comforting words and intercessory prayer, 14–17; His meeting with the disciples at the Sea of Galilee, 21.
- E. John records eight miracles of Christ (beside Christ's resurrection) to prove His divinity. Six of these are found only in this Gospel: the water made wine, 2:1–11; healing

the nobleman's son, 4:46–54; healing the man at the pool, 5:1–9; healing the man born blind, 9:1–7; the raising of Lazarus, 11; the second great quantity of fish, 21:1–6.

F. There are two great currents of thought flowing through the book which are profitable to follow:

1. Faith, John 3:16–18; 5:24; 6:29, 40; 7:38; 8:24; 10:37–38; 11:25–27; 12:46; 14:12.
2. Eternal life, 3:15–16, 36; 4:14; 5:24; 6:27, 51; 11:26; 12:50; 17:3; 20:31.

**PROMINENT PEOPLE:** Jesus, John the Baptist, the disciples, Mary—mother of Jesus, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Pilate.

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# JOHN

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### The Eternal Word

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**2** He was in the beginning with God.

**3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend<sup>a</sup> it.

### John's Witness: The True Light

**6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

**7** This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

**8** He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

**9** That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.<sup>a</sup>

**10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

**11** He came to His own,<sup>a</sup> and His own<sup>b</sup> did not receive Him.

**12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right

to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### The Word Becomes Flesh

**14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**15** John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"

**16** And<sup>a</sup> of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

**17** For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**18** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son,<sup>a</sup> who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

### A Voice in the Wilderness

**19** Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

**20** He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

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1:5 <sup>a</sup> Or overcome 1:9 <sup>a</sup> Or That was the true Light which, coming into the world, gives light to every man.

1:11 <sup>a</sup> That is, His own things or domain <sup>b</sup> That is, His own people 1:16 <sup>a</sup> NU-Text reads For.

1:18 <sup>a</sup> NU-Text reads only begotten God.

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Christ Honored 1677

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Christ Unknown 2039  
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1610 Acts 10:38  
Spirit as Dove 2504 ■

p.p. Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8;  
Luke 3:16  
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Divine Direction 1468  
Spirit Promised 1603

21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said: "I am

"The voice of one crying  
in the wilderness:  
"Make straight the way  
of the LORD,""<sup>a</sup>

as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.

27 "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

28 These things were done in Bethabara<sup>a</sup> beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### The Lamb of God

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

30 "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

31 "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

33 "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending,

and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

34 "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

### The First Disciples

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah.<sup>a</sup> You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

### Philip and Nathanael

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out

God's Messengers 2074  
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Confessing Christ 814  
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of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter<sup>a</sup> you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## Water Turned to Wine

**2** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.

9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.  
 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.  
 12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

## Jesus Cleanses the Temple

**13** Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.

15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten<sup>a</sup> Me up."<sup>b</sup>

18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

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 p.p. John 4:46

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21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them;<sup>a</sup> and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

### The Discerner of Hearts

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men,

25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

### The New Birth

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?"

11 "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

12 "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

13 "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.<sup>a</sup>

14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but<sup>a</sup> have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Ignorance of a Jewish Leader John 6:52  
Nicodemus 2588  
7:50–51  
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2:22 <sup>a</sup> NU-Text and M-Text omit *to them*. 3:13 <sup>a</sup> NU-Text omits *who is in heaven*.  
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Christ's Judean Ministry

## John the Baptist Exalts Christ

22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized.

23 Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized.

24 For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 Then there arose a dispute between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.

28 "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.'

29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

30 "He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

31 "He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

32 "And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.

33 "He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.

34 "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

35 "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

36 "He who believes in the Son

has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

## A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah

4 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), 3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee.

4 But He needed to go through Samaria.

5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"

12 "Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

14 "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that

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